TORONTO - A SANCTUARY CITY?

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LIVING WITHOUT LEGAL STATUS IN TORONTO

IDEA OF SANCTUARY CITIES

Providing access to municipal services for non-status and precarious status migrants "without fear being identified. detained or deported." [4][6]











DON'T ASK DON'T TELL POLICY

Policies to protect illegalized migrants that "prohibit municipal police forces and city service agencies from requesting, recording.

disseminating status information, and deny cooperation with federal immigration authorities unless required by federal or state law." [1]



"It's very hard. We just feel locked out"

(Person with less than full status) [2]

"People always ask: what's your status? That's the first thing when you go to the doctor. What's your status? Fill out the form. What's your status? So, I don't know what to put. Because you're not a landed immigrant, what are you then? I'm just living here. I've got nothing."

(Person with less than full status) [2]

Toronto

"I was afraid to call the police. I don't want to, they will send me home one dav"

(Person with less than full status) [2]



Brampton

"For the medical, I have to be my own doctor, because it's very expensive" (Person with less than full status) [2]

Pickering

PROBLEMS IN TORONTO



Don't Ask Don't Tell policy is not always working ("Often asking, always telling")



→ police often disregard policy and continue to call border enforcement agency

just most rudimentary services provide secure access



difficulties in transforming and training staff according sanctuary policies

minimal impact on material conditions

racial profiling [1][5]

GEOGRAPHICAL PERSPECTIVE

"unsettle conventional understanding of citizenship and belonging"



disrupt created categories



questioning authority of municipal governments

questioning governance of migration and security



"new practices of identity formation"



"including illegalized migrants in imagined local community"

rescale belonging from national to urban scales [1][4]

Origins in USA





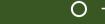












TORONTO





Sanctuary City by-law

People from Guatemala and El Salvador flee to the USA

Sanctuary Movement faith-based communities provide protection and

Madison

counties and states adopt those policies

End of 1980s policy subject illegal immigrants instead of refugees

since 1980s Initiatives by Torontobased Cilenian refugees

Don't Ask Don't tell

campaign launched by

HISTORY (1)(3)(5)

First Sanctuary City

more and more cities,