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First Nations Youth Caucus

Intervention

Recommendation:

First Nations youth request that the Federal Government of Canada accept responsibility for our history of colonization and that it be taught in replacement of the current secondary and post secondary historical version already in place. The history of colonization will be co-created by knowledged Indigenous peoples.

Intervention:

Injustice to First Nations youth in their continued colonization and all its consequences is further served today by the Federal Government of Canada through the mass education of Canada's population, on a derogatory and un-telling story of Canada's role in First Nations annihilation and assimilation.

Until the Canadian population of young people, including First Nations youth are given the opportunity to learn the truth of Canada's role in First Nations history - reconciliation, health, justice, and all things democratic can never be achieved for future generations.

In order to achieve equality for First Nations youth, the root cause to our desecration in Canada must start just there. That root cause is the acceptance and sharing of the truth of the history of colonization, so that Canada's colonialistic policies are understood and never again duplicated.