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REASONS


TO HATE

CANADA




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Canada isn't just a place, it's a country with a government that has a long history of fighting wars, stealing land, killing people and destroying the environment.



Canada is also an idea. It's a nationalist spirit that lives in people's hearts and minds. It's a set of myths about peacekeeping, or democracy, or hockey and donuts, or a true north strong and free.



Parts of Canada are really beautiful. Another way to say that is that Canada successfully stole a bunch of really beautiful land, and now we live on it. That doesn't make Canada a good thing.



Some Canadians are really nice people. That makes sense because not all settlers are even aware of the genocidal project that they are a part of. They're not all malicious, evil people, but they are all a part of a really ugly thing. That thing is Canada, and you should hate it.

Canada is stolen land.

Much of it, including almost all of the province of British Columbia, was never ceded in any treaty.

Existing treaties were often won through coercion, violence, threats and deception by colonists.

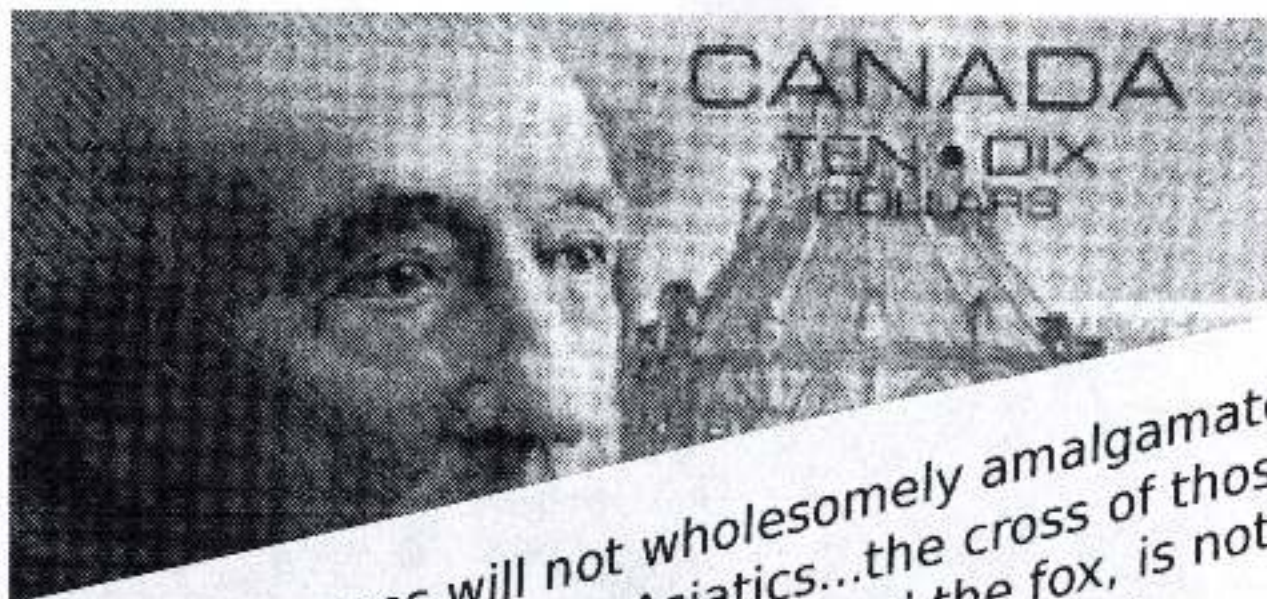
Those treaties are constantly being violated by settlers and the Canadian state.

Aboriginal people now make up just 4% of the population of Canada, but they represent almost 1/4 the prison population.

They are also disproportionately targeted by other agents of the state like the police and child services.

Only 0.2% of the land mass of Canada is recognized as native land through the reserve system.

**THE FIRST PRIME MINISTER WAS PROBABLY A
RACIST ASSHOLE WHO WANTED AN ARYAN CANADA.**



"the Aryan races will not wholesomely amalgamate with the Africans or the Asiatics...the cross of those races, like the cross of the dog and the fox, is not successful; it cannot be, and never will be."

"the Chinese migrant "is a stranger, a sojourner in a strange land ... he has no common interest with us ... he has no British instincts or British feelings or aspirations, and therefore ought not to have a vote."

