



# Truth and Reconciliation

## What's Happening?

For too many non-Indigenous Canadians, the confirmation of unmarked graves at residential schools came as a surprise. Their existence should not have surprised anyone. Identifying, marking, and preserving residential school grave sites was a major focus of the 2015 TRC [report](#). Nearly six years after that report, too many of the Calls to Action remain unfulfilled. 60% of Indigenous Peoples and 42% of non-Indigenous Canadians think governments have not gone far enough to advance reconciliation.

## Why is This Happening?

Canadian policy existence towards Indigenous Peoples were an attempt at cultural genocide. Their intent was to take away culture, language, and belief systems to be replaced by Western European ones. The Residential School System was one such tool. Funded by governments and run by governments and/or churches, their goal was to “kill the Indian in the child”. Too many children were beaten, verbally and sexually abused. Thousands died from disease, neglect, and suicide.

Based on information in government documents, CBC's Beyond 94 and research done by the Yellowhead Institute of Ryerson University, the National Post's Christopher Nardi compiled a list of all the recommendations that have been completely enacted (13), those for which the government has taken some steps (60) and those where no real steps have been made (21). For more information on what has and what has not been done, please see this [article](#).

## Questions to Ask

- Does your party support the full findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission?
- Which of the Calls to Action will your government make a priority?

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