

Our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women + Girls

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Quote

"We Remember the missing, the murdered, and the disappeared."

"-We fight for a living- "

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Why is This an Issue

In 2019, a national MMIWG inquiry found that Canada's "assimilationist and genocidal government laws" against indigenous people lead to high rates of violence against indigenous women, girls, and LGBTQ2S+.



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The Issue

Defining the Problem:

- Indigenous women and girls face murder and violence 10 x higher than the national average. Murder is the 3rd leading cause of death for native women.
- We believe that the problem stems from:
 - Systematic racism
 - Stereotypes
 - Lack of Support
 - Unsafe Environment
 - Predisposed Generational Trauma



Overall Indigenous Population

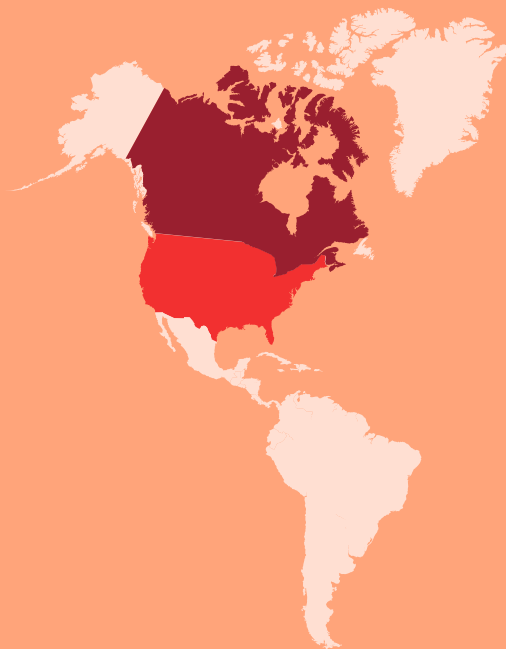
United States

326 Reservations 5,712 MMIWG

Canada

3,100 Reservations 1,200 MMIWG

1,673,785 People



Unknown

As of 2016, unknown
cases of MMIWG+ have
been reported in Canada

WHY?

This is an Unknown
Statistic, because...



WHY?

Government based research is inaccurate. Community-based research found levels of violence against Indigenous women is significantly higher than government reported surveys.

Government statistics are based on police-collected data, the reality is 6 out of 10 incidents are NOT reported to police. This would make the data skyrocket if it was accurately recorded.

On top of this there is no police standard on how to track violence experienced by indigenous . The rcmp **does not** collect this data **at all** even considering they cover 75% of canada's geography and they cover 630 Indigenous communities.

Quote

"We're only "sacred" when we're dead.
Before that we're on our own."
-Nahanni Fontaine

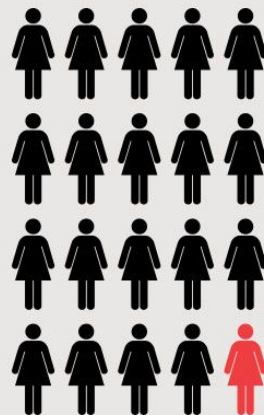
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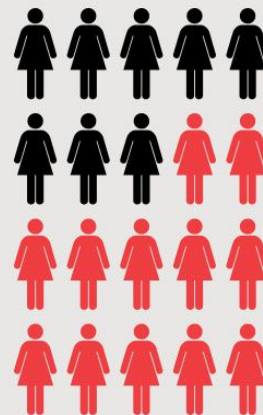
Statistics

- Indigenous Women (girls +) murdered 10x higher than all other ethnicities.
- Murder is the 3rd leading cause of death for Indigenous Women (Centers for Disease Control).
- More than 4 out of 5 Indigenous Women have experienced violence (84.3%) (National Institute of Justice Report).
- More than half Indigenous Women experience sexual violence (56.1%).
- More than half Indigenous Women have been physically abused by their intimate partners (55.5 percent).
- less than half of Indigenous Women have been stalked in their lifetime (48.8 percent).
- Indigenous Women are 1.7 times more likely than Anglo-American women to experience violence.
- Indigenous Women are 2xs more likely to be raped than Anglo-American white women.
- Murder rate of Indigenous Women is 3xs higher than Anglo-American women.

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Other women in Canada



Indigenous women

Indigenous women

are 12 times more likely to be

murdered or go missing

than any other women in Canada.

