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Rape Culture in Canada



Q. Why do you think **rape culture** is still prevalent in today's (Canadian) society?



*(Note: 1.) **Rape** culture is a society that marginalizes women; normalizes, trivializes and accepts **rape**, child incest, **sexual assault**, and sexual harassment as normal.*

*Note: 2.) Canada's past patriarch chose not to use the word "**rape**" in its statutes. The Canadian Criminal Code calls "**rape**" a '**sexual assault**'. Open a new window from [here](#) to read global definitions of **rape** and **sexual assault**.*

A. Rape is most often about Men Seeking Power & Control

Rape Culture Breeds Rapists

Within a rape culture, prevalent attitudes, norms, practices, and media condone, normalize, excuse, or encourage sexual violence. Rape culture is worsening around the world as patriarchal authoritarian governments usurp democracy. Canada is impacted by the pervasive attitudes reflected in the media for example Donald Trump declaring that he is able to grab any women's vagina and drag her around.

Rape culture frequently includes objectifying women or portraying social relations as a battle of the genders, both of which are dehumanizing. Dehumanization, in turn, leads to sexual violence against objects instead of a person which leads to an inherent belief there is no bad consequence to the act which is not seen as a crime because of the dehumanization of the object of the act. This is especially true in countries like Canada where the justice system fails to imprison rapists.

Most women and girls live in fear of rape. Men, in general, do not. That's how rape functions as a powerful means by which the whole female population is held in a subordinate position to the whole male population, even though many men don't rape, and many women are not victims of rape.



The cycle of fear is the legacy of **Rape Culture** and is why **The RINJ Foundation** is so adamant that rapists rape, not rape culture, thus a good way to end rape culture is to punish rapists by removing them from society.

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Rape is caused by the decisions of a small percentage of the community to commit a violent sex crime. Usually the motivator is not sex but the pursuit of power and control

Canadian's don't talk about rape. Many like to joke about rape and pay large ticket prices to go see and hear rape jokers and rape proponents like Roosh V, Bill Cosby, and Daniel Tosh.

The Criminal Code won't even say the word "rape". Canadians hate to talk about rape. In Canada less than 3% of all rapes are reported to police. Many males are raped in Canada. Almost nobody talks about that. But roughly half of all indigenous girls have been raped. They don't talk.

A year ago a research team based at the Université du Québec à Montréal surveyed 9,284 people who work or study at six of the province's French-speaking universities. They found that more than 3,400 respondents — or 36.9 per cent — reported being a victim of some form

of sexual violence by someone linked to their university. Among those who reported being victims, almost 42 per cent said they experienced two or three forms of sexual victimization. [The RINJ Foundation Women](#) have maintained for years that even though a large percentage of women have been raped in their lives, that does not mean that the same percentage of men are rapists. Few men rape often. That is why the code of survivor silence must be broken and more of these rapists be locked away in prison.



[The RINJ Foundation Women](#) tie rape culture to many indicators and cause factors including lifestyle and attitudes related to sexuality and gender equality as well as the general status of women.

Men in Canada generally marginalize and objectify women.

They trivialize rape in a patriarch where men have dominated industry, business and government for decades. This is especially true in Eastern and Western Canadian provinces plus Quebec.

Because of the great distances that separate Canadians, culture change is extremely slow and too often influenced by American media.

Recent changes in Canadian federal government are overwhelmingly in favour of eliminating rape culture and improving gender equality but to undo the harm that has been done since the early 1970s, will take a great many years.

Canadian anti-rape law (Criminal Code) is written by men for men; refuses to accept that there is such a thing as rape and describes various types of sexual assault (see [definition of rape](#)) plus sets out a stringent burden of proof for the woman rape complainant and very little to no penalties for rapists.

The Catholic Priests and other Catholic community leaders rape women and children with apparent impunity. The lessons learned about the



Canadian history of raping male children would spin your head. The medical ramifications seem to be worse for males. The code of silence shrouding the rape of males in Canada is disastrous to the cause of prosecuting rapists. The tolerance for raping children is fed by the fact that the Catholic Church **forgives pedophiles and protects them.**

Police (80% male in Canada) blame the victim for rape (“Don’t dress like a slut if you don’t want to get raped.” - Toronto Police services circa 2011.)

Women’s statements and testimony is degraded and in the case of evidence in court given by men versus women, the woman has less credibility in a rape culture despite the fact that 98% of all rape accusations bear out as truth.

Men in power rape women with impunity; and men who wish they had power rape women and children incessantly. Men conclude, rape is OK. Rape is about power and control. Rape culture is one in which rape crime is to be ignored as a crime and more of a notch in a gun.

Many years of the misogynistic Harper government set Canada’s gender equality status backwards almost to the caveman era.

Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chrétien halted the progress of women’s rights, according to Doctor Barbara Cameron, a professor with the School of Women’s Studies and School of Social Studies, Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies, York University. From the perspective of women’s economic equality, **the Chrétien era amounted to 10 lost years.**

The momentum begun with the Pierre Trudeau-era 1970 Royal Commission on the Status of Women slowed during the second Mulroney mandate and came to an almost complete halt during the Chrétien years.

Harper sent women’s rights into a tail spin and his ministers liked to tell rape jokes.



- [Why Stephen Harper doesn't want to talk about 'women's issues'](#)
- [For women, Harper's government has been a disaster](#)
- [Harper's Attack on Women's Rights and Equality](#)
- [Chipping away at gender equality: Harper's five-year round up](#)
- [Criticisms Of Canada](#)
- [Yes. Canada has a rape culture.](#)
- [RINJ Says Canada's Governments Promote Rape Culture Toronto, 11 April, 2013](#)

Yes, during the nearly ten-year Harper Government ministers told rape jokes, believed that “boys will be boys”, blocked women from achieving high ranking positions all the while denying that sex crime was a problem in Canada. Concomitantly this was the worst period of time for Canadian human rights and violations against the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#).

Men, not political parties have made a difference. Today women make a difference but the change is slow. Even though Professor Barbara Cameron doesn't see it quite so strongly, [The RINJ Foundation Women](#) acknowledge that the Mulroney era saw a reversal of Chretien's misogynistic trend line. Women Ministers of the Crown in the Mulroney era shook the patriarch to the rafters. Years later with the Harper brand of the Conservative Party, all gains since 1970 were reversed and Canada's overall human rights status as well as the status of women took a deep dive.

Summarising why [The RINJ Foundation Women](#) say Canada has a rape culture:

1. [men in power rape women with impunity \(i.e.: Harvey weinstein\)](#)
2. the growing [child sex slavery problem](#) in Canada;
3. raped and [murdered Canadian aboriginal women](#);
4. Canada's [blossoming rape culture](#);

5. failure of Canadian law enforcement to deal with the proliferation **rape drugs**;
6. the lack of severe penalties **for rapists**;
7. failure of Correctional Services Canada to **rehabilitate offenders within its system in order to prevent recidivism**; and
8. the atrocious handling of cases like the **Pitt Meadows rape** and the **rape** and eventual death of **Rehtaeh Parsons**.



Q. What do you think are the steps someone could take to help end the problem?

A. Remove Rapists from Society.

One of the biggest problems we face is silence.

Break **the code of silence** about rape.

The #MeToo is working for many affluent women but for kids it has failed. People must be educated to report rape and suspicion of rape and incest. Then get to court and support the complainant and urge for stiffer penalties for rapists.



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Survivors Must Report The Crime – Courts Must Issue Stiffer Penalties for Rapists

- * Make all rapists and most attempted rapists subject to long indeterminate sentences (min. 5 years for ‘attempt rape’);
- * Use prison terms ranging from 10 years to 25 years life sentences;
- * Use life without parole for forcible rapes of victims under 14;
- * Use a range of 7, 10, or 15-to-25 years for rapes of adult victims, while using a 30 to life term when a sexually violent repeat predator specification is proved;
- * For 15-year + sentences, impose a new type of mandatory release-review by the sentencing court, available after the minimum term is served, parallel to the Parole Board’s reviews. If either rejects release the term is extended by another year. On failing a review at that time, an application can be made each three years;

* Current repeat violent offender penalties can increase the definite term to 20 years;



The message is, don't rape.

Ottawa, Canada - Victor Fuentes, 54, was sentenced Tuesday August 14, 2012 to four years in prison by Ontario Court Justice Ann Calder for the crimes of rape and sodomy. This sentence is offensive to all Canadians and a danger to women and children.

Dothan, Alabama - August 14, 2012 - Circuit Court Judge Kevin Moulton sentenced 25-year-old Mark Anthony Beecham, to 624 years in prison for first-degree kidnapping, two counts of first-degree rape and three counts of first-degree sodomy

Judge Ann Calder!
Only 4 Years
in
Prison
For Rape?

624 Years
in
Prison
For Rape

Rapist & Sodomist
Rapist & Sodomist

Ontario Court Justice Ann Alder, Go Back And Do Your Job Right **Thanks Judge Kevin Moulton**

Q. How is RINJ helping end rape culture and violence against women?

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RINJ is a private, international association of humanitarians including nurses, midwives, medics, EMS workers, doctors, lawyers and investigators.



- To exist for the benefit of the general public with education, government lobbying, prosecution of rapists and help for survivors.
- To help prevent **rape and sexual assault crime**.
- To assist those who have become survivors of **these crimes**.