--John A. MacDonald, trying to convince his opponents in parliament to further restrict Chinese immigration after the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

SLAVERY

TO BE SOLD
A NEGRO, aged
about 40 years, used
as a domestic servant.
Subscribed.
Tas. 1834.

When you think of Canada and slavery you might think of the Underground Railroad, and of escaped African slaves coming North to Canada for a safe haven. White Canadian nationalists love to talk about that because the idea that Canada is less racist than the United States is one of their favourite myths.

White settlers in what became Canada had slaves. No slave ships landed here, but African slaves were bought, stolen or captured in other colonies and brought North where they could be traded, bought and sold. There were also many Indigenous slaves captured by French or British colonists or acquired through trade with Indigenous nations that practiced slavery.

Slavery existed here before white contact and settlement but increased a lot under British and especially French influence. There were more than 4000 slaves in British North America before slavery was officially abolished in 1834, about 2/3 Aborigine and 1/3 Black.

Many of the women who campaigned for women to become legal persons and for their right to vote also campaigned in favour of eugenics.



Emily Murphy spent more years of her life fighting (successfully) for an act that would cause more than 3000 poor, mentally ill, Indigenous or racialized women to be sterilized without consent in Alberta than she did fighting the famous "persons case."

She has a statue on parliament hill, a commemorative stamp in her honour, and a glowing biography in elementary school textbooks across the country.

Psst... you know who else loved eugenics? Tommy Douglas. Healthcare for all meant forced abortions for some. Sorry NDPers.



CANADA IS REALLY BAD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.


Before European settlement, Southern Ontario was 80% covered with forests. Now it's less than 20%.

The Alberta oil sands, backed by the Canadian government, take up more land than any other mine in the world and will soon become North America's largest source of greenhouse gases.


75% of mining companies worldwide are headquartered in Canada. Canadian mining companies are responsible for environmental destruction, conflict and suffering around the world.

CANADIAN IMPERIALISM HAPPENS ABROAD, TOO.


In 1993, 2 Canadian "peacekeepers" beat a Somali teenager to death while at least 20 others watched or listened.




Canadian soldiers had been ordered to shoot suspected thieves near their camps.



They also fired shots into a crowd approaching a Red Cross aid centre.



When Somalis gathered to protest these actions, Canadian soldiers fired on the crowd, killing some and injuring many others.



This is just one Canadian military operation. Canadian troops have been active in imperialist wars around the world since the creation of the Canadian Forces.

Canadian history is a history of racist exclusion, not openness.

In 1908, the Canadian government passed an *Asian Exclusion Act* that said that immigrants must come directly from their country of origin, with no stopover. The law made it impossible for Asians, especially Indians to come, as it was not possible to sail directly to Canada with no stopover.

Un 1914, a ship called the Komagatu Maru arrived in Vancouver, having sailed from China with 376 Indians aboard. The leaders of the mission threatened insurrection in India if the passengers were not admitted to Canada as British subjects.

White British Columbians protested against the admission of the migrants, and they were officially refused food and water for the two months that they sat in the port of Vancouver. Eventually the ship sailed back to India, where it was met by a British gunboat. Gunfire broke out and 19 passengers were killed.

CANADA DEFENDS SETTLERS' PROFITS AGAINST INDIGENOUS PEOPLE FIGHTING TO HOLD ONTO THEIR LAND.

Aboriginal and Métis people fought many uprisings and rebellions against Canadian expansion West in the 19th century. Canada built a railroad, created a new military/police force (the RCMP), executed leaders and killed thousands of people to make sure they were unsuccessful.



In 1990, Mohawks near Oka, Quebec stood up against plans to build a golf course and subdivision on top of their traditional burial grounds. Canada sent in police and military troops to try to stop them.

REBELLION.

Charles Napier, last student in the official Melancthon & Elliott, and recently from England; Corporal Gilmour, North-West Mounted Police, came here in 1870 with the Quebec Rifles under Wessley, and had been in the force ever since. A. W. R. Mackay was an old resident of the Red House Colony. He came with his

In 2013, Mi'kmaq in Elsipogtog, NB fought back against an oil fracking project that could threaten their land and water supply. Canada sided with the oil company, sending in the RCMP to try to break up their protest.

