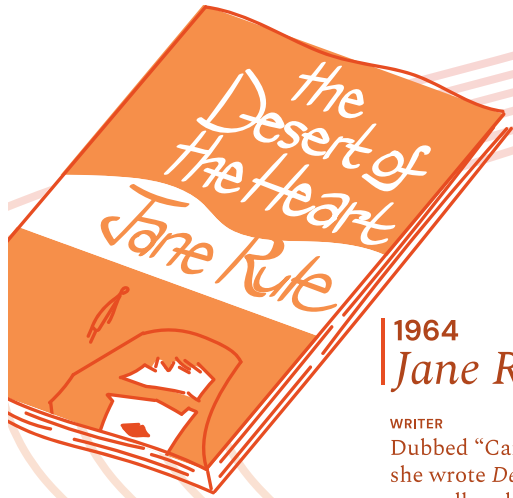




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Trailblazers



1964
Jane Rule

WRITER

Dubbed “Canada’s only lesbian,” she wrote *Desert of the Heart*, groundbreaking for its positive portrayal of lesbian romance

1970/80s
Paul Wong

ARTIST

Queer Chinese Canadian calls attention to identity, sexuality and the AIDS crisis.



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1958
Ted Northe

ACTIVIST

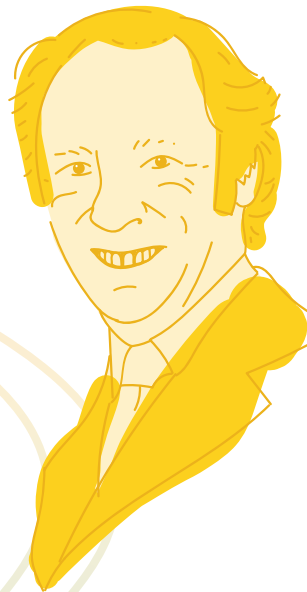
Famously protested on steps of Vancouver courthouse “I am a Human Being”



1969
Pierre Trudeau

PRIME MINISTER, POLITICIAN

Proposed amendments made to the Criminal Code of Canada decriminalizing homosexuality.



1998
Mark Tewksbury

ATHLETE

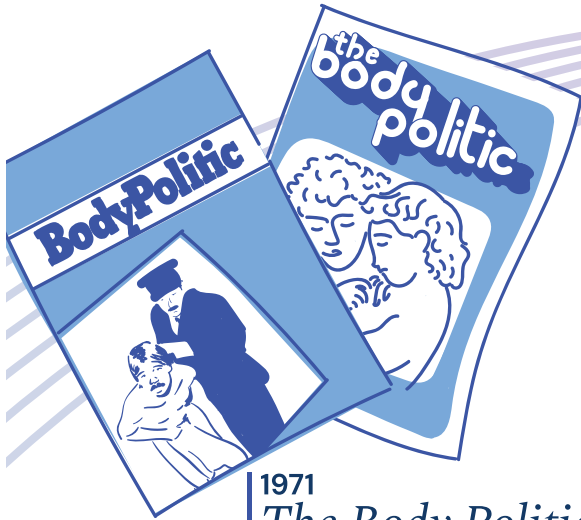
Olympic medalist, LGBTQ2S+ advocate, publicly comes out as gay in 1998.





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Arts & Culture



1971

The Body Politic Magazine

QUEER CULTURE

Canada's LGBTQ2S+ cornerstone publication. "We Demand" manifesto shared by mag became framework for LGBTQ2S+ human rights in Canada.



1977

New Immigration Act

RAINBOW REFUGEES

Homosexuals removed from list of inadmissible class of immigrants paving the way for rainbow refugees.

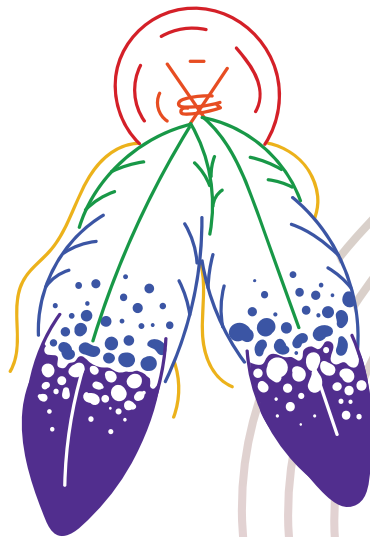


1990s

Kids in the Hall

POP CULTURE

One of the first open representations of gay culture in mainstream Canadian television.



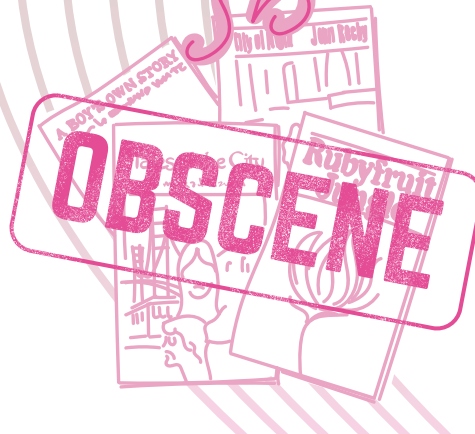
1990

Two Spirit

FIRST NATIONS CULTURE

Two Spirit term coined allowing indigenous 2SLGBTQ+ to express sexuality and gender variance in English.

little sister's



2000

Little Sister's Bookstore

LITERATURE & CENSORSHIP

Famously appealed case of censorship of gay and lesbian literature by Canadian Border Services Agency. The Supreme Court ruled in favour of Little Sisters in 2000.

