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Prejudice and Discrimination in Canada during the 20th Century





Prejudice and Discrimination towards Jewish People

- This happened in 1914

- Jews were seen as exploiters, and as threats to Christian morality and civilization, and as symbols of the evils of internationalism, Liberalism, bolshevism, materialism and urban life



The Ku Klux Klan in Canada

- During the 1920s the KKK started organizing in Montreal, Ontario, BC, and Manitoba and Saskatchewan
- Intimidated politicians who seemed sympathetic to French or Catholic interests
- Were opposed to the federal immigration policy, and Catholic schools
- They attacked blacks, Jews, Immigrants, gays, and Catholics
- Believed in white supremacy



Hostility Towards Japanese Canadians

• 1937 – 1947 (mainly during WW2)

• The assault by Japan on pearl harbor started violent hostility towards Japanese Canadians

• In 1942 the government ordered all Japanese Canadians to evacuate the Pacific coast

• About 22,000 were relocated to the interior of BC and to other provinces, where they continued to encounter racial prejudice

 1945 the government was encouraging them to seek deportation to Japan, and after the war these plans still continued until 1947



Is Prejudice & Discrimination still a problem?

- I do still think that prejudice and discrimination are still a big issue even though it has gotten better because it still happens all the time and chances are that it is not ever going to stop
- This issue is still seen everywhere from politicians to some of the wars going in the world