

Where's PM in 'time of need'?

The following letter, addressed to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, was submitted to the Citizen for publication.

As I sit here and watch the news coverage of the state the First Nation people living in Attawapiskat, Ontario, I have to wonder how much a travesty this really is.

These people are probably the only real Canadians, because the rest of us are immigrants.

I was born in the '50s in Montreal to parents whose parents came from Italy, Greece, England and Ireland. So, as I watch this story and the horrific conditions and the high number of young suicides there, I have to wonder if these people have TVs, how they must feel watching you insisting on bringing 26,000 refugees from Syria, and then the pictures of some of those people being taken to Raptor games, and now you have stated that you will be apologizing to the South Asians who were turned away from landing and immigrating to Canada via Vancouver in 1914 ? 102 years ago.

Mr. Trudeau, I was taught that charity begins at home, and because you seem to want to help everyone from all corners of the world, I now understand how terrible these poor Native Canadians must feel.

And it was a long time ago when they had their land taken from them and they were relocated to inhabitable places where the ground never thaws, and we wonder why there is such a high suicide rate.

And how about the poor former employees of Good Will in the GTA. These are people who were trying so hard and succeeding by being independent, not asking for hand outs from anyone. Where are you in time of need?

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