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Not Far Right. Just Fed Up. A View From Regular Canadians

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I want to write this the way people actually speak when the microphones are off and the cameras are gone. Not as a lecture. Not as a warning. Just as a person who has listened long enough to notice a pattern. Something is shifting, and it has nothing to do with secret symbols, coded music, or hidden messages in culture. It has everything to do with trust being broken.

Lately, large left leaning newspapers keep telling us the same story. They say the far right is quietly creeping into everyday life. They say it hides in jokes, fitness videos, clothes, online influencers, and casual conversation. They say regular people do not even notice it happening. They warn us to be afraid of our own culture.

But that story does not reflect what people are actually living through.

What I hear from Canadians is not fear of one another. It is frustration with a system that no longer feels fair. People feel talked down to. They feel managed instead of represented. And when they try to speak honestly, they are immediately labeled.

That label is always the same. Far right.

The term used to mean something serious. It described real extremism. Today, it is used as a shortcut to shut down debate. If you disagree with government policy, you are far right. If you question new laws, you are far right. If you worry about your children, you are far right. Once that word is applied, discussion ends.

That is not journalism. That is social pressure.

Most of the people being described this way are not radicals. They are parents trying to raise kids in a confusing world. They are workers watching prices rise while services fall apart. They are seniors scared to get sick because health care is overwhelmed. They are immigrants who came legally and feel angry that fairness has been replaced by chaos.

These are not people being pulled into some dark movement. These are people paying attention.

The idea that everyday culture is being infiltrated suggests that citizens are passive and easily fooled. It assumes people cannot think for themselves. It assumes they need to be protected from their own thoughts. That attitude alone explains why trust in the media is collapsing.

Canadians know when something feels off. They know when the rules apply differently depending on who you are. They know when crime is explained away while victims are ignored. They know when speech is policed more harshly than violence.

Young people see this clearly. They are not being radicalized. They are watching adults argue while institutions fail. They see fear used as a tool. They see words redefined. They see silence rewarded and honesty punished. Many of them are stepping back, not because they believe something extreme, but because they do not trust the system to treat them fairly.

That is not dangerous. That is rational.

Immigration is one of the clearest examples of how honest discussion has been poisoned. Canada has always welcomed newcomers. That has not changed. Most Canadians still believe in immigration done properly. What people object to is scale without planning, promises without infrastructure, and rules that no longer apply equally.

Mass immigration without enough housing drives prices up. Without enough doctors, it overwhelms health care. Without honest expectations, it creates tension. Saying this is not hatred. It is reality.

Yet if you raise these concerns, the response is not discussion. It is an accusation.

Parents face the same problem. Many feel they have lost their voice. They are told not to question schools. They are told concern is harm. They are told to trust systems that refuse transparency. When parents push back, they are treated as dangerous.

This creates fear, not progress.

Across Europe, citizens are expressing the same frustration. They are not marching for hate. They are voting for change. They are asking for borders that work, laws that apply equally, and leaders who listen. When they do, media voices warn the public to fear them. That reaction reveals more about power than about people.

What is really happening is not a rise of extremism. It is a collapse of patience. People are tired of being blamed for problems they did not create. They are tired of being told silence is kindness. They are tired of being managed by narratives instead of served by policy.

This is no longer about left versus right. That argument is outdated. This is about citizens versus systems that forgot who they exist for.

The people being called far right do not share one ideology. They share a sense that something fundamental is being lost. Fairness. Balance. Common sense. The ability to speak without fear.

They stand against real antisemitism and real racism. They stand with Jewish Canadians who feel unsafe. They stand with Muslim Canadians who came here for freedom and peace. They stand for freedom of worship and equal law.

They do not want chaos. They want stability.

Calling people names will not fix housing.

It will not fix health care. It will not protect children. It will not reduce crime.

It only deepens resentment and destroys trust.

The real danger is not culture being influenced. The real danger is citizens no longer believing those who claim to inform them. When people stop trusting media and government, society weakens. People withdraw. Conversation dies.

People know when headlines do not match their lived experience. They know when fear is being sold as concern. They know when power is protecting itself.

That awareness is not frightening. It is necessary.

Canadians are not far right. They are not far left. They are tired of being bullied by language and ignored by policy.

They are simply asking to be treated like adults again.

That is not extremism.

That is a country quietly but firmly asking to be heard.

