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THE GROTESQUE LANGUAGE OF THE CANADIAN CONSERVATIVE PARTY

*Toward All Minorities:
An OSINT Investigation*

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report documents a **systematic pattern of grotesque language** directed at minorities by the Canadian Conservative Party at both federal and provincial levels. The evidence spans multiple minority groups—Indigenous peoples, Muslims and Palestinians, immigrants and refugees, LGBTQ+ communities, and racialized Canadians—and reveals a political apparatus that either produces, platforms, or protects bigoted rhetoric.

The language ranges from **overt racial slurs** to **sophisticated dog-whistles**, from candidate-level outbursts to **leader-sanctioned national messaging**. What unifies these incidents is not merely individual prejudice but a **party culture that treats minorities as political liabilities, security threats, or cultural enemies**.

Key findings include documented use of the word "savages" to describe Indigenous peoples, genocide denial of residential schools, characterization of Palestinians as "inbred walking time bombs," labeling of pro-Palestine protesters as "terrorists" and "lawless mobs," promises to deport demonstrators, anti-transgender legislation framed as "parental rights," and the weaponization of "Anglo-Saxon" identity appeals. The party's response has been consistent: condemn, excuse, and protect.

1. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

"SAVAGES," GENOCIDE DENIAL, AND RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL MINIMIZATION

1.1 Marina Sapozhnikov (B.C. Conservative Party, 2024)

In October 2024, B.C. Conservative candidate Marina Sapozhnikov was recorded during an election-night interview with a Vancouver Island University student making the following statements about Indigenous peoples:

"They didn't have any sophisticated laws. They were savages. They fought with each other all the time."

"Not 100 per cent savages, maybe 90 per cent savages."

"90 per cent of Indigenous people use drugs."

— Marina Sapozhnikov, B.C. Conservative candidate, October 2024

She also condemned Indigenous history courses at B.C. universities as "a lie" and claimed that UNDRIP recognition had turned non-Indigenous British Columbians into "second-rate citizens."

Response: Grand Chief Stewart Phillip of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs called the remarks "disgusting" and "sickening," noting: "I thought that we were far beyond publicly using the word savages." The First Nations Leadership Council demanded her immediate removal, stating the comments were "atrocious and represent gross stereotypes that dehumanize First Nation people."

B.C. Conservative Leader John Rustad initially condemned the remarks as "profoundly harmful" but **refused to remove her from the party**. She was only dropped after losing the election recount.

1.2 Aaron Gunn (Federal Conservative Party, 2025)

In April 2025, social media posts by federal Conservative candidate Aaron Gunn (North Island-Powell River) surfaced, in which he:

- Denied that Indigenous people faced genocide in Canada: *"There was no genocide. Stop lying to people and read a book. The Holocaust was a genocide."*
- Claimed *"residential schools were asked for by Indigenous bands in Eastern Ontario when John A. Macdonald was still a teenager"*
- Asserted the "gender pay gap doesn't exist" and systemic racism is a "myth"

Response: Bob Chamberlin, former UBCIC vice-president, stated: "I find it extremely troubling that a candidate for any party could make such blatantly racist comments." The Assembly of First Nations identified his riding as one of 36 where First Nations voters could decide the election outcome.

The Conservative Party **refused to drop Gunn**, issuing a statement claiming he "has been clear in recognizing the truly horrific events that transpired in residential schools"—a claim directly contradicted by his own posts.

1.3 Brent Chapman (B.C. Conservative Party, 2024)

B.C. Conservative MLA Brent Chapman referred to the mainstream narrative around residential school gravesites as a **"massive fraud"** and **"cult-like,"** comparing it to Jonestown and Charles Manson. The Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs condemned these comments as racist and called for his removal as a candidate. Chapman was elected anyway.

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2. MUSLIMS AND PALESTINIANS

"INBRED TIME BOMBS," "HATE MARCHES," AND DEPORTATION THREATS

2.1 Brent Chapman (B.C. Conservative Party, 2015/2024)

In 2015, Chapman wrote on Facebook:

"It is forbidden to marry outside of your family in Palestine. They are all little inbred walking, talking, breathing time bombs ... figuratively and quite literally."

— Brent Chapman, 2015 Facebook post

He also shared articles about "Muslim inbreeding," called for a boycott of Air Canada for airlifting Syrian refugees, and stated that "coexistence with Islam" was impossible.

Response: B.C. NDP Leader David Eby noted the comments contained "all the elements of criminal hate speech." B.C. Conservative Leader John Rustad refused to remove Chapman, stating he was satisfied with his apology. Chapman was elected.

