

DISARMAMENT IN CANADA



HELLO!

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Canada and Nuclear Weapons



The Cold War

In the 1950s, Canada allowed the US to station nuclear weapons on its land.



The Canadian Voice of Women for Peace

VOW is founded in 1960 to unite women against nuclear weapons during the cold war.



NATO

Canada remains a member of NATO, an organization that is fundamentally opposed to disarmament

What does feminist peace look like?

Diplomacy

The creation of peace agreements and negotiations where there are global political frictions.

Intersectionality

Equality and respect for all members of our society, with particular attention to the demands of Indigenous peoples, women, and people of colour.



Prevention of Violence

The eradication of nuclear weapons and instruments of war, as well as the end of all gender based violence.

Total Disarmament

The end of militarism in favour of stronger social services and constructive government.

Where we are now

Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Canada has yet to sign the TPNW, and remains a member of NATO – therefore supporting the potential use of nuclear weapons.

Climate Spending vs Defense Spending

Canada is ranked 13th in defense spending globally, while struggling to reach Paris agreement targets – specifically falling behind on climate spending.

F-35 Fighter Jets

Canada plans to spend around \$19 billion on the purchase of new F-35 fighter jets.

Why I Joined VOW

VOW is an organization with a long history in Canada, whose mission is more relevant today than it ever has been. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this movement, and i hope we can work together to make real change!



Thank
You!