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There is little doubt that the USA populous have spoken loud and clear in their selection of their 45th president of the United States.

It also seems clear that the USA population is looking for change and new ideas to “Make America Great Again.”

However, at what cost?

President-elect Donald Trump has visions of a perfect America with the cleansing of its immigration policies.

Similarly, Trump’s election campaign left no secrets on what he desires from the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration in the USA.

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A key initiative is to deport and remove those who are illegal in the USA.

This is an old-age dilemma that has faced many civilized countries.

Do you punish those who have entered illegally in the country and/or who have overstayed their visa?

And what about those who follow by the rules and wait abroad patiently for years to have their files processed?

It is a sensitive issue and likely there is no correct answer but Trump is taking the stand that those who remain(ed) in the USA with no legal status must be removed to give way to citizens to have jobs and stir the economy.

Trump has been clear in his conviction that he does not want queue jumpers in his country and will have USA Immigration take all legal steps to remove those who have broken the law and violate immigration rules.

Further, he has indicated that he will also be aggressive in removing permanent residents (green card holders) from the USA who have committed a crime.

What this all means is that the world of immigration may have a new face on Jan. 20, 2017.

There is little doubt that those who are vulnerable to these changes are scared.

Some have lived in USA for years, had children, have jobs and homes.

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Will it all come to an end?

Time will tell but it is no coincidence that Canada's Immigration website crashed the day after Trump was declared the winner.

The clear message is that many people in the USA are looking for options and avenues to escape the Trump regime.

There is no better option than Canada that borders the USA in many states.

The key difference between each country's immigration policies is the way one is selected for permanent residence.

The USA is primarily employer based or family based — that is one must have a job offer or a relative to help them become an immigrant.

If you are illegal in the USA this can be even more cumbersome.

Canada, on the other hand, is more multicultural and tolerates more of an ethnic mix.

An applicant to Canada does not require to have a job offer or relative.

A qualified applicant must have strong proficiency in English, education and work experience.

Further, applicants who are qualified are able to include their spouse and dependant children.*

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As well, one's illegal status in the USA is not considered a crime in Canada and many cases the fact that a person has overstayed in the USA will not be a problem when applying to Canada.

* Author's note: Canada Immigration has just released guidelines for changes relating to the age of dependency of minor children.

Current laws define children as under 19 years of age.

New proposed changes will increase the age of children to under 22 thus allowing more applicants to include children who are unmarried and still in school.

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