Those Who Will Get Hired In 2026 Will…

By Nick Kossovan

It's widely predicted that 2026 will be a more challenging year for job seekers than 2025. Although there will be fewer job openings, employers will still be hiring, albeit at a slower, more selective pace. The job seekers who'll be hired will be those who hyper-focus on how they present themselves to employers.

Throughout 2026 and beyond, the following factors will shape hiring processes and decisions:

1. The continuing talk of a looming recession.
2. Employers are realizing that artificial intelligence isn't a novelty—it's technology that can transform how work is done, enabling fewer employees to deliver the same level of productivity. (SUMMARY: Employers are banking less on employees and more on AI.)
3. Employers are hiring only essential employees, those who can contribute measurable value to their profitability.
4. The job market is flooded with bad actors.

In light of the above, savvy job seekers are keeping in mind that employers are understandably trying to remain competitive (read: run lean) and therefore will:

Demonstrate how they can add measurable value to an employer.

Employers need to see how you'll be a value-add to their business; therefore, your resume and LinkedIn profile need to clearly articulate how you improved your previous employer's business. Employers are no longer willing to keep employees on payroll who aren't contributing to their bottom line; therefore, they're only hiring for positions that drive profitability.

Being able to answer the question, via your resume, LinkedIn profile, cover letter and especially when interviewing—how your skills and experience have made a measurable difference to your previous employer's revenue—will expedite your job search.

Have a 1 - 2-page resume.

The ongoing debate about the ideal length of a resume is childish, as it overlooks that most resumes are viewed on mobile devices, and the reader's likely age isn't considered. Resumes don't get read; they get skimmed. Therefore, you need to make your resume as concise as possible, enhancing clarity by getting to the point and leaving a lasting impression rather than long, opinionated explanations.

Write your resume with the understanding that in the seconds it's glanced at, the reader is looking for:

· Job title relevance
· Core skills that match the job description
· Recent experience
· Career progression
· Employment stability

When interviewing, demonstrate that they'll be manageable.

Showing you're easy to get along with goes a long way toward getting hired. Fair or not, being likeable outweighs your skills and experience. Adopting a defensive attitude, or worse, showing a sense of entitlement, is how many job seekers get rejected.

Gladly do assessment tests and assignments.

Having interviewed thousands of candidates, I can unequivocally say that most talk a good game, but few can deliver. Increasingly, I'm seeing a disconnect between what candidates claim and what they can actually do.

Motivated job seekers don't hesitate to prove themselves. They don't see assignments as free work, but as an opportunity to prove themselves. If, for whatever reason, you're opposed to doing assignments and assessments, then you're free—an announcement on LinkedIn isn't necessary—to leave the opportunity to someone who actually wants the job. Regarding the unsubstantiated claim that employers steal job candidates' ideas and assignments, I've yet to see any solid evidence of this having ever happened.

Interview like a rock star!

If you don't believe in yourself, then why should your interviewer? Get good—really good—at interviewing. "I'm not good at interviewing," or "I'm an introvert," are excuses job seekers tell themselves to stay in their comfort zone. Interviewing well, very well, is essential to landing a job; therefore, let go of the limiting beliefs that keep you from interviewing with confidence.

The key to interviewing well is to know your career story, where you want to take your career, and why and what value you have added to your previous employers.

Move on quickly.

Yes, ghosting is annoying, but you have to get over it. Ghosting is how younger generations, who are now gatekeeping jobs, communicate. As for rejection, it's a given when job searching; therefore, expect it as part of the process. In terms of feedback, given the litigious world we live in, providing it is risky; hence, employers wisely don't give it.

Accepting ghosting and rejection without judgment isn't only mentally healthy; it also saves your energy for your job search.

Be willing to work on-site.

Since the employer is paying for the work their employees do, they have every right to decide where that work is done. For many reasons, employers are introducing return-to-office mandates. Holding out for a remote job is a surefire way to prolong your job search.

Not participate in the LinkedIn pity party or bashing employers.

It amazes me how many job seekers still don't understand that employers review their LinkedIn activity and digital footprint to determine whether they're interview-worthy, and that venting publicly about job search frustrations or criticizing how employers hire only shows employers you can't control your emotions. It wouldn't be a stretch to say that many job seekers exhibit online behaviour that's hindering their job search.

In 2026, job search success will come down to making yourself easier for employers to choose.