

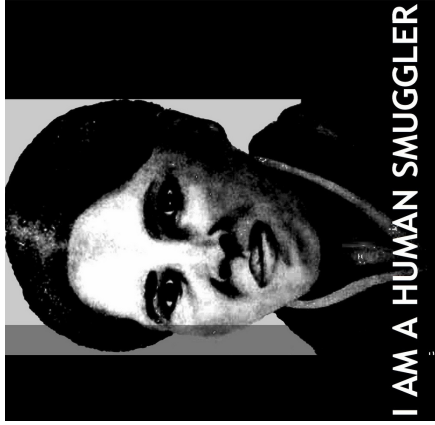
SCRAP ANTI-REFUGEE BILL C 4!

STOP KENNEY, HARPER AND THE TORIES!

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews and Minister of Censorship and Deportation Jason Kenney have announced that they are re-introducing Human Smuggling Bill C4 (previously Bill C49). This is despite previous Bill C49 being rejected by all opposition parties and hundreds of community, legal, health, human rights, and migrant justice groups.

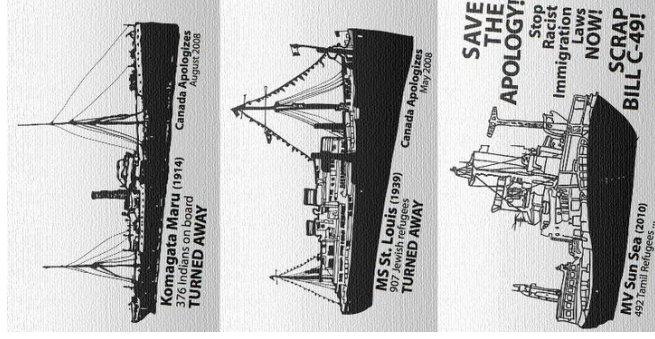
Under the banner of combating human smuggling and deterring the arrival of boats such as the MV Sun Sea, this is a bill that blatantly criminalizes refugees and targets them for imprisonment and/or deportation.

By today's standards, Harriet Tubman's Underground Railroad would have been considered a human smuggling operation!



My name is Harriet Tubman. Some people call me "Moses". I guided more than 70 slaves to freedom using the network of antislavery activists and safe houses known as the Underground Railroad. I helped guide people as far north as Canada, and helped newly freed slaves find work. Large rewards were offered, but no one suspected me. I am a human smuggler.

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What is Bill C4?

This is a bill modeled after Australia's internationally condemned policies of mandatory detention of asylum-seekers. This bill proposes mandatory detention without review by the Immigration and Refugee board for 12 months; denial of the right to apply for permanent resident status until five years have passed since favourable determination of the protection claim; denial of access to relief based on humanitarian and compassionate grounds, temporary resident permits or refugee travel documents for five years or longer; and denial of the right to appeal an unfavourable determination of protection claim to the Refugee Appeal Division of the board.

What about smuggling?

Refugees undertake long and dangerous journeys to protect their lives, often with the aid of smugglers. According to the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees, should be no penalties on refugees who arrive through irregular means. Bill C-4 is an inhumane piece of legislation, justified by the false rhetoric of 'protecting' the victims of smuggling, while jailing them.

What is happening with immigration policy?

Bill C-4 is the latest in a series of drastic changes. Bill C-50 has given the Immigration Minister immense powers to arbitrarily reject visas without any review and to issue quotas and restrictions. Bill C-11 has created two tiers of refugees, establishing a racist hierarchy based on nationality. As avenues for refugees and permanent residency are slashed and deportations increase, exploitative temporary migrant worker programs have proliferated.

>> **Right to Stay, Freedom to Move, Right to Return!**
>> **Scrap Bill C 4!**