



DID PRIVATE SPONSORSHIPS CREATE ADVANTAGEOUS ECONOMIC OUTCOMES FOR THE VIETNAMESE “BOAT PEOPLE”?

TITLE OF RESEARCH: A Retrospective Look: The Social and Economic Integration of Vietnamese Refugee Youth and the Second Generation in Contemporary Canada

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SUMMARY: This study examines the social mobility of refugee children and second-generation children born to refugee parents from war-torn countries with interrupted schooling and mental health challenges.

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Key Messages:



Economic outcomes for refugees vary by the period of arrival and by the country of origin.



Level of education is an important variable in the labour force experiences of refugees.



No differences were found in economic outcomes for refugees who were private sponsored versus government assisted.



Educational differences explain much of the overall difference observed between Vietnamese refugees and their counterparts from other countries.



30-35 years later, the Vietnamese boat people still bear the imprint of their exodus and the levels of educational resources they had when they left

Recommendations:

- Additional education and strategies for keeping refugee children and adolescents in school longer would help improve economic outcomes later in life.

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