

WILL COLONIALISM EVER END?

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Abstract

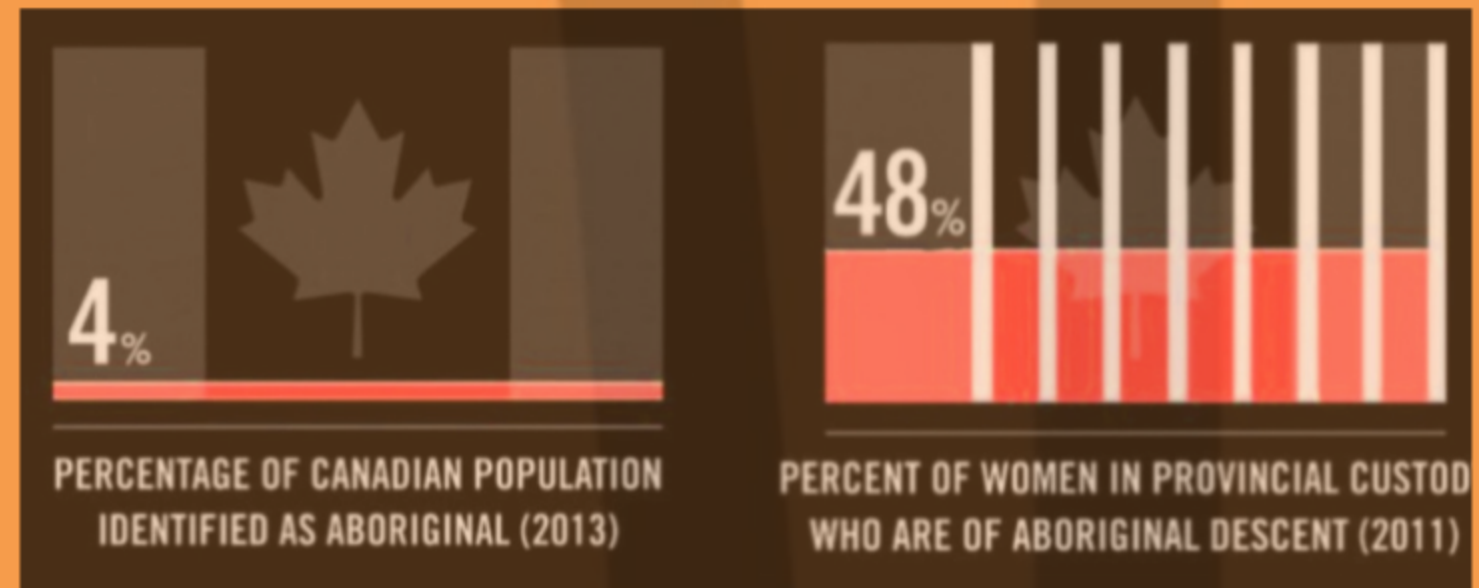
- Crime prevention strategies in Canada, and the effectiveness within Indigenous communities.
- Analyzing the connection between the overrepresentation of Indigenous offenders to the repercussions colonialism plays within contemporary Canada. Intergenerational trauma, and systematic racism are a part of the fundamental foundation of Canada and have subsequently led Indigenous peoples to experience PTSD, alcoholism, poverty etc. Imputing Indigenous peoples into situations of criminal activity, with an absence of culturally appropriate preventative measures, to uplift Indigenous peoples out of a situation that the Canadian government has put them into.

1 in 25 Children died in residential schools

Findings

- 1.1% (\$70 million) of the federal criminal justice expenditures goes towards preventative programs, whereas police intervention receive the majority of the fiscal support (\$3 billion). [5]
- Systematic racism is embedded within the police system, overtly advantaging one racial group over another, despite whether or not an individual police officer is racially prejudiced.
- Forcing Indigenous peoples to subscribe to a justice system that clashes with traditional customs surrounding justice, while putting Indigenous peoples in a position of higher probability of criminal liability.
 - Criminalising “Potlatch” - Indigenous ceremony
- Canada's National Crime Prevention Strategy (NCPS), allocates money for pilot projects where agencies can receive funding for the facilitation of programs that inhabit Indigenous cultural values, that have been proven to decrease crime rates. Yet pilot projects only receive funding for 1-4 years [8].

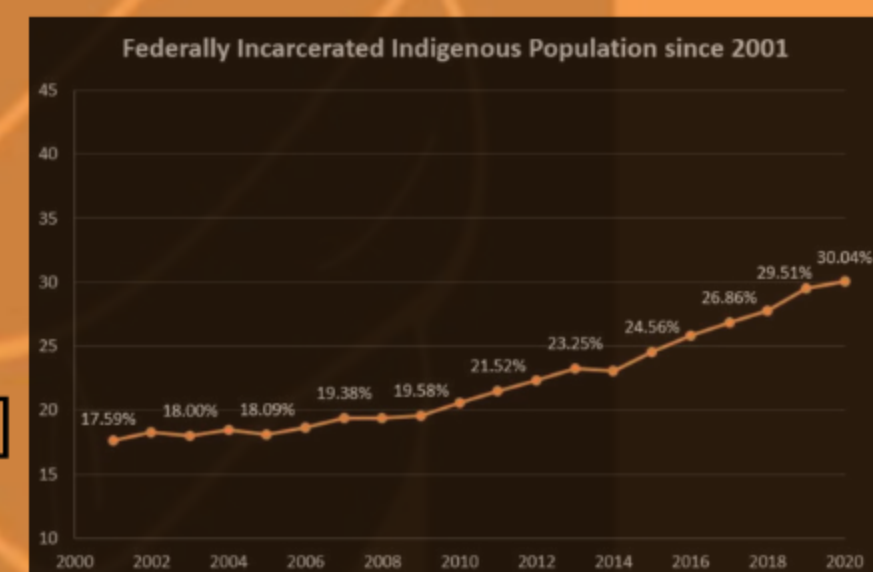
Indigenous Women Population vs Incarceration [1]



Colonialism

- Indigenous peoples is a colonial term used to describe a diverse group of peoples obtaining a vast variety of cultures, traditions and languages, who have lived in now known North America for thousands of years.
- Europeans first settled in North America in the 16th Century holding power and control over Indigenous peoples. Introducing disempowering legislation, such as the Indian Act controlling economical, political and social affairs. Infiltrating assimilative policies, such as criminalising Indigenous traditions, and facilitating residential schools in which have suppressed Indigenous culture and beliefs.[5]

Incarcerated Indigenous Population [9]



Adequate Recommendations & Methodology

- Identify the risk factors that are prevalent in the specific community. (mental health, poverty, intergenerational trauma) [6]
- Input protective factors that counteract risk factors while adopting culturally appropriate programs that inhabit Indigenous cultural values and traditions [7].
- Decolonizing the state, through providing trauma informed support, while identifying and overcoming colonial legacy practices [7].
- Findings had been derived from an academic literature review. Unveiling information from, Indigenous authors, policy reviews and academic other forms of academic literature.

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