



Bill C-296 (Historical)

Elimination of Racial Profiling Act

An Act to eliminate racial profiling

This bill was last introduced in the 38th Parliament, 1st Session, which ended in November 2005.

Sponsor

Libby Davies (/politicians/libby-davies/) NDP

Introduced as a **private member's bill**. (These don't often become law.)

Status

Not active, as of Nov. 18, 2004
(This bill **did not** become law.)

Elsewhere

All sorts of information on this bill is available at **LEGISinfo** (<https://www.parl.ca/legisinfo/en/bill/38-1/C-296>), an excellent resource from the Library of Parliament. You can also read the **full text of the bill** (<https://www.parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/2333599>).

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Mr. Speaker, on this National Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, I draw the attention of Parliament to the escalation and use of racial profiling in Canada.

NDP

The Deputy Prime Minister denies racial profiling exists but those who are targeted know differently.

On March 9 the Minister of Transport told us that his department was developing a no-fly list in Canada and yet there are no provisions to deal with incidents of racial profiling, no procedures for follow up and we do not know the criteria nor the basis for such a list. The Liberal government cannot hide behind denials.

We call on the government to support **Bill C-296** (/bills/1124/), a bill to ban racial profiling and to enact policies and procedures to compel law enforcement and federal departments to eliminate racial profiling. We must not allow racial profiling to

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exist in the name of security. We must not allow people to be targeted on the basis of their colour, ethnicity or religion.

A new website, stopracialprofiling.ca, has launched a campaign, including an incident report form. We in the NDP support this campaign and will do everything we can to make racial profiling illegal in Canada.

Elimination of Racial
Profiling Act
Routine Proceedings

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moved for leave to introduce **Bill C-296** (/bills/1124/), an act to eliminate racial profiling.

NDP

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise in the House today and I thank my hon. colleague for seconding the motion. This is a very important bill because it would eliminate racial profiling and take a step forward to reaffirming the right of all Canadians to equal treatment under the law.

There is no question that we need a legally binding mechanism to ensure the accountability of our enforcement agencies and officials to all people of Canada, regardless of their race or religious beliefs. We have seen an increase in targeting based on ethnic background and colour. This has happened particularly since September 11. We need to have a bill which makes it clear that racial profiling is not allowed in this country. This bill would take steps to do that.

(Motions deemed adopted, bill read the first time and printed)

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