Being a “Canadian”

Belonging to the “Canadian” culture is an incorrect and often damaging ideology which affects the native population, the outside world and current immigrants. The concept is known as nationalism, which is the idea that people should be proud of their nation or even that they are superior to others. This idea is an outdated concept invented to instill a sense of devotion to their nation, but this is not important today since the planet is turning into a more globalized and peaceful society. As we move towards this more globalized society the world is turning into less of a nation vs nation mentality and more into that the planet is all one big nation. But being “Canadian” is not even a “genuine” idea, being born in a certain country does not set you apart from people born anywhere else on the planet and this idea can cause problems. Another thing is that Canada is such a heterogeneous country that stereotyping a certain culture to a country does not properly represent the entire country. Which may make new and potential immigrants feel uncomfortable and may feel pressured or forced to mold their personality and their way of life around the average “Canadian” stereotype. However, some may argue that people should be proud of where they are born and that it creates a patriotic population therefore increasing the happiness and success of the people. But it has historically caused major problems like segregation, slavery and war. Finally every country should promote an open and multicultural experience to their people, stereotyping a certain culture to a nation creates a tough climate for new immigrants to live and build a new life. In conclusion, there actually is no such thing as a “Canadian” considering all Canadians are different in their own ways and every person born or immigrated to Canada should be known as a Canadian with their own customs and ideas.