2.2 Andrew Lawton (Federal Conservative Party, 2025)

In the 2025 federal election, Conservative candidate Andrew Lawton (Elgin–St. Thomas–London South) faced calls for removal from the Hikma Public Affairs Council over past comments described as **"Islamophobic, antisemitic, homophobic, misogynistic and anti-Indigenous."**

"I'm thinking of starting an all-Muslim basketball team. They'll be called the Hezbollahers."

"I left the Anglican Church when they made the decision to allow gay marriage."

— Andrew Lawton, past social media posts (2011)

Lawton blamed mental illness for the comments. The Conservatives **did not drop him**.

2.3 Pierre Poilievre: "Terrorists," "Lawless Mobs," and Deportation Rhetoric

Following a pro-Palestinian demonstration in Montreal in November 2024, Poilievre posted:

"You opened the borders to terrorists and lawbreakers and called anyone who questioned it racist."

— Pierre Poilievre, November 2024

He has repeatedly called pro-Palestine protesters demonstrating for a ceasefire in Gaza **"lawless mobs"** and promised **"a crackdown on all terrorist networks that Trudeau has allowed on our streets."**

WARNING: The International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group (ICLMG) noted this rhetoric "could be interpreted as putting further scrutiny on those marching for Palestine, and for weaponizing border services to deport people for dissent—using language like 'hate marches,' which has no basis in Canadian law."

Poilievre also pledged to deport individuals on temporary visas who participate in "hate marches" and to cut funding to UNRWA, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees.

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3. IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

"ILLEGALS," BORDER MILITARIZATION, AND POPULATION CONTROL

3.1 Poilievre's "Canada First" Immigration Rhetoric

Poilievre has progressively escalated anti-immigrant framing:

- Described Liberal immigration policy as **"radical and out of control"** and claimed Trudeau **"destroyed our immigration system"**
- Called for linking immigration levels to housing construction, effectively capping population growth
- Proposed returning to Harper-era levels of 200,000–250,000 permanent residents annually (down from 500,000)
- Stated Canada needs **"more people leaving than coming for the next couple years"**
- Called for reimposing visa requirements on Mexico, claiming removal led to "immigration fraud and abuses of the asylum process"

His "Canada First—For A Change" campaign explicitly borrowed from **Trumpian nationalist framing**.

3.2 Border Securitization and Military Deployment

Poilievre's platform included:

MEASURE	SCALE
New border agents	2,000+
Surveillance towers	120
Drone systems	90
Military assistance	"Secure the border"
Departure tracking	Monitor overstays

Analysis: As one analysis noted, this treats "the human rights issue of asylum seekers" as a security problem rather than a humanitarian one.

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4. LGBTQ+ COMMUNITIES

"GENDER IDEOLOGY," "PARENTAL RIGHTS," AND ERASURE

4.1 Poilievre on Transgender Youth

In September 2023, after Prime Minister Trudeau issued a statement supporting LGBTQ+ Canadians, Poilievre accused him of "**demonizing concerned parents**."

In February 2024, Poilievre affirmed his support for Alberta Premier Danielle Smith's legislation banning puberty blockers for minors. When asked about transgender women in women's spaces, he stated:

"Female spaces should be exclusively for females, not for biological males."

— Pierre Poilievre, 2024

In January 2025, when asked about Trump's executive order recognizing only two genders, Poilievre said: "**I am only aware of two genders**"—a statement denounced by multiple LGBTQ+ rights organizations for denying the existence of transgender people.

4.2 Party Delegates vs. Leader

While Poilievre maintains some progressive stances on paper (pro-choice, pro-gay marriage), his party delegates overwhelmingly voted to make opposition to "**gender ideology**" in schools a key policy issue. Poilievre's vague defense of "parental rights" against "gender ideology" serves as the primary concession to this base.

4.3 Historical Candidate Issues

In 2019, Conservative candidate Ghada Melek was approved despite a research report warning she should receive a "**strict red light**" due to "many anti-gay/LGBT and even sterilization posts." She had shared stories from LifeSiteNews (an anti-LGBT misinformation site), claimed sex-ed changes "help the pedophiles," and spread falsehoods about transgender people. Andrew Scheer stood by her after an apology.

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5. RACIALIZED CANADIANS

DOG-WHISTLES, "ANGLO-SAXON" APPEALS, AND HATE CRIME CORRELATION

5.1 The "Anglo-Saxon" Interview (2022)

In a 2022 interview with Jordan Peterson, Poilievre stated:

"I'm a believer in using simple, Anglo-Saxon words that strike right at the meaning that I'm trying to convey."

