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- **What is citizenship?**
- **What is the content of citizenship ?**
- **How to foster full citizenship?**

# What is citizenship?

- it is always about inclusion / exclusion
    - boundaries of those “in” and those “out”
    - therefore, “full citizenship” is something to strive for
  - giving content to citizenship is a state activity
    - citizens make claims
- BUT
- states make citizens

# What is the content of citizenship ?

Three dimensions

- rights and responsibilities
  - participation
  - contribution
  - security
- access
- belonging

Citizenship is about both the economic and the social, as framed by political choices about:

- boundaries between public and private
- between market and state provision

# How to foster full citizenship?

- Content -
  - make formal rights real - EX: affirmative action; equity in employment, respect for the Canadian diversity model
  - allow people to exercise their responsibilities - facilitate employment;
  - ensure access - institutions which are open
  - belonging - sense of common destiny, but also REALITY of respect - via access, real rights, and responsibilities
- Process -
  - strong democratic institutions
  - real dialogue - in formal institutions, in civil society, in policy consultation