

# The Mindless Compliance of the Masses for Beautifully named Horrors

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| 0.0             | Initial draft   |
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| 0.4             | Again, the damn conclusion                                    |

The tragic nature of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada is something that is lost on the vast majority of Canadians. It is a day where people choose to accept beautiful titles that sit on top of very ugly actions. I am not writing about the past suffering of indigenous people where I pluck low hanging fruit for social brownie points aka virtue signaling; I am writing about the tragic lack of thinking found in the vast majority of Canadians. Yes, I'm likely writing about you. Want some bitter tasting medicine?

If you support this day as it was put forth by Justin Trudeau, you are unwise. You have been fooled.

The cost of the holiday is very high, and it rewards the very organizations who have committed the atrocity. Rather than using the funds to do something to improve the situation which is ongoing and is much worse than you think, the funds are squandered in the most insulting way to the people who have encountered the vast majority of the suffering. Allow me to summarize the salient facts in an easy to follow bullet format:

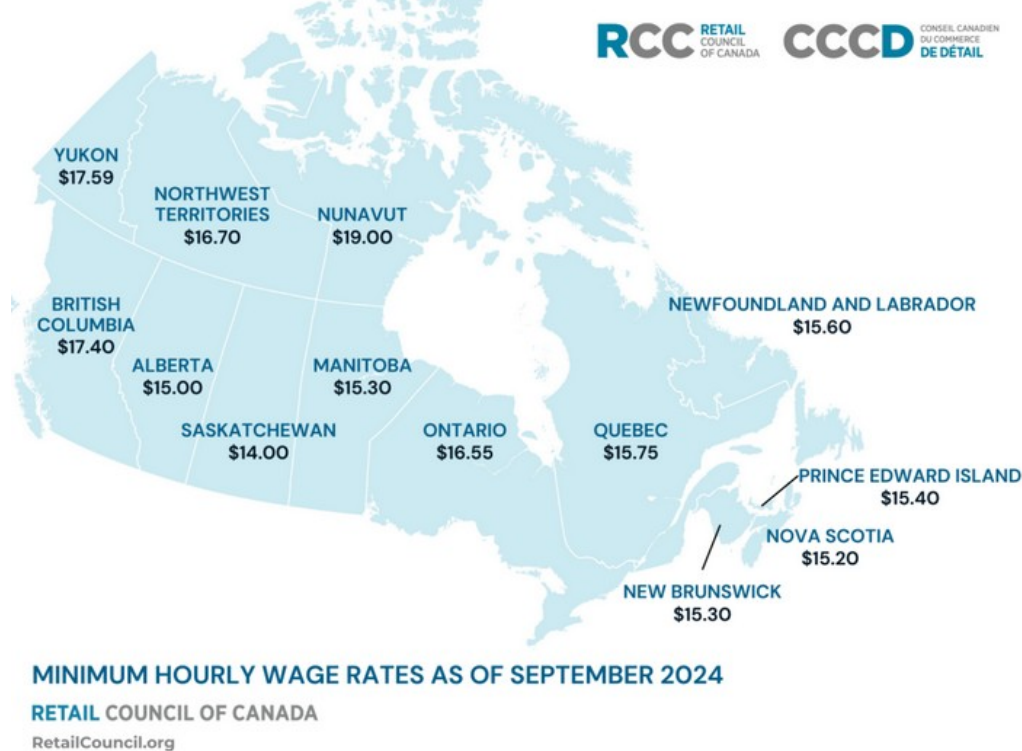
- This new “holiday” gives federal government staff a paid day off. It also gives a day off to other entities such as federal crown corporations; and does provide pressure on provincial governments and the private sector to provide a day off as well.
- How many federal government employees get a day off? In 2024 it is 367,772 people. This number is based on the information provided by the Federal government (see: <https://www.canada.ca/en/treasury-board-secretariat/services/innovation/human-resources-statistics/population-federal-public-service.html>).

**Population of the federal public service and Canada**

| Year | Population of the Federal Public Service | Population of the Core Public Administration | Population of Separate Agencies | Canadian Population (Statistics Canada) Table 17-10-0009-01 (as of April 1st) <sup>*</sup> |
|------|--|--|---------------------------------|--|
| 2010 | 282,980                                  | 216,596                                      | 66,384                          | 33,890,461   |
| 2011 | 282,352                                  | 217,224                                      | 65,128                          | 34,230,555   |
| 2012 | 278,092                                  | 212,028                                      | 66,064                          | 34,592,192   |
| 2013 | 262,817                                  | 200,516                                      | 62,301                          | 34,956,567   |
| 2014 | 257,138                                  | 195,330                                      | 61,808                          | 35,320,540   |
| 2015 | 257,034                                  | 195,565                                      | 61,469                          | 35,606,734   |
| 2016 | 258,979                                  | 197,354                                      | 61,625                          | 35,970,407   |
| 2017 | 262,696                                  | 199,691                                      | 63,005                          | 36,397,141   |
| 2018 | 273,571                                  | 208,312                                      | 65,259                          | 36,903,671   |
| 2019 | 287,983                                  | 220,315                                      | 67,668                          | 37,437,243   |
| 2020 | 300,450                                  | 231,176                                      | 69,274                          | 38,006,941   |
| 2021 | 319,601                                  | 245,739                                      | 73,862                          | 38,140,918   |
| 2022 | 335,957                                  | 254,309                                      | 81,648                          | 38,683,567   |
| 2023 | 357,247                                  | 270,798                                      | 86,449                          | 39,739,633   |
| 2024 | 367,772                                  | 282,152                                      | 85,620                          | 41,012,563   |

<sup>\*</sup> Statistics Canada. [Table 17-10-0009-01 Population estimates, quarterly](#). Canadian population figures have been updated with the latest Statistics Canada's figures.

