

Laine also pays attention to the identity of Finns in Canada, noting that the FOC or the left wished to Canadianize the Finnish context. Many "White Finns" in turn maintained an insular existence within Canadian society, and found inspiration in the Finnish culture and identity of the Old Country. To them, "Finnish Canadians" were "Canadian Finns," with the emphasis on Finns in Canada rather than on Finnish Canadians. Thus, neither the "Red" nor the "White" approach proved very successful in winning over younger second-generation Finns in Canada, which has jeopardized their organizational and generational continuation.

A number of individual life stories show successful adaptation into Canadian society. These include the business success of Peter Nygård and the political career of Judy Erola, but we

also need to look at the total picture of Finnish Canadiana. Recent emigration of Finns to Canada remains quite small in numbers, and even if 136,000 people recognize their ethnic Finnish background, Finns are in a small minority in the mixture of multi-ethnic Canada. Finns have nevertheless had a special history, which has been acknowledged in the strong Finnish areas of the Great Lakes and the West in particular. Most of all, they have contributed to the building of the Canadian welfare society.

And the process of acculturation in Canadian multi-ethnic society continues among the Finnish immigrant generations. Attached to Canadian society and values, they also carry their Finnish inheritance, and continue to compose an immigrant culture of traditions and practices from both continents.

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