

Liberals and immigrants

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Re: Minority Faiths Tend To Go Liberal, Sept. 17.

This Wilfrid Laurier University survey is revealing in some of its details. It found that Hindus are the most likely of all minorities to vote Conservative.

Furthermore, the "Hindu" category includes Sri Lankan Tamils, who are less likely to support Conservatives due to certain policies regarding the civil war. If Hindus from India are considered, Conservative support rises even further.

The Conservative effort has to date focused on the nebulous "Indo-Canadian community" but has been very lackadaisical about specifically engaging Hindu groups. The Liberals have many Sikh and Muslim MPs, but not a single Hindu representative. This has caused enormous anger within the Hindu community, which dominates a few key GTA ridings.

This situation is not being adequately capitalized on by the Conservative party.

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