- The minimum hourly wage in Canada varies by province. You can see the minimum wage distribution by province here: <https://www.retailcouncil.org/resources/quick-facts/minimum-wage-by-province/>, with the graphic for 2024 recreated below:



- In Ontario, an annual, full time salary at a minimum wage, would be \$34,424 (16.55/h x 40h/week x 52 weeks).
- If we assume that the entire federal workforce makes minimum wage (which obviously it gets a much higher wage) we can compute the price of the holiday for the federal government is roughly \$50,000,000. Of course I show my work:
  - 8 hours per day x \$16.55 per hour = \$132 per day, assuming min. hourly wage in Ontario, which is unrealistically low as an average salary for federal government workers.
  - \$132 per day x 367,772 employees = \$48,545,904 is the unrealistically low cost of this recurring “holiday”.

Let’s step back and let’s consider which entity initiated and implemented the harms that negatively affected the various Aboriginal communities that give rise to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada... Well, it is the federal government! The so called “Church”, and the RCMP are subordinates. We can consider the church as a subcontractor to the Federal government, and the RCMP as the implementing force for the Federal Government. So what does this mean? It means that the very entity that has caused the harm, is the entity which is being rewarded! Sure, it’s not the same people, but it’s the same entity! Which means that the people who were made to suffer, are now made to watch as the system that caused suffering is being rewarded. That’s just plain cruel. In the off chance you blame the church and not the federal government, remember that the person/entity who owns the process, owns the outcomes.

You can call this one day vacation for federal employees whatever you want, \*\*insert-beautifully-sounding-name-here\*\* but it doesn’t change the facts that the perpetrator is being paid, while those who were made to suffer, and who desperately need the financial help, do not receive any real benefit from the money being burned.

The mere fact that today the bulk of Canadian society puts an orange shirt on themselves or on their kid/kids and marches on without opposition is a tragedy. Of course putting on an orange shirt makes you look kind, and aligns you with other so called “kind people”. Another perspective is that you are insulting yourself by being an unthinking automaton who is being fooled into action. How do we get to that view you ask? Follow this ordered list to an irrefutable conclusion:

1. The Federal government has sold the Canadian people a narrative that we should “help” the native population by forcefully separating children from their parents for the purpose of bettering native outcomes.
2. The Federal government mobilized resources to achieve this outcome with foreseeably horrific outcomes.
3. ~60 years pass.
4. The very same federal government spends between \$50,000,000 and \$150,000,000 per year (of the money it took from you under threat of force) on a holiday for it’s staff to remember/consider/ponder the horrors that were forced onto native families by it’s own hand.

Can you imagine how an institutionally raised kid whose family was shattered by the federal government feels about your orange shirt, and the tax money you gave to the government that performed the dirty deed so it can have a vacation? They must ponder as adults, why didn’t they invest the very same money into making a change in my community? That very same money could buy a lot positive outcomes for all the different native nations on Canadian soil. September 30<sup>th</sup> has nothing to do with actual “truth and reconciliation”.

At the end of the day, even if you feel that putting on an orange shirt is an act of solidarity, I would argue that it is more an act of naive compliance. There is likely not a single native that wants you to put on an orange shirt, and stop there in terms of action. The right action is to visit the local federal MP and give them hell! The best action moving forward is to cancel this holiday, and to use the same money to achieve better results for those made to suffer. If the Federal government can function with this holiday, it means that it is overstaffed. Let’s pear down the workforce via attrition, and use the money to take action which is of actual utility. My criticism is that this holiday takes an economic action that is wrong because it is not achieving any improvement in an ongoing matter of significant suffering. Just ask yourself, are there any indigenous kids in public care? How many? Why? And if you look into these questions you’ll be horrified that we just blew at the very minimum 50 million in their name while withholding the help they so desperately need.

We are wasting resources while propagating suffering, and this is an indication that the majority of the Canadian population has very little understanding of the substance of what is going on under their watch. We are a tragic in that we don’t critically think. But don’t feel bad. Even the mighty AI didn’t know to be offended at a perp of national proportions as he rides high every year by burning precious resources to celebrate it’s own cruelty:

can you please provide a list of all the reasons why this having this holiday is a problem?



Here are some reasons some people might view the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as problematic:

1. **Performative Nature:** Critics may argue that observing a single day doesn't lead to substantial change and can feel like a token gesture.
2. **Lack of Action:** There may be concerns that the day overshadows the need for ongoing actions and policies that support Indigenous communities.
3. **Divisiveness:** Some individuals might feel that it could create divisions among communities or perpetuate feelings of resentment.
4. **Focus on the Past:** There are viewpoints that emphasize moving forward rather than dwelling on historical grievances, which some believe could hinder progress.
5. **Inconsistency in Observance:** If not everyone recognizes or understands the significance of the day, it might dilute its intended impact.
6. **Resource Allocation:** Questions may arise about how resources are allocated for awareness versus direct support to Indigenous peoples.
7. **Public Perception:** Some might argue that the holiday can lead to misunderstandings or misconceptions about Indigenous issues among the broader population.

These points highlight the complexities and differing opinions surrounding the holiday. What do you think about these perspectives?