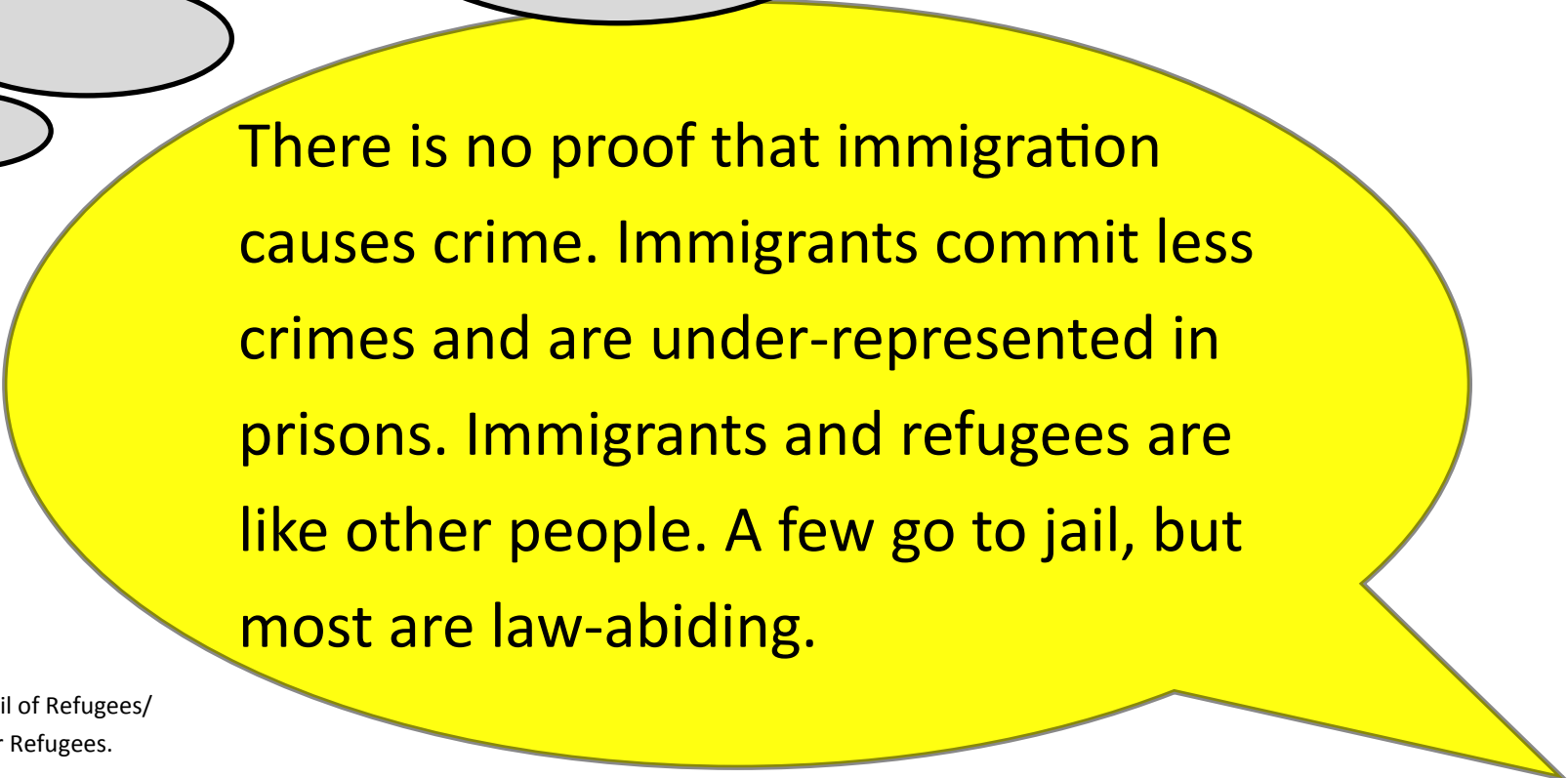
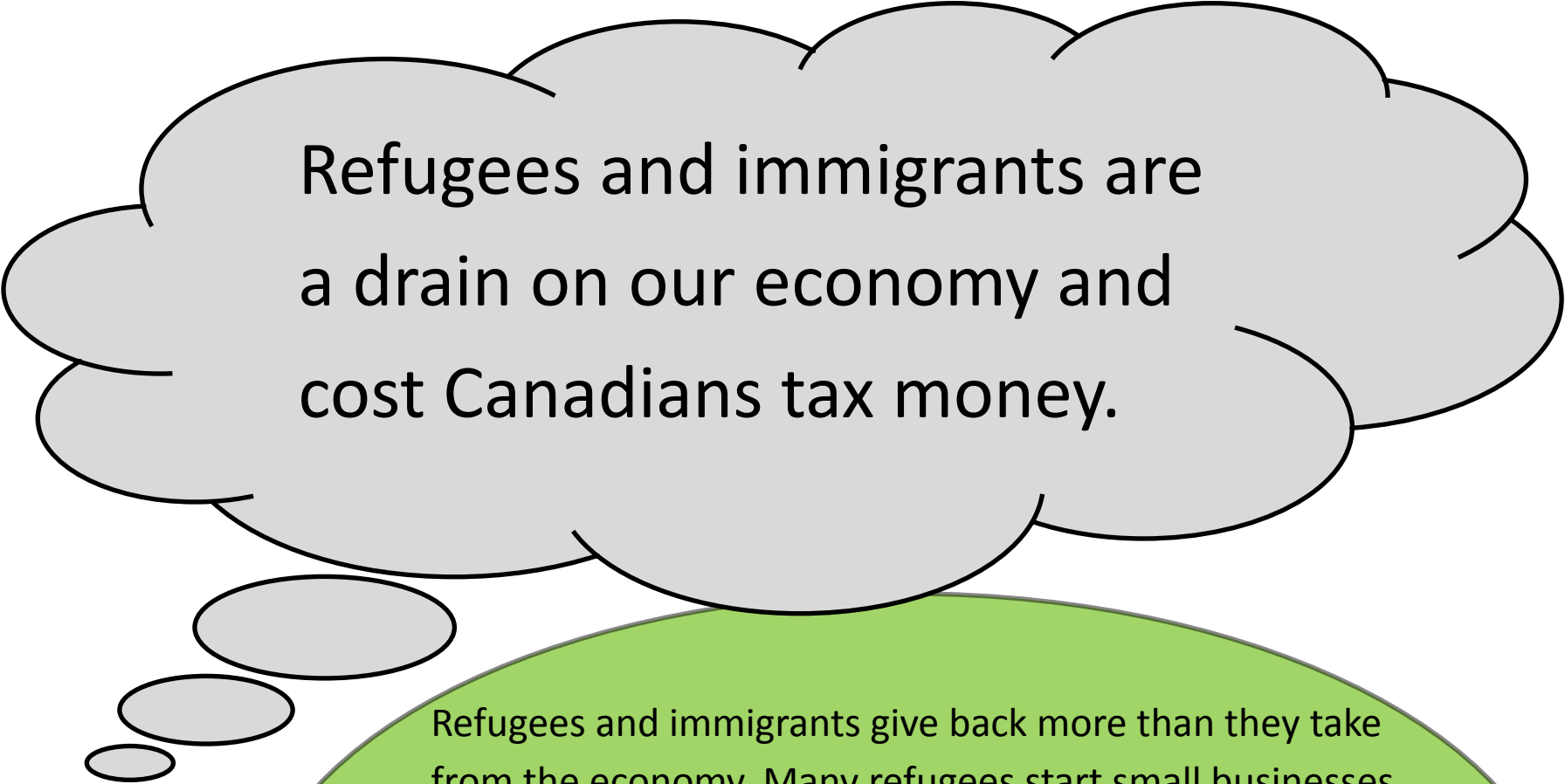




