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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

