This paper examines the growing trend towards crimmigration in Canada – the intertwining of immigration law with criminal law. Drawing on recent policy reforms, such as Bill C-43, as examples of this trend, Chan argues that the contemporary treatment of ‘undesirable’ non-citizens is rooted in a politics of exclusion and inequality of treatment spurred on by growing suspicions and resentment towards immigrants and refugees.

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