— Pierre Poilievre, 2022 interview with Jordan Peterson

During the Conservative leadership race, Patrick Brown's campaign drew a direct link between Poilievre's language and that of "Freedom Convoy" organizer Pat King, who

promoted white replacement conspiracy theories about the "Anglo-Saxon race." Brown asked: *"When Pierre Poilievre says things like, 'I'm a believer in using simple, Anglo-Saxon words,' who does he think he's appealing to?"*

Academic Analysis: Academic analysis from The Conversation described the term as "a nod to racial grievances pitched especially to white men."

5.2 "Woke" as Racialized Catch-All

Poilievre has weaponized the term "woke" as a catch-all rhetorical tool imported from American culture wars. He defines it as "designed to divide people by race, gender, ethnicity, religion, vaccine status and any other way one can divide people into groups"—while simultaneously using it to attack equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives, defund universities accused of promoting "wokeness," and target any liberal policy approach.

5.3 Hate Crime Correlation

"The first pronounced spike in hate crimes began in 2016 and coincided with the rise of populist politics and inflammatory rhetoric directed toward immigrant, racialized and religious minority groups."

— RCMP Report, 2024

The Tye observed: *"A through line is the growing normalization of rhetoric that was once considered extreme or socially unacceptable but has been popularized by the far right moving into mainstream politics."*

Academic research published in PMC confirmed that anti-Asian racism during COVID-19 pushed Chinese Canadians away from the Conservative Party, while the party's "anti-China rhetoric likely contributed to them losing three seats in metro Vancouver and Toronto."

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6. PARTY CULTURE

A PATTERN OF PROTECTION AND EXCUSES

6.1 The Apology Industrial Complex

The Conservative Party has developed a predictable pattern:

1. Candidate's bigoted past statements surface
2. Leader issues condemnation but refuses removal
3. Candidate apologizes (often blaming youth/mental illness)
4. Candidate remains on ballot or in caucus
5. Voters elect them anyway

"As long as someone takes responsibility for what they've said... I accept that. I believe many Canadians recognize that people can say things in the past, when they're younger, at a different time in their life, that they would not say today."

— Andrew Scheer, 2019

This was applied to candidates with homophobic, anti-Muslim, and racist posts alike.

6.2 Vetting Failures or Intentional Selection?

The repeated emergence of candidates with documented bigoted histories raises serious questions about vetting. In some cases, the party was explicitly warned:

- Ghada Melek was "red lighted" by Ontario PCs but approved by federal Conservatives
- Aaron Gunn was rejected by B.C. Liberals in 2021 for diversity and reconciliation concerns, then parachuted into a federal Conservative riding in 2025
- Brent Chapman's wife (MP Kerry-Lynne Findlay) lost her federal seat in 2025 in part due to his continued controversy

6.3 The "Notwithstanding Clause" Threat

Poilievre pledged to use the notwithstanding clause to override Charter protections—an extraordinary step never before taken by a federal government—to impose mandatory life sentences and other measures. This has been interpreted as indicative of "an authoritarian and exclusionary bent in Poilievre's vision."

7. CONCLUSION

SYSTEMATIC, NOT INCIDENTAL

The evidence demonstrates that the Conservative Party's grotesque language toward minorities is not a collection of isolated incidents but a **systemic feature of its political operation**:

- **At the candidate level:** Multiple candidates with documented histories of racism, Islamophobia, homophobia, and genocide denial have been recruited, approved, and protected.
- **At the leadership level:** Poilievre has employed dog-whistles ("Anglo-Saxon," "woke," "Canada First"), dehumanized protesters as "terrorists" and "lawless mobs," and promised to weaponize deportation against dissenters.
- **At the policy level:** Immigration has been framed as a crisis requiring militarized borders and population reduction; transgender youth have been targeted under "parental rights"; Palestinian solidarity has been criminalized as "hate marches."
- **At the cultural level:** The party has normalized rhetoric that conflates minorities with security threats, treats Indigenous sovereignty as "special privileges," and positions white cultural grievance as "common heritage" under assault.

FINAL ASSESSMENT: The pattern is clear: the Conservative Party treats minorities not as constituents to be represented but as enemies to be managed, scapegoats to be blamed, or threats to be deported. The language is grotesque not merely in its vulgarity but in its calculated political utility—each slur, each dog-whistle, each deportation threat serves to consolidate a base animated by resentment toward Canada's increasingly diverse reality.

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