



Committee: United Nations Human Rights Council

Agenda: Investigating the Existence of Chinese Concentration Camps for Uyghur Muslims

Delegation: Canada

Name of Delegate: Nikhil Lemos

"Canada's parliament strongly condemns China's treatment of Uighur's as Genocide thereby further worsening trade relations between the two countries."

Overview:

There are currently about 12 million Uighurs, mostly Muslims living in Xinjiang. They speak their own language similar to Turkic and are seen as a threat to China's communist ideology.

The Uighur population and other Muslim ethnic groups based in Xinjiang, China are being sent to "re-education camps" which in other words, is life in prison.

There is evidence of China mass sterilizing Uighur women as well as physical, mental and sexual abuse. The Uighurs are being stripped away of their religious freedom by being forced to pledge their loyalty to the Chinese Communist Party and sing praises for communism and renounce Islam.

Proof of existence:

Since the media is state controlled and there is lack of free access to the camps by outsiders, the only evidence we have is the testimony of a former security guard at the camp who spoke to BBC via video link and of women who have not only fled the concentration camps but also the "Hermit Kingdom" of China.

Originally denying the claims of the existence of these concentration camps, China now says that stern measures are being taken to prevent terrorism and eradicate Islamist extremism.



Canada's stance:

Canadas motion to declare Chinas treatment of its Uighur minority population as genocide was passed 266 to 0. This motion was supported by all members of the opposition while PM Justin Trudeau and most of his cabinet members abstained.

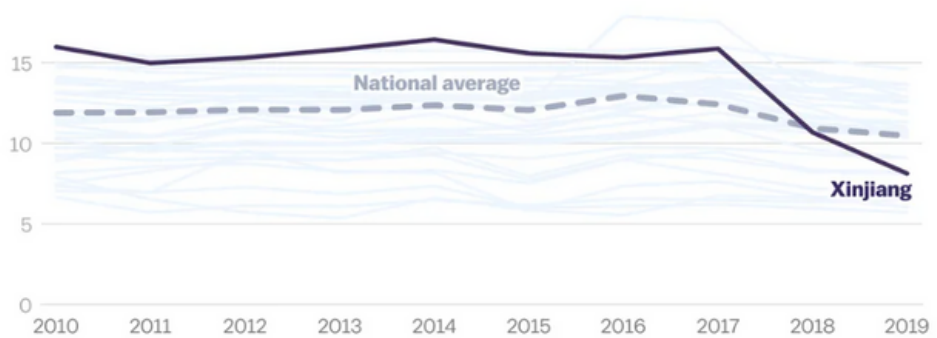
Canada believes in “walk the talk” and has opened its doors to refugees from several different countries over the years. As of 2019, one-fifth of Canadas population are immigrants.

Intervention of the UNHRC:

The UNHRC is all about standing up for human rights and defending human dignity even at the cost of trade relations. The UNHRC has to intervene in the “domestic affairs” of China as this sets a very bad precedent for countries having a minority population.

Births in China's Xinjiang region have dropped sharply in recent years

Births per 1,000 people in each of China's regions

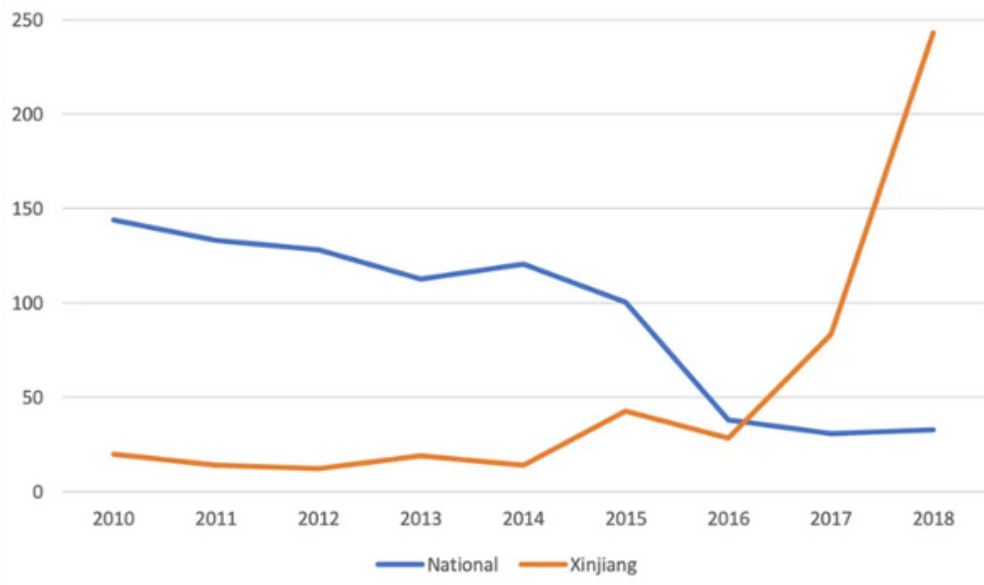


Source: China Statistical Yearbook

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Graph 1

Sterilizations per 100,000 of the Population



Source: Vox

Graph 2

Births in Xinjiang and Uighur population control:

The above Graph 1, compiled from China's Statistical Yearbook shows the average no. of births in Xinjiang and the rest of the country. As you can see the number of births in Xinjiang has halved in the last couple of years.

The second graph shows the no. of sterilizations per 100,000 of the population. This graph was compiled using data from China's Health and Hygiene Statistical Yearbooks. China's own papers seem to invalidate its officials. The "Karakax List" - a leaked document that details the reason for interment of the Uighurs-Childbearing violations were the most common rationale for internment.

Possible solutions:

- Manufacturing and export are some of the main ways in which China makes money. Cutting of certain trade relations and placing economic sanctions on China could be a solution.
- As previously mentioned, intervention and investigations held by the UN can be the foremost way in which this genocide can be stopped.
- Many NGO's and IGO's have also been setup to educate people and allow them to donate towards the Uighur crisis.

Canada and its allies are ready to take a diplomatic approach towards one of the largest genocides since WW2 to build a safe and irrepressible future for everyone.