Source: Statistics Canada, 2017

Questions

01

How can we make an impact the community about the MMIW+G Movement?

02

How can we make supporting the cause more knowledgeable and easier to access?

03

How can we create a safer environment for Indigenous women + girls to break stereotypes?

Solutions

01

Education

We can educate the youth on the serious issues that indigenous women and men face.

02

Community Support

- Spreading awareness
- Making a safer environment for women.

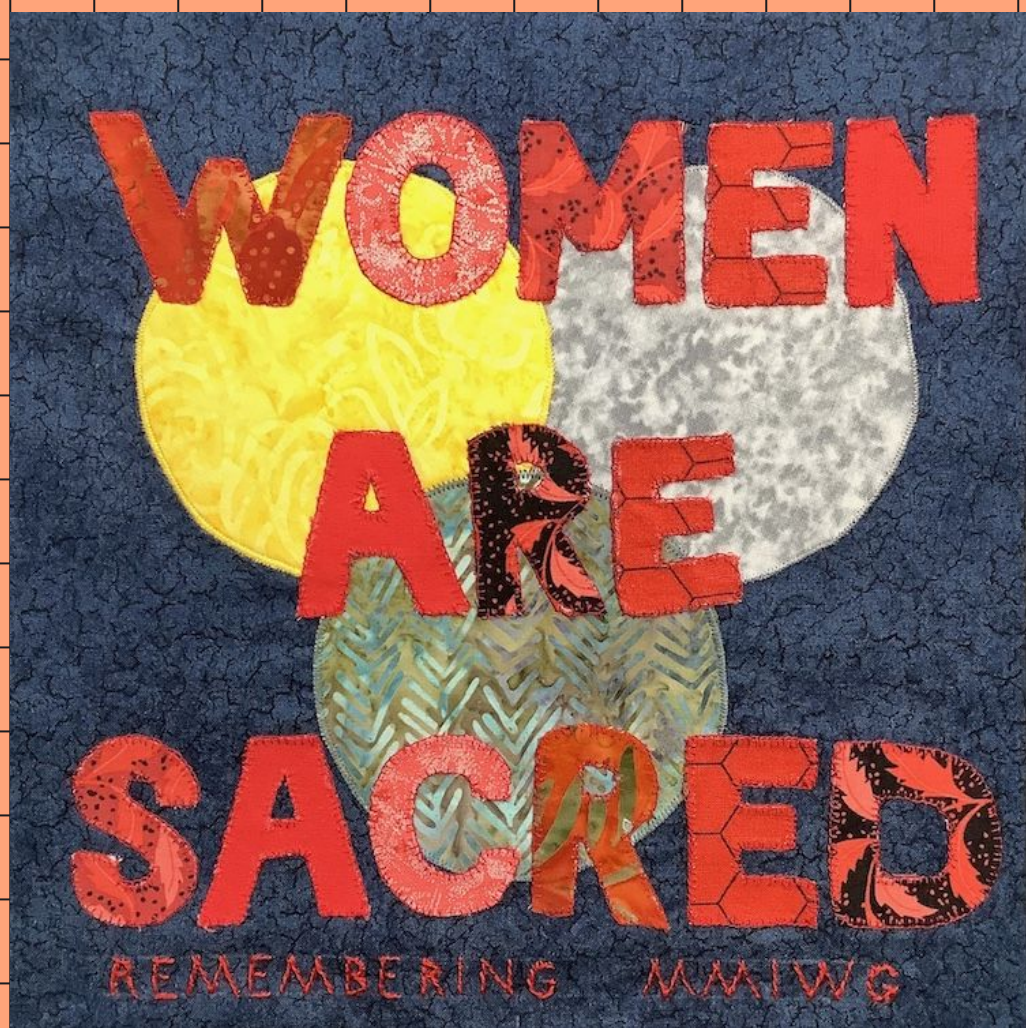
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VOICE

- Knowing your voice is powerful. Starting the conversation will shine light on the issue.



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We from the early years
of our education have
been taught all the bad
things about indigenous
culture and what
happens inside of it. We
want to one day fix all
that by teaching the
youth the problems
they, us, we all face each
day.

Why We Chose This

A fence weaving even though a
small gesture towards this issue
and to some it may not be
justice at all for our high school
to represent this issue and
spread its cause is detrimental
to our community.

Photo References





FENCE WORK



Thank you to everyone who participated and helped out with the art work of the fence.

ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES

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