

Interment, the event that erased many opportunities. Should there be an apology? Yes, yes there should, I'm going explain why...

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There are two sides of this story that have been used to create my ethical judgment. My opinion is that the Japanese Interment deserves a proper apology.

This event was an imprisonment of innocent Japanese Canadians, and is therefore unjust. This story starts by the Japanese Canadians living in a White Majority society in Canada. With different ethnicities within Canada the White Canadian's started to use racism to become superior towards the Japanese descendants that, in their opinion, were unnecessary. This view shows the reasoning to why the Japanese Interment wasn't okay. The White People didn't put any effort into thinking through the decisions of interment.

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Through the eyes of Japanese Canadians, a majority of them grew up in Canada just trying to seek opportunities and have a successful livelihood. Yet, because of the actions of the White Majority this wouldn't be possible.

When WW2 struck the White Canadian's erupted in a scramble to demand superiority, causing them to want to isolated Japanese Canadians.

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In the perspective of Japanese Canadians, they were just like all Canadians yet, started to feel excluded from the society. Most Canadians from Japanese decent weren't directly involved or had any direct relation to Japan, but were still discriminated and assumed to be associated with 'Alien Enemy' just because of their ethnicity.

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The White People were in a panic to do something about the 'Alien Enemy' amongst their ranks, leading them to put action into the brutal idea of Japanese Canadian Interment. They forced every Japanese Canadian to return to Japan, but if they didn't have any connections to Japan they would be forced into interment.

If this seems like an okay action...it's not! This is the part of the Interment story that is the most unjust. In the view of the Japanese Canadians they were told go to Japan if they had connections, and if they didn't they would be forced into interment. This does not make sense! The people who were interned are the people who proved they weren't the alien enemy, yet... {say each word slowly and dramatically} they still got put into interment.

During interment, instead of just letting the Japanese Canadians be separated they also forced the men to go through hard labour in tough climate and conditions. Showing that Japanese Canadians were not only forced to be secluded from the society but also had to face more struggles beyond that.

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In addition to the intense labour the Japanese Canadians had to go through life struggles after the interment. All of their property had been taken away causing them to start from re-built and

restart their lives. This truly proves that the white government went way to far to mange their fear, because they forced Japanese Canadian to go through way too many struggles that were unnecessary.

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A while after the Interment took place the White government made a apology titled 'The Redress Agreement'. This apology gave each Japanese Canadian, that was interned, 21 thousand dollars back and a renewal of the Canadian citizenship to those who were deported to Japan. The Interment caused suffrage to generations of Canadians from Japanese decent and the small amount of money doesn't fix that issue. But, this does show that an apology was said and some action was placed into fixing the wrongs of the past. From the view of the White government this was seen as a resolution to all the problems of the past. Yet, this doesn't fix the idea that the White government and society as a whole were outrageously discriminatory towards all Japanese Canadians.

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In addition to the Redress Agreement this is a verbal government apology in 1988 was said by Mulroney, apologizing about the Japanese Interment.

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This apology shows that there was later acknowledgment of the past wrongs, and the government states that it won't be repeated again. Throughout this apology there is no call to action to explain *how* history won't repeat itself, therefore proving that another, more effective, apology should be created.

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Overall, the Japanese Interment caused property loss, trauma, and isolation for all Canadians from Japanese decent, therefore proving that the Japanese Interment was unjust.

[ending conclusion]