1. **The RINJ Foundation has adopted a mission** while supporting and caring for survivors, to also gather and compile detailed information on parties to armed conflict that are credibly suspected of committing or being responsible for acts of rape or other forms of sexual violence.
2. **The RINJ Foundation vows to be especially vigilant** in its Sexual Assault Clinics (RSAC) and aggressively gather evidence where a pattern of sexually violent conduct appears to prove the crime of genocide.
3. **The RSACs offer free medical care** to women and children and their families. Community related services such as victim advocacy, crisis hotlines, community outreach, & education programs are provided based on each RSAC's resources at the discretion of the local RSAC nurse-led team.
4. **In the conduct of its mandate** The RINJ Foundation has learned the best way to achieve its objectives is to offer full medical care to the community served by RSAC mobile units and to establish long-term relationships with female and child clients for the purpose of establishing and understanding in absolute privacy the complete range of needs of the patient. Any patient seen at our doorstep can be assumed to be a health care patient.
5. **Patients who report sexual assault crimes** are canvassed for as much information as possible about perpetrators so that any assistance they may provide is made available to investigators. All communication is absolutely private. The patient has the option of reporting the crime and seeking a prosecution in which they will participate. If that is the patient's decision the nurse follows the prescribed intake and forensic evidence collection procedure as set out in pre-intake, primary exam and forensic kit protocols. https://rinj.org/documents/medical_forms/

6. RINJ is pioneering “Team-Based Health Care”. Mobile RSAC Team Leads are most likely to be an RN (Registered Nurse) but regionally they report to and are delegated by a Nurse Practitioner (NP). NPs are an integral part of The RINJ Foundations primary care teams strategy and lead the move to team-based medical practice in community settings.
7. NPs are especially effective in refugee and combat regions as well as rural settings where there are shortages of doctors, and with patients who suffer a multitude of chronic illnesses and are ill-suited for a traditional seven-minute doctor’s appointment.



RINJ Opposes Gender-Based Violence

The RINJ Foundation seeks a safer world for you and your family by preventing gender-based violence and supporting survivors of this crime. The foundation educates public officials, the general public, social media providers and traditional media outlets about the dangers to society of misogyny; monitors and reports on actors who commit or order the commission of acts of sexual violence as a tactic of genocide or war to humiliate, dominate, instill fear in, disperse and/or forcibly relocate civilian members of a community or ethnic group. The RINJ Foundation monitors and reports on global court proceedings related to rape / sexual assault; educates for a more learned and open discussion of the issues of sexual assault; provides education, general information and study resources to enhance the safety of the person; and overall seeks a higher adherence to safe community standards. The RINJ Foundation seeks better criminal justice while advancing a rape-averse social conscience.

Helping Rape Survivors & Encouraging the Prosecution of Rapists:

1. The RINJ Foundation collects [donations and offers funding assistance](#) for counseling; medical aid; reconstructive surgery; and special

care and attention otherwise unavailable owing to funding or specialist resource issues.



2. The RINJ Foundation raises funds for the **purchase of 'rape kits'** and/or the funding of rape kit testing. First responders and hospitals must have rape kits and completed rape kits must be immediately tested with results sent posthaste to police and prosecutors.

3. RINJ shares learning for the betterment of court processes;

- a. provides data to the public about 'wanted' sex offenders/suspects or recently released-from-prison rapists who may be of interest to the community;
- b. encourages a more diligent execution of duty by law enforcement investigating sexual assault / rape complaints; and
- c. plays a role in overseeing how sexual assault / rape survivors in war-torn countries find remedy.

The RINJ Foundation sends **volunteer workers** to assist United Nations **War Crime investigators** catalog crimes of rape in war zones.

The RINJ Foundation Objectives

1. To educate and increase the public's awareness of the basic principle of The RINJ Foundation, that "Rape Is No Joke".
2. Educate the public and professionals about prevention of, and responses to, rape and all sexual abuse against all people by offering courses, seminars, conferences and meetings and by collecting and disseminating information on that topic.
3. Assist those affected by rape and sexual abuse through counseling and treatment programs.



4. Train police officers, military personnel teachers, social workers, and crisis response workers on how to recognize and respond to sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, online sexual exploitation, and to assist those affected.

5. Assist institutions where possible in using the most modern methodology for gathering and evaluation evidence for the prosecution of rape crime.

6. Assist and encourage a new United Nations' effort to end the use of rape as a weapon of war.

7. As a global association to assist the United Nations efforts of monitoring and investigation of reports of the rape of persons in regions of conflict or war and to assist agencies bring support to victims and (through accurate and impartial evidence gathering by volunteers and paid workers) bring justice to perpetrators.

Other fundamental women's issues suggested for your reading.

1. [Abortion](#)
2. [Female Genital Mutilation](#)
3. [Gropers](#)
4. [#MeToo](#)
5. [Mysogyny defined](#)
6. [Pornography](#)
7. [Prostitution](#)
8. [Rape and Sexual Assault defined](#)
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