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Gender Identity

1973

First Pride Week in Canada

PRIDE

First pride week held across cities in Canada including Vancouver, Montreal, Toronto, Saskatoon, Ottawa and Winnipeg.



2010

Winter Olympics

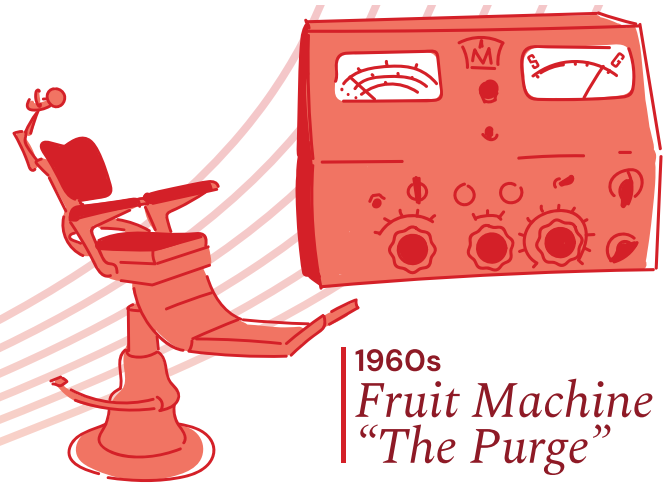
GLOBAL INFLUENCE

2010 Winter Olympics, Vancouver built the first 'Pride House', an ongoing tradition upheld at future Olympics providing support to LGBTQ2S+ athletes.

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1960s

Fruit Machine "The Purge"

SEXUAL ORIENTATION & DISCRIMINATION

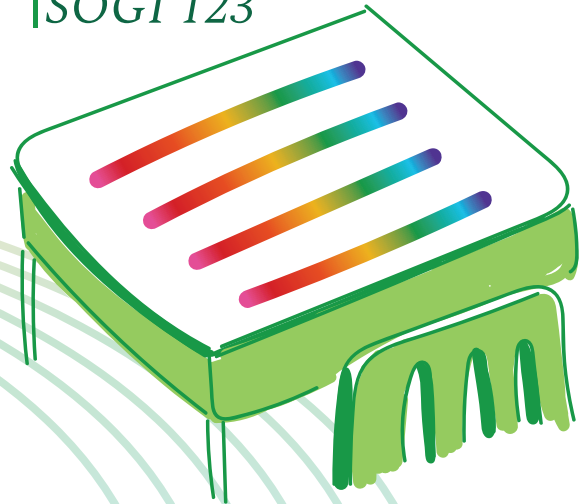
Commissioned by the Canadian government, the 'Fruit Machine' was used by the civil service during the cold war era to 'purge' threats to national security, those 'detected' by the fruit machine to be homosexual. Also known as the 'Civil Service Purge'.

EDUCATION

SOGI 123 (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) is a resource to assist school districts and educators to build more inclusive environments for students of all sexual orientations and gender identities. It is currently in use in BC and Alberta.

2015

SOGI 123



2017

Canadian Human Rights Act and Criminal Code amendments

HUMAN RIGHTS

Gender identity and variance were officially added under federal jurisdiction to human rights legislation across Canada.





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Civil Rights

1980s AIDS/HIV Crisis

SEXUAL HEALTH
Recriminalization of homosexuality through registry of sexual orientation, mandatory HIV screening and the quarantine 'isolation' of AIDS/HIV patients



1992 *Gays in the Military*

RIGHT TO FIGHT
Federal court lifts ban on homosexuals in the military.



2005 *Bill C-38*

MARRIAGE
Federal Civil Marriage Act, legalizing same sex marriage across Canada, is given royal assent.

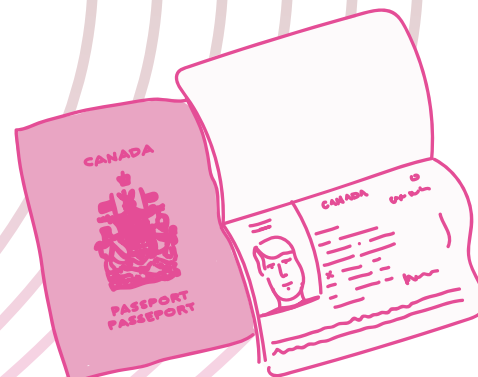


1995 *Same Sex Adoption*

FAMILY
Ontario becomes first province to legalize same sex adoption. BC, Alberta and Nova Scotia follow suit shortly after.

2019 *Gender Neutral Documentation*

TRANS RIGHTS
Canada introduces gender neutral 'X' option on passports, citizenship and permanent resident cards for non-binary, intersex and transgender people.



GENDER:
F/M/X ▼

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Champions



Tru Wilson
Trans Youth and Activist



*Ahmad Danny
Ramadan*
Rainbow Refugee
and Activist



Tegan and Sara
Musicians, Tegan and Sara
Foundation Cofounders



Cicely Blain
Diversity and Inclusion
Activist, Black Lives Matter
founder Vancouver

Kent Monkman
2 Spirit Artist



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