



TIME TO RIGHT THE WRONG

Sons of Freedom Doukhobors protest government regulation – refuse to send children to public school

September 9, 1953:
104 children of Sons of Freedom Doukhobors apprehended and confined in institution in New Denver, BC

1953-1959:
Approximately 200 Sons of Freedom Doukhobors children exposed to physical and psychological abuse

April 1999:
BC Ombudsman calls actions of government unjust and oppressive. Calls for formal apology and compensation

February 2006:
Ombudsman reminds government that **stating regret is not accepting responsibility; it is not an apology**

March 2002:
Progress Report from Ombudsman – still no apology or compensation

Fall 2020:
Government receives commissioned framework for apology and reconciliation

July 18, 2023:
Ombudsperson issues report “*Time to Right the Wrong*” urgently calling on government to finally right its wrongs

August 2022:
Survivors and families complain to Ombudsperson of government’s inaction

Fall 2023:
Government commits to apology in fall 2023, **vague on compensation**

1953

1999

2002

2004

2006

2020

2022

2023

70

years since first children apprehended

24

years since our initial report recommended an unconditional, clear and public apology and compensation

19

years since the Attorney General’s statement of regret