

REFORM PARTY OF ONTARIO's "PURPLE BOOK"

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Welcome to Reform Ontario's *Purple Book*. This publication is the official policy book of the **Reform Party of Ontario**. It is updated annually by the party.

To those who are not familiar with Reform Ontario, the party became a registered provincial political party in Ontario in September 2007. It's goal is to restore common sense and democracy to Canada's largest province, while at the same time returning Ontario to its leading role in the Canadian Confederation and making Ontario the best place to live and do business in North America.

As Ontario benefits from continued strong immigration, it is imperative that such benefits are enjoyed across the entire province, and not just in a few of our largest cities. Too much concentration there exerts unnecessary pressures on local infrastuctures, while removing the benefits of population growth from our smaller centres and rural areas. Our municipalities face many challenges, as does business. Labour is becoming in short supply. Cultural ghettos can lead to social problems, even crime, as well as calls to change the existing laws and customs, of the majority, and leads to no apparent need to immerse one's self into the cultural melieu of Ontario.

Many say Ontario lacks an identity, a focus, and others will rightly point to few efforts to integrate new arrivals into our society as the reason. We see the need to encourage domestic population growth, while even increasing immigration (although in a targeted fashion).

Reform Ontario wants to re-focus Ontarians towards a single, all-for-one onbjective: Creating the best place to live and work, and do business, in North America. To this end we need to improve the way government operates, redefine why it is needed and where, and improve efficiencies and services so as to allow for rising living standards and declining taxes, a cleaner environment and a thriving economy, one that is geared to the future, and not the past.

Reform Ontario also believes Ontario must be a leader, not a follower, in Confederation. One of the original founding colonies of Canada, we get little respect elsewhere in Canada and with the federal government. We want Ontario to stand up on its own two feet, fight for what is ours, and speak out on issues of the day.

We see Ontario as a province within a united Canada, a federation that exists to handle those things a national government should handle: foreign affairs, trade, defence, national security, oceans, and international transportation.