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and a third a lumber merchant from Ottawa, and the person supposed to be the victim. Of the Mounted Police killed Constable J. Gilmour was

a friend of mine told me about the ban on

kites:

If you are a threat, you might go to jail.

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In the 1930s, unemployment was high and the federal government got worried that people might turn to socialism. **They raided Communist offices and sentenced Communist leaders to hard labour.**

Says they're not
welcome in this city

During WWII, Canada relocated and interned many thousands of Japanese-Canadians in rural camps, along with many Italians, Germans, communists, fascists and opponents of military conscription.

In what seemed a carefully choreographed breakout, about 70

In 1970, the government detained almost 500 people without charge as part of an effort to stop the Front de Libération du Québec.

The rampage was so sudden, and

In 2010, Toronto Police arrested more than 1000 people during protests against a G20 summit.


or snapped photos of the melee.

Canadian governments talk a lot about multiculturalism, but the immigration system is still incredibly racist.

Canada deports about 10 000 people every year. 70% of them are failed refugee claimants.


Hundreds of migrants are in jail in Canada at any given time, awaiting or fighting deportation. They can be jailed for days, months or years with no charge or trial.

Canada deported almost 200 people to Iraq and Afghanistan between 2004 and 2014, as well as 138 to Syria and 26 to Gaza and the West Bank. Canada is complicit in racist wars abroad, and yet it refuses to let in those affected at home.




Canada is an ongoing project, and the Canadian state depends on the faith and support of Canadians to survive.

That's why the government spends so much money on seemingly symbolic things like statues and monuments, ceremonies, fireworks, flags, festivals, advertising, and "educational" programs.

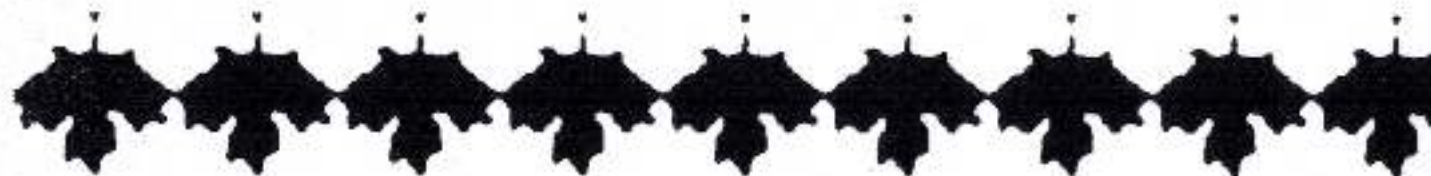


Right now, the Canadian state is getting ready to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canadian confederation. We know that that's more than 150 years of stolen land, misery and death.



Instead of staring uncomfortably as the parade marches by, let's intervene in their party. Let's find ways to organize with our friends or communities and show them that we know they're liars, that Canada is nothing to celebrate, and that not everyone is buying in to their bullshit.

-settler colonialism-sodomy laws-debt-genocide-The Cold War-racism-big pharma-nuclear power-poverty-The Highway of Heroes-The NDP-Tim Hortons coffee-liberalism-NGO Imperialism-destruction of the Boreal Forest-climate change-cost of housing-Nellie McClung-criminalization of sex work-asbestos-policeshootings-supporting dictatorships-maybe this zine will even be illegal because soon it will be against the law to advocate attacks on Canada-factory farming-the Kingston Immigration Holding Centre (Guantanamo North)-that myth about everyone sewing Canadian Flags to their backpacks because everybody loves Canadians-The Sea To Sky Highway-The Gold Rush-broken treaties-the oil and gas industry-CSIS-Anti-Terror Bills-homelessness-greenwashing--falling crime rates, growing prison population-inequality-the destruction of Africville-representative democracy-Justin Trudeau-drug laws-free trade agreements-did you know the beaver almost went extinct because of you-how is that a symbol of national pride-tuition-the deportation of the Acadians-betrayal-spying-crackdown on the Tobacco Trade- Hockey Night In Canada-yellow ribbons-making kids sing the national anthem every morning-the Department of Fisheries and Oceans-lies-mandatory minimum sentences-people dying in prison-military recruitment-the Head Tax on the Chinese was passed right after Canada was done using them to build the C.P.R.-"Safe



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