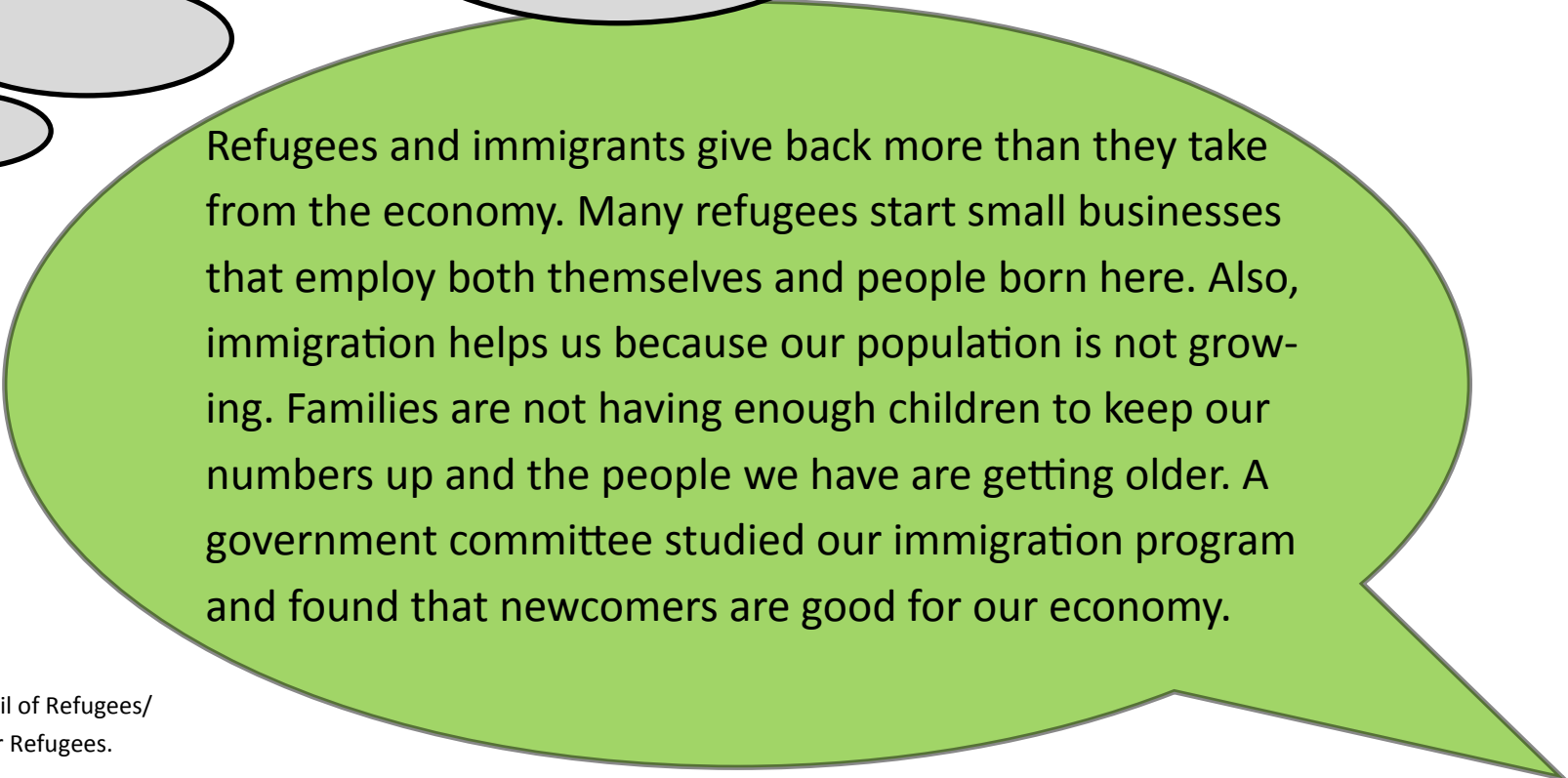
More immigration
means more crime.




There is no proof that immigration causes crime. Immigrants commit less crimes and are under-represented in prisons. Immigrants and refugees are like other people. A few go to jail, but most are law-abiding.



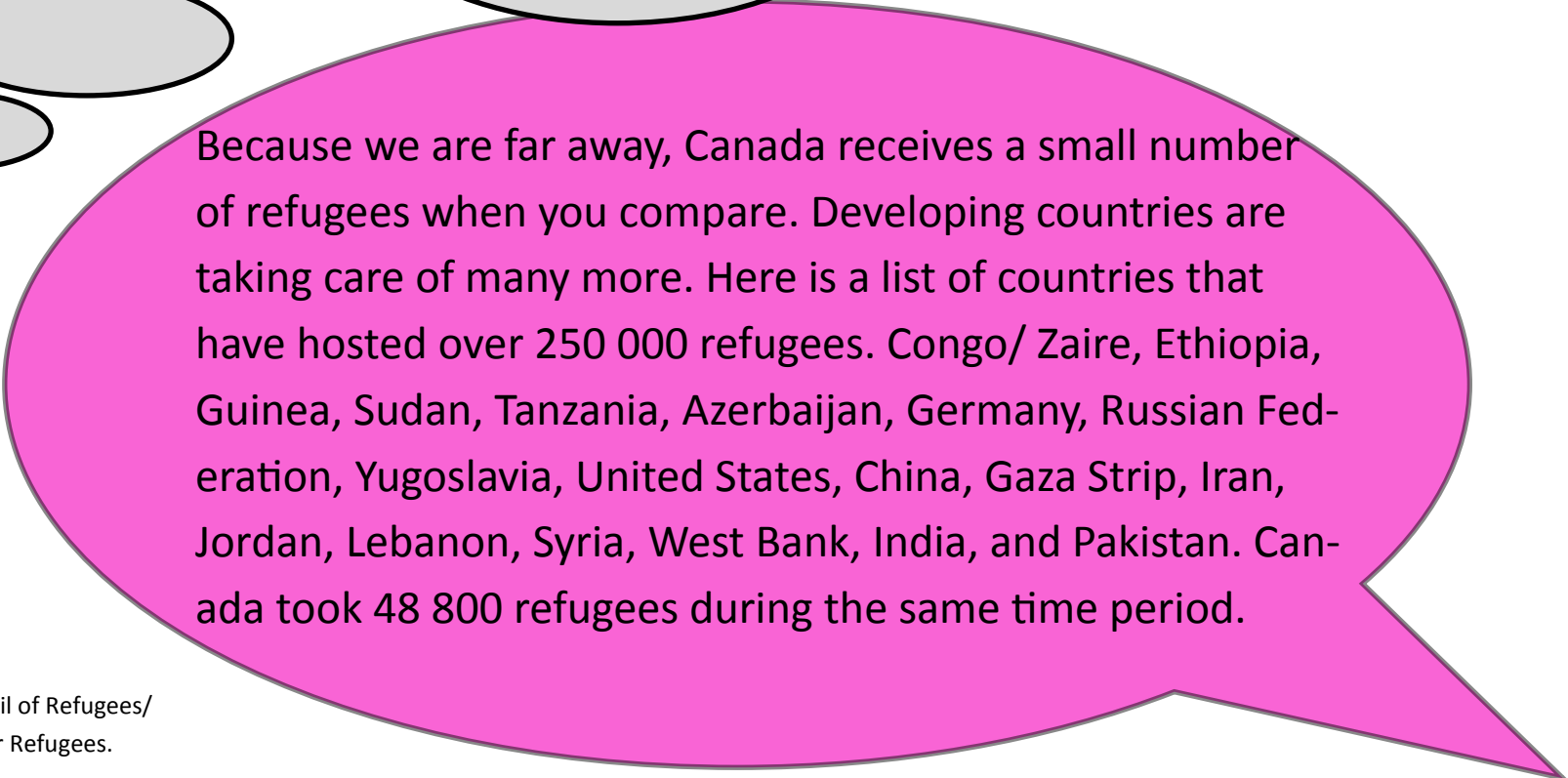
Refugees and immigrants are a drain on our economy and cost Canadians tax money.




Refugees and immigrants give back more than they take from the economy. Many refugees start small businesses that employ both themselves and people born here. Also, immigration helps us because our population is not growing. Families are not having enough children to keep our numbers up and the people we have are getting older. A government committee studied our immigration program and found that newcomers are good for our economy.



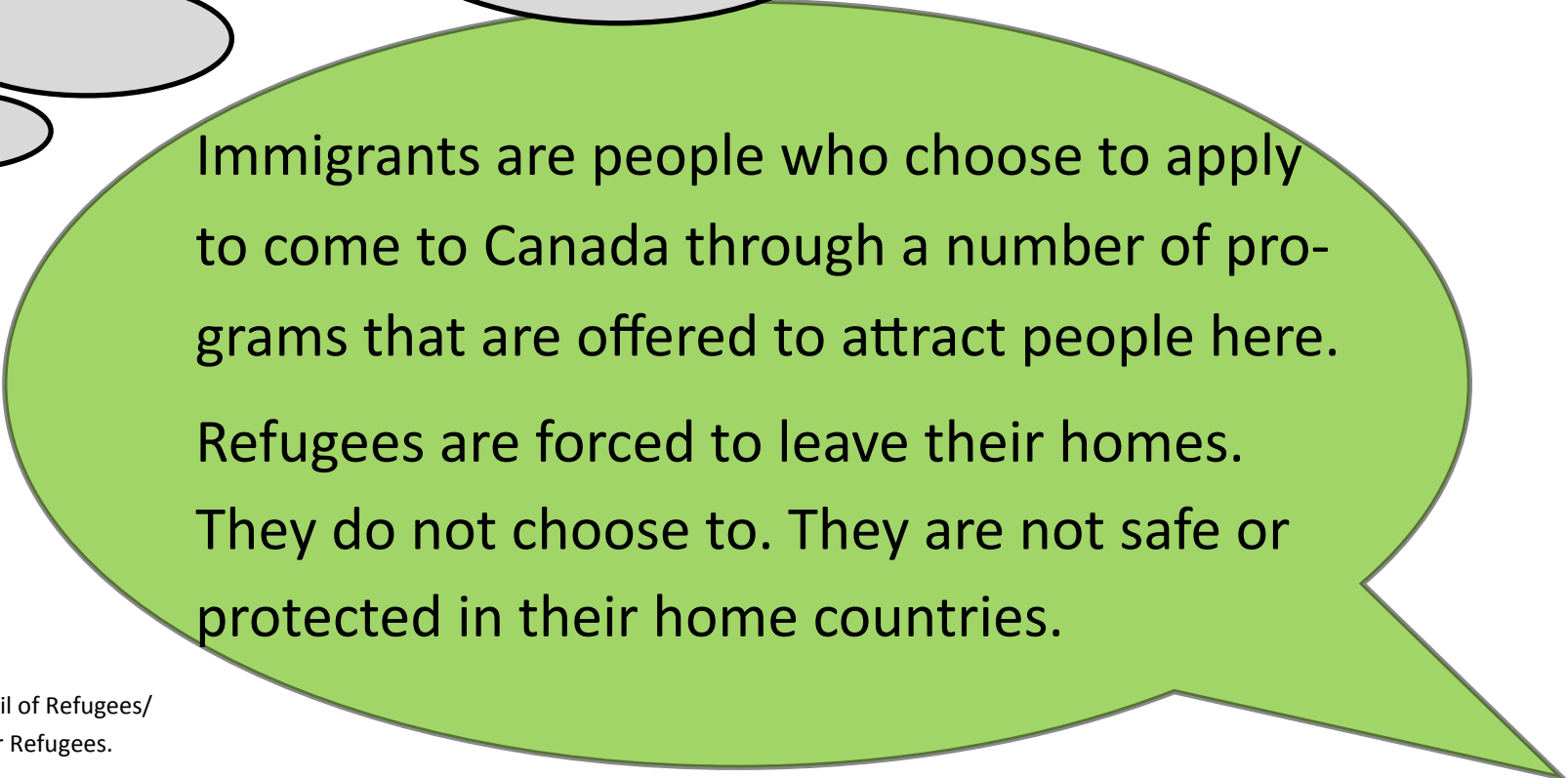
Canada accepts more
than its share of refugees.



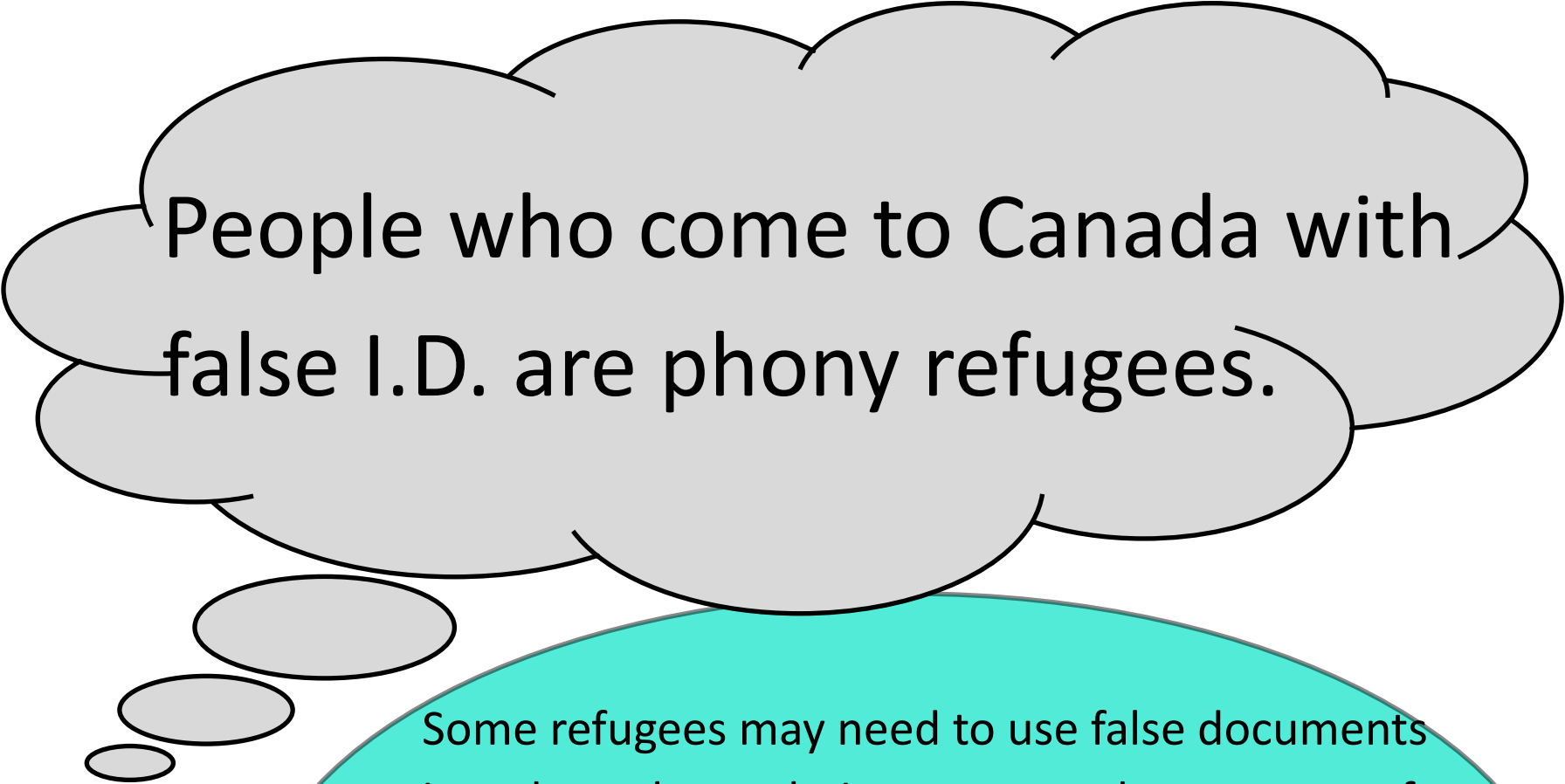
Because we are far away, Canada receives a small number of refugees when you compare. Developing countries are taking care of many more. Here is a list of countries that have hosted over 250 000 refugees. Congo/ Zaire, Ethiopia, Guinea, Sudan, Tanzania, Azerbaijan, Germany, Russian Federation, Yugoslavia, United States, China, Gaza Strip, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, West Bank, India, and Pakistan. Canada took 48 800 refugees during the same time period.



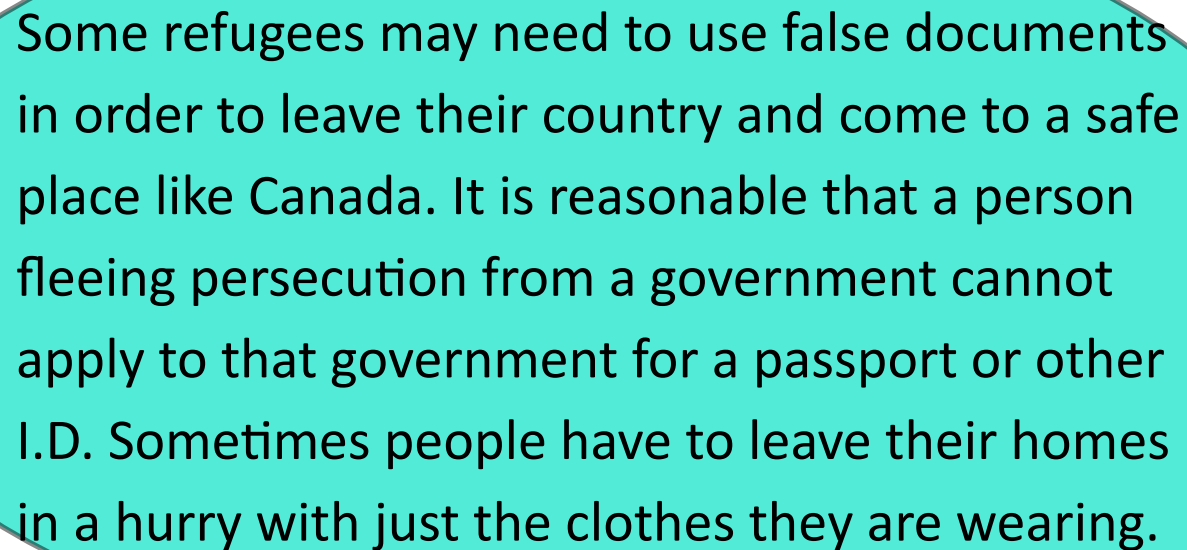
There is no difference between immigrants and refugees.



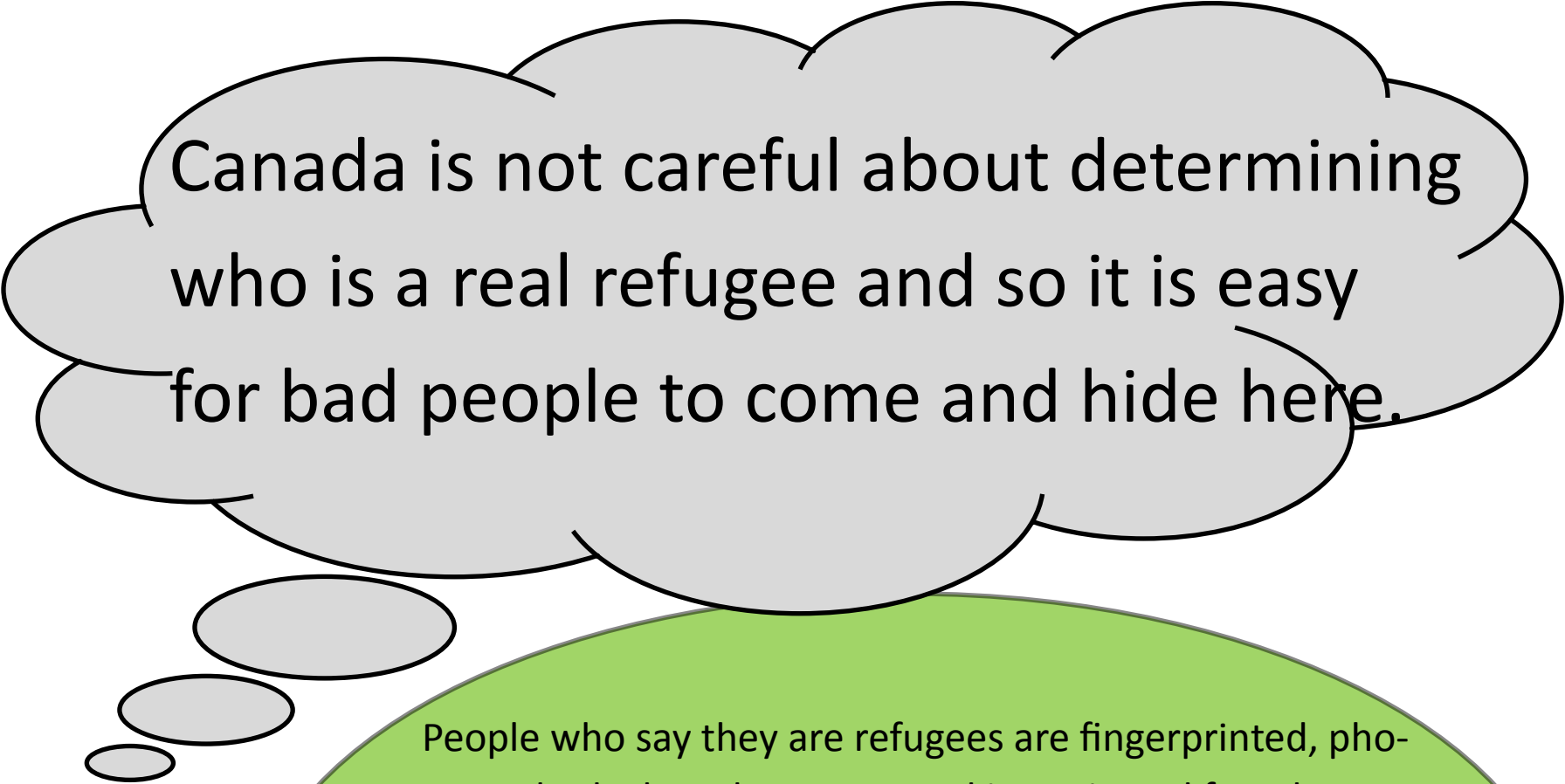
Immigrants are people who choose to apply to come to Canada through a number of programs that are offered to attract people here. Refugees are forced to leave their homes. They do not choose to. They are not safe or protected in their home countries.



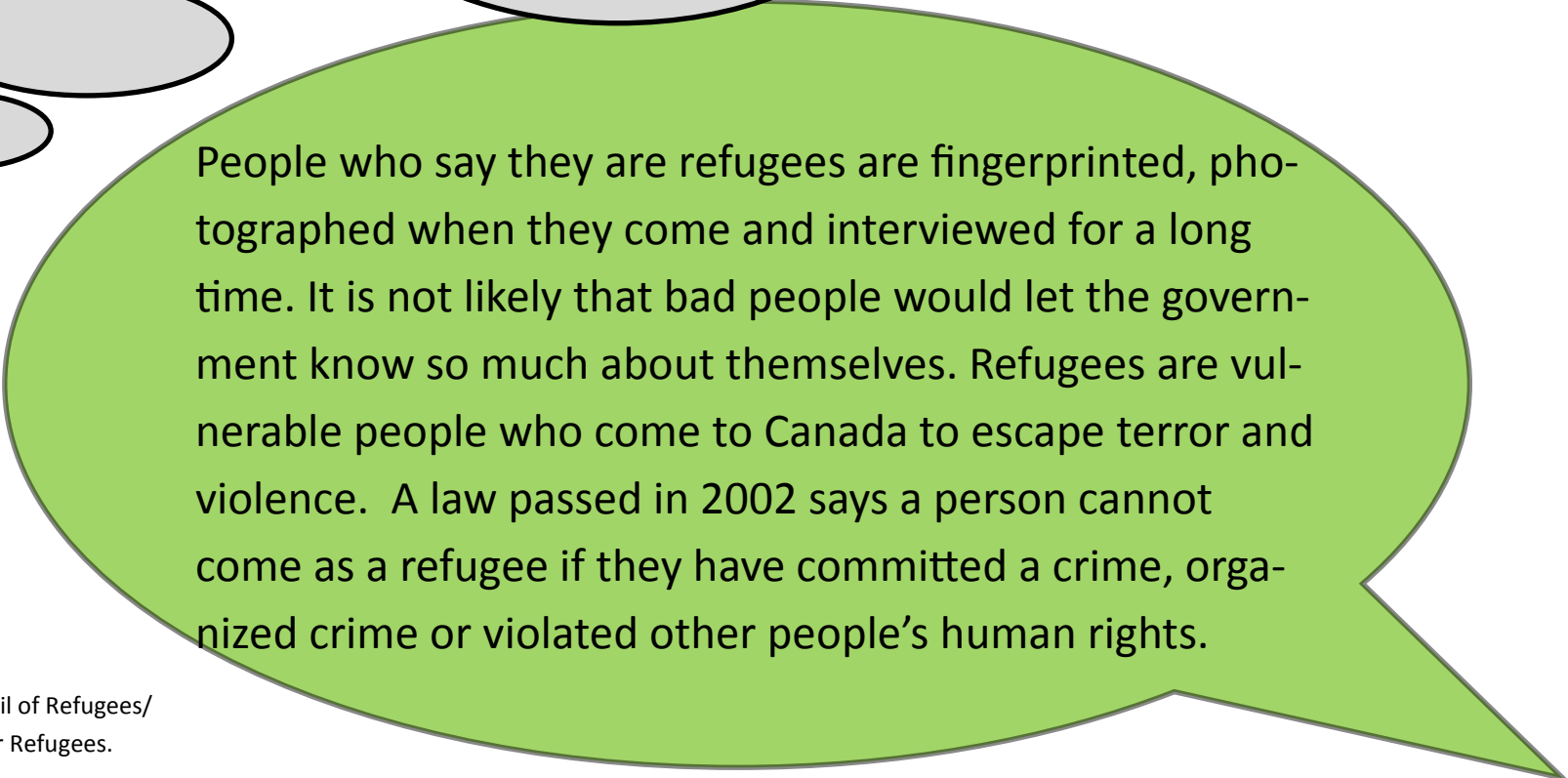
People who come to Canada with false I.D. are phony refugees.




Some refugees may need to use false documents in order to leave their country and come to a safe place like Canada. It is reasonable that a person fleeing persecution from a government cannot apply to that government for a passport or other I.D. Sometimes people have to leave their homes in a hurry with just the clothes they are wearing.



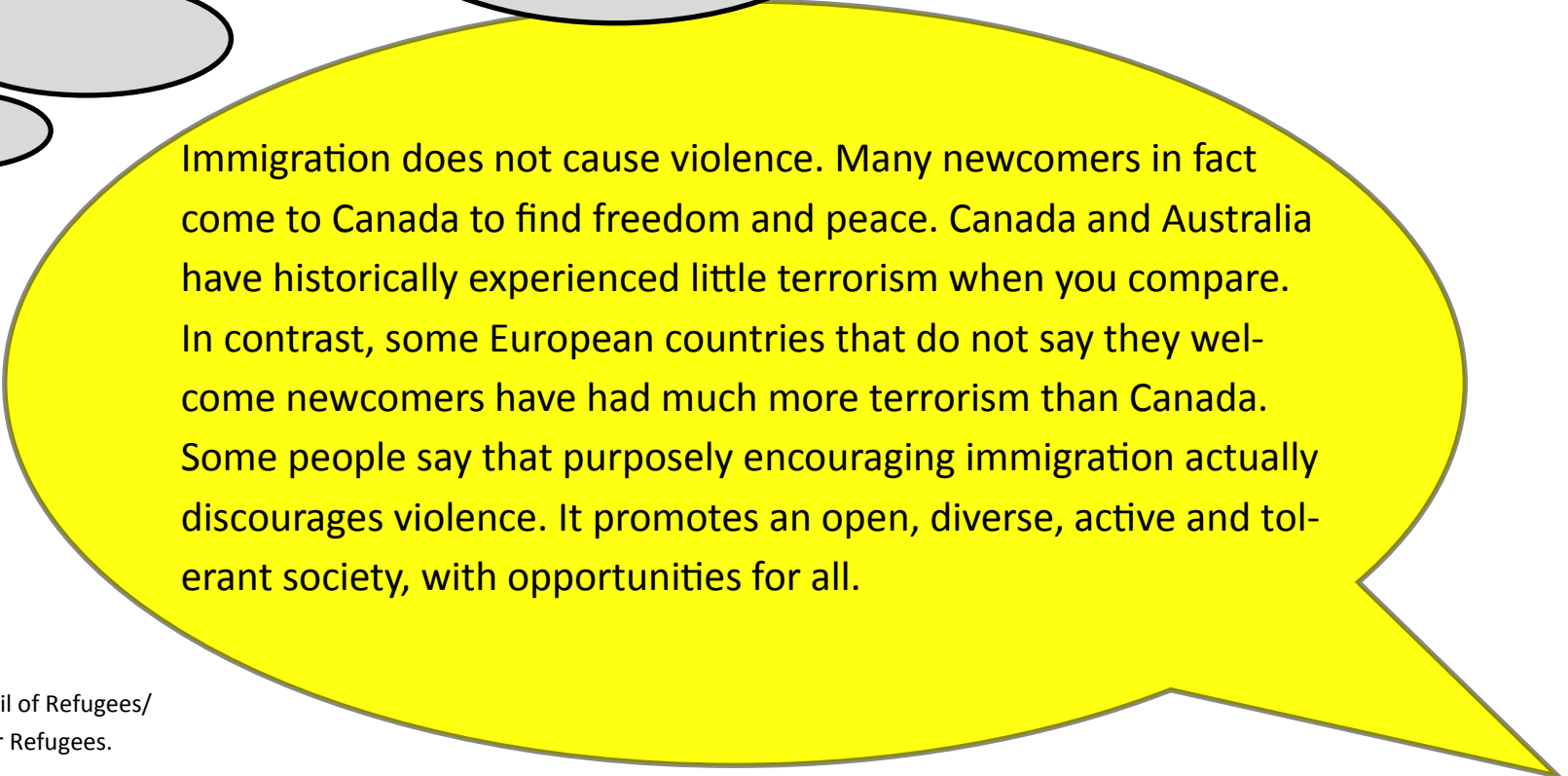
Canada is not careful about determining who is a real refugee and so it is easy for bad people to come and hide here.



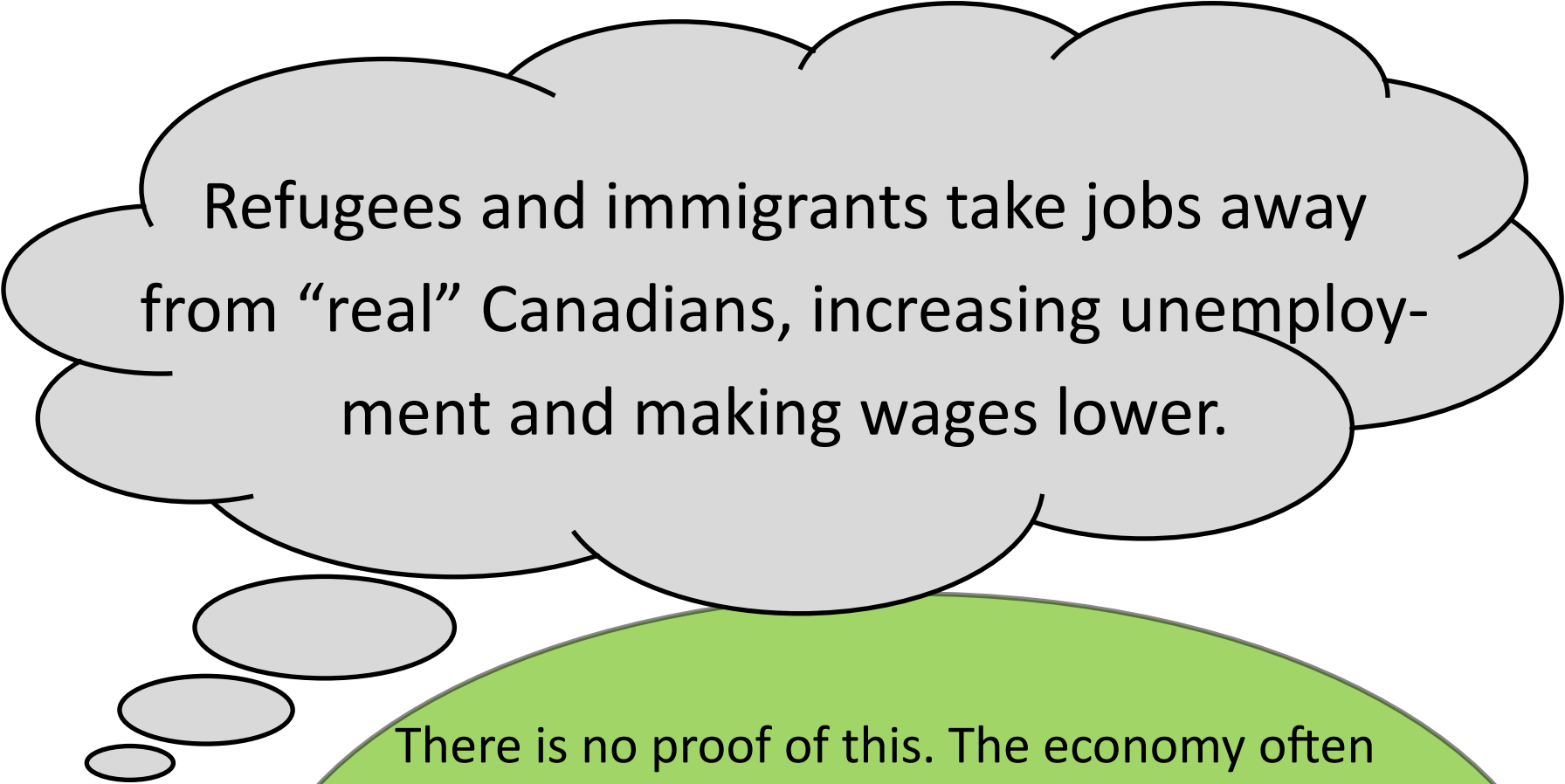
People who say they are refugees are fingerprinted, photographed when they come and interviewed for a long time. It is not likely that bad people would let the government know so much about themselves. Refugees are vulnerable people who come to Canada to escape terror and violence. A law passed in 2002 says a person cannot come as a refugee if they have committed a crime, organized crime or violated other people's human rights.



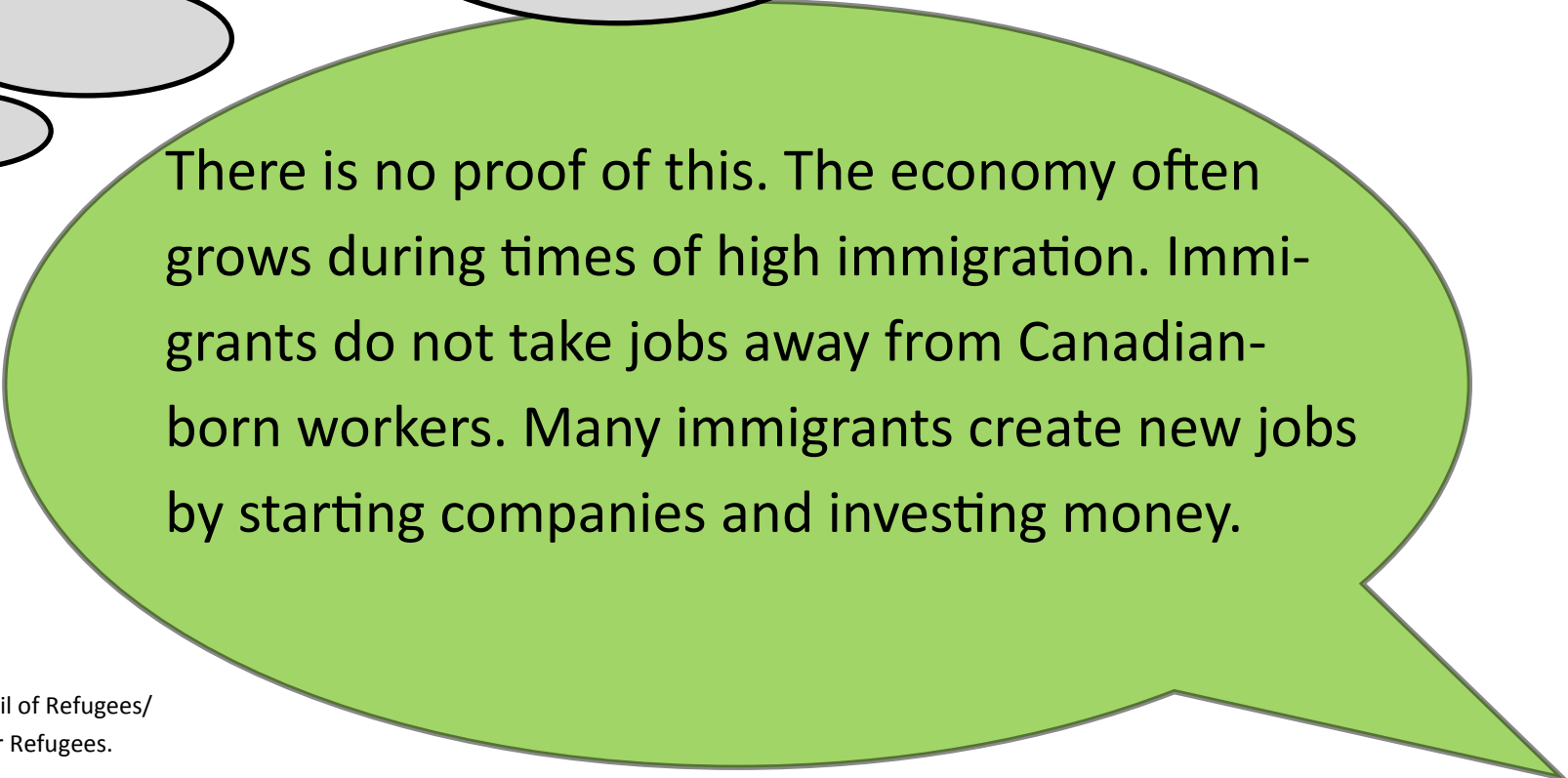
Immigration makes Canada
vulnerable to terrorism.



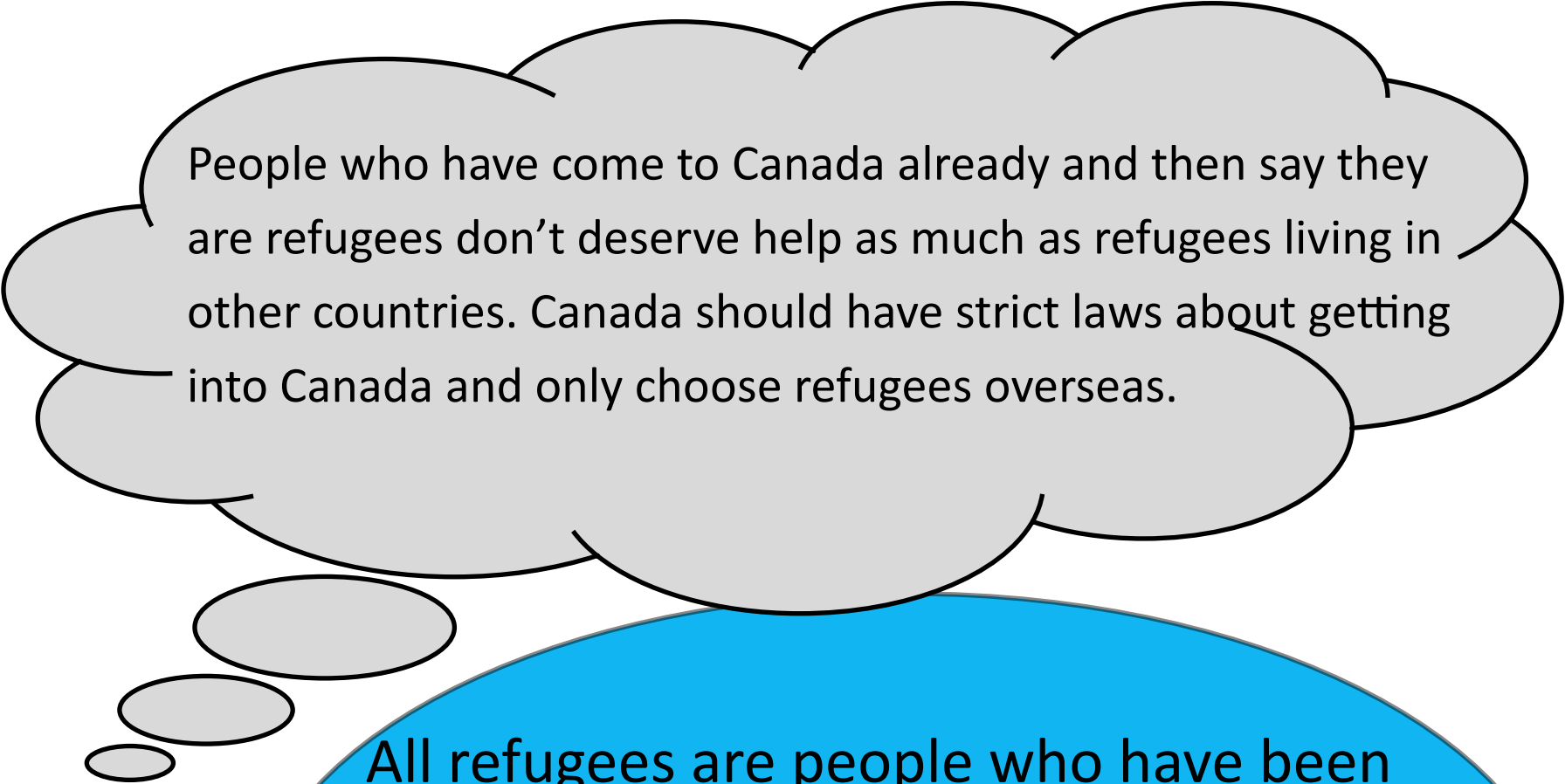
Immigration does not cause violence. Many newcomers in fact come to Canada to find freedom and peace. Canada and Australia have historically experienced little terrorism when you compare. In contrast, some European countries that do not say they welcome newcomers have had much more terrorism than Canada. Some people say that purposely encouraging immigration actually discourages violence. It promotes an open, diverse, active and tolerant society, with opportunities for all.



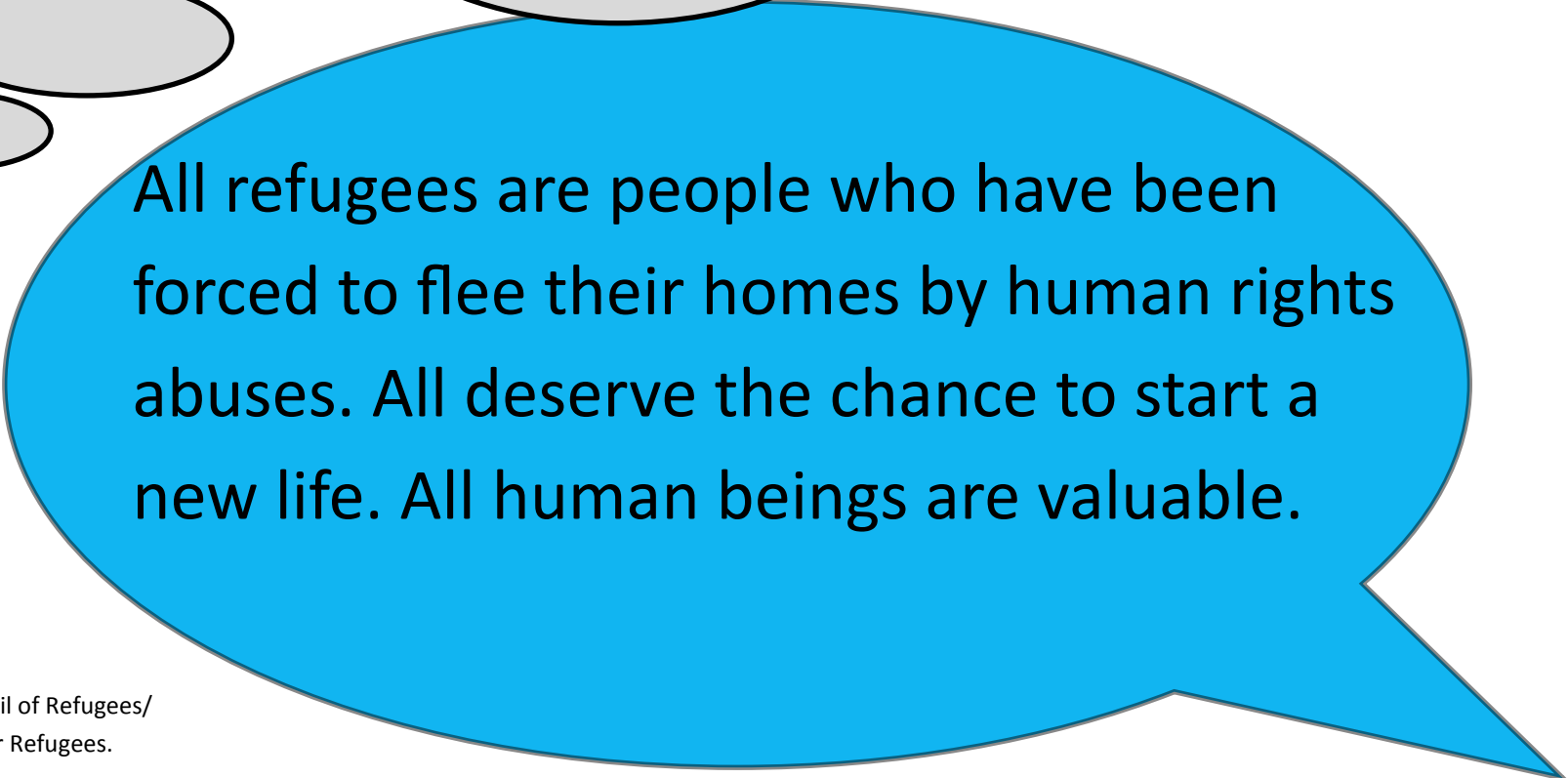
Refugees and immigrants take jobs away from “real” Canadians, increasing unemployment and making wages lower.



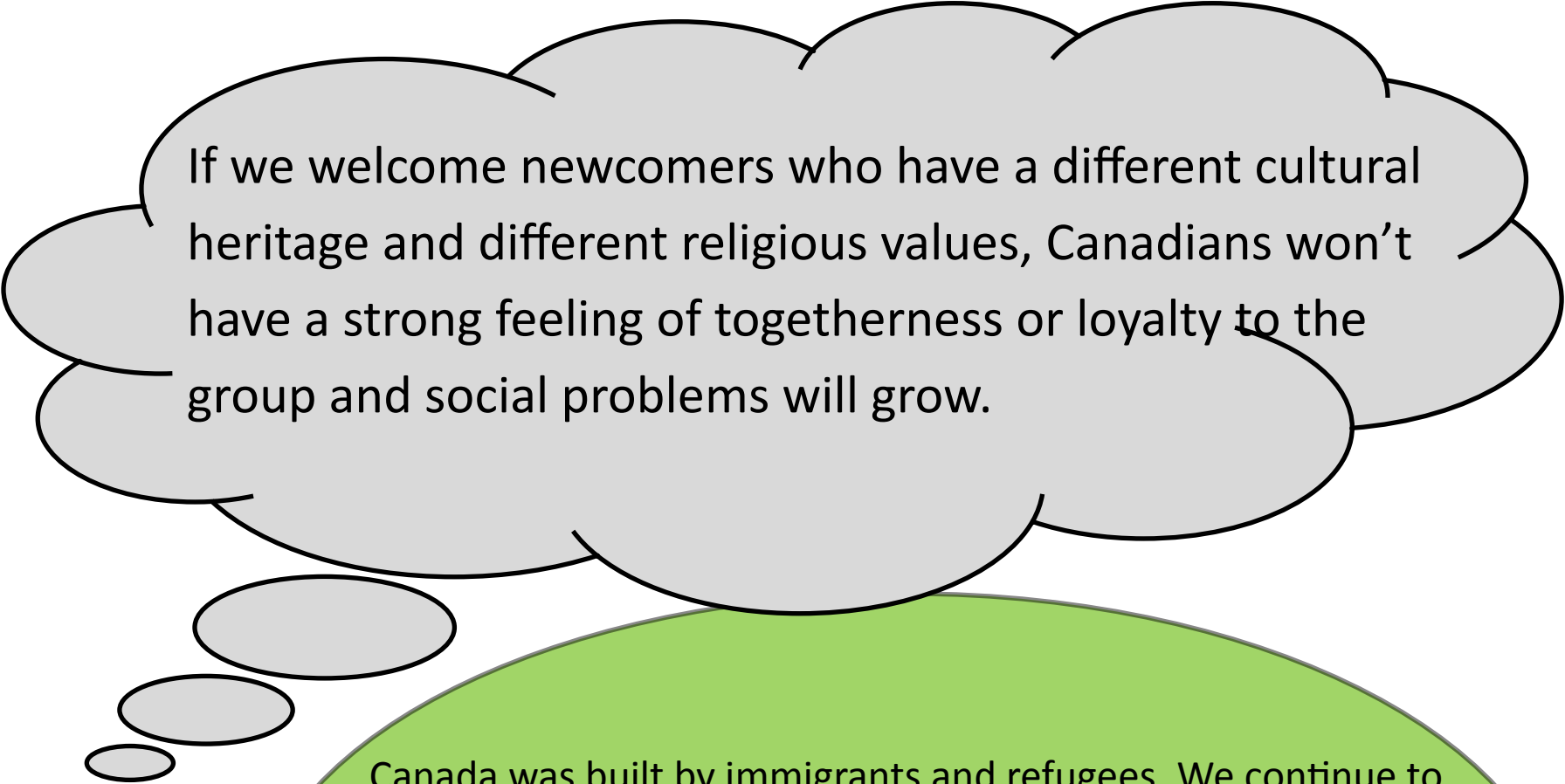
There is no proof of this. The economy often grows during times of high immigration. Immigrants do not take jobs away from Canadian-born workers. Many immigrants create new jobs by starting companies and investing money.



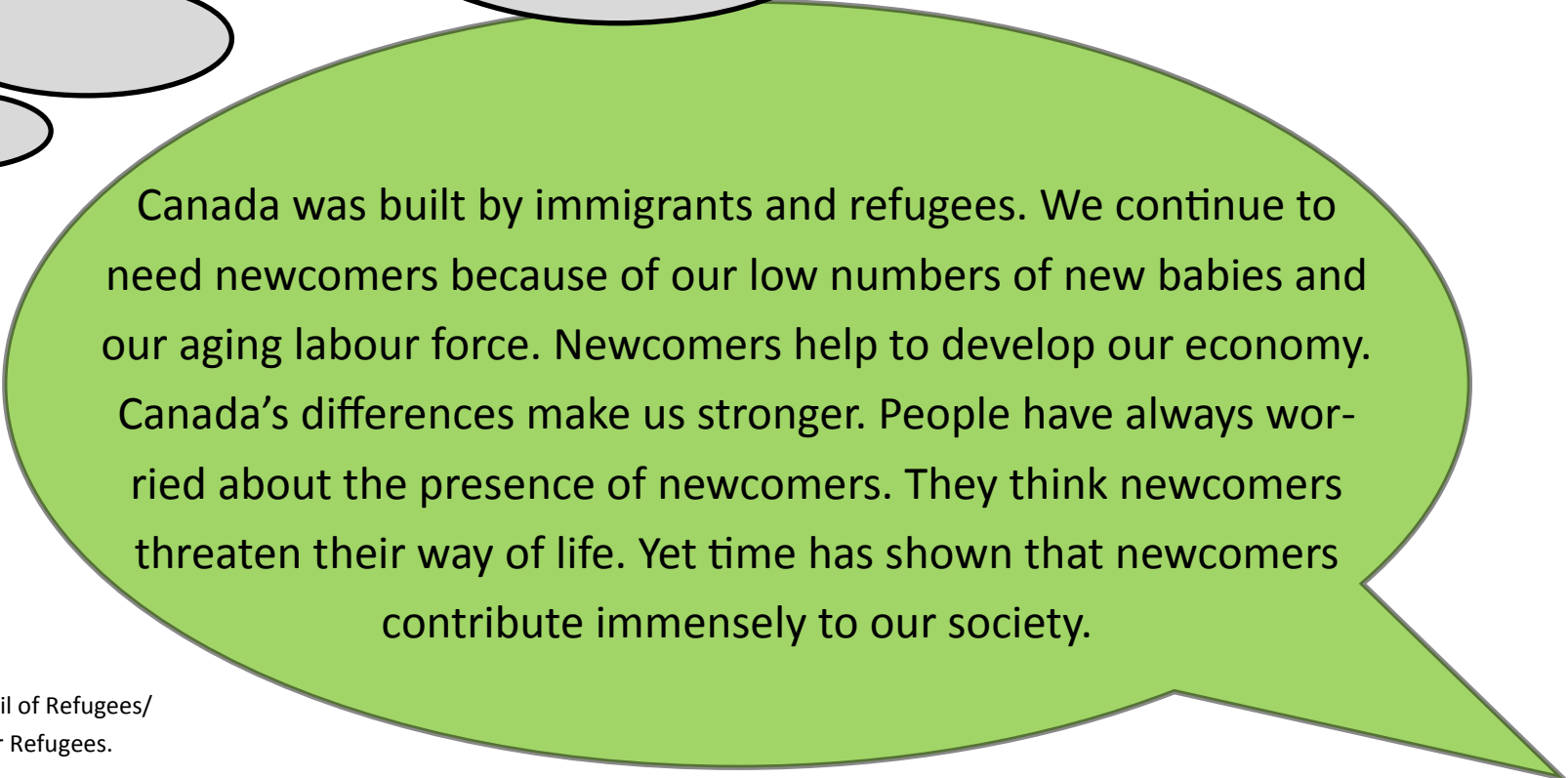
People who have come to Canada already and then say they are refugees don't deserve help as much as refugees living in other countries. Canada should have strict laws about getting into Canada and only choose refugees overseas.



All refugees are people who have been forced to flee their homes by human rights abuses. All deserve the chance to start a new life. All human beings are valuable.



If we welcome newcomers who have a different cultural heritage and different religious values, Canadians won't have a strong feeling of togetherness or loyalty to the group and social problems will grow.



Canada was built by immigrants and refugees. We continue to need newcomers because of our low numbers of new babies and our aging labour force. Newcomers help to develop our economy. Canada's differences make us stronger. People have always worried about the presence of newcomers. They think newcomers threaten their way of life. Yet time has shown that newcomers contribute immensely to our society.