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If you use any other material to prepare for the citizenship test, you do so at your own risk." Other test preparation sites - not official This advertisement has not loaded yet, but your article continues below. The Ministry of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship says it will replace 'outdated terminology and ideas' this year — four years late Shari Kulha Jun 04, 2021 • June 4, 2021 • 5 minute read • 110 Comments Canada's study guide for citizenship applicants is overdue for an update. Photo by Ashley Fraser /Postmedia More than a decade after its publication at least four years after it was promly, an update is said to be coming this year to the Discover Canada: The Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship study guide. This advertisement has not loaded yet, but your article continues below. The current guide, created in 2009 and lightly updated in 2012, is provided to newcomers to learn about the nation's history, culture and ethics in advance of the citizenship test they must pass to become Canadians. The study guide is, in essence, a distillation of how the government wants the nation to be seen and of the foundational touchpoints it wants immigrants to understand. The guide has been criticized for its many misrepresentations about Canada, either by omission or part-truth, because it contains highly controversial statements that, critics say, have continued to whitewash the country's historical treatment of First Nations and other minorities. The entries for Indigenous and First Nations populations appear dismissive. Treaties, for example, "were not always respected." Residential schools "inflicted hardship on the students." The Inuit and Métis are together afforded just paragraphs. This advertisement has not loaded yet, but your article continues below. But on June 2, in the aftermath of the finding of 215 children's bodies in a residential school yard, the House unanimously agreed to fast-track Bill C-8, which would amend the Citizenship Act to align with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call To Action No. 94. That item sought to have the government "replace the Oath of Citizenship with the following: 'I swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, Her Heirs and Successors, and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples, and fulfill my duties as a Canadian citizen'." It would have newcomers swear to observe Canada's treaties with indigenous peoples today, and by extension, to foster a respectful relationship in general. This advertisement has not loaded yet, but your article continues below. In its 93rd Call To Action, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission wanted "the federal government, in collaboration with the national Aboriginal organizations, to revise the information kit for newcomers to Canada and its citizenship test to reflect a more inclusive history of the diverse Aboriginal peoples of Canada, including information about the Treaties and the history of residential schools." Until this week, moderate progress had been made on implementation of the two items. The Assembly of First Nations said in its December 2020 report Progress on Realizing the TRC's Calls to Action that indicated discussions with the government had led to Bill C-8 passing first reading, and "for Action #93, initial discussions have taken place with work yet to materialize concrete results." This advertisement has not loaded yet, but your article continues below. It is expected Bill C-8 will be deemed adopted on third reading and then head to the Senate for consideration. The bill was introduced by the Liberal government in October, while two previous versions died with the 2019 election. Justice Murray Sinclair delivers the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Ottawa in 2015. Photo by Postmedia file photo Overall, the study guide as it exists provides a mere glimpse — by necessity — of many elements of our history and culture, but some topics are given greater weight than others. It emphasizes Canada's relationship to the monarchy and our military history, while the section covering Modern Canada presents just half that amount of information. Recent polls on the value of the monarchy to Canadians today show that less than half believe we should maintain our relationship. A survey published in March by Léger for the Association for Canadian Studies and the Canadian Press found that 53 per cent agreed with the statement that "the monarchy is out of date and no longer has its place in the 21st century." The CBC noted that "a plurality of respondents in every region of the country and in all age groups agreed with that statement, while just 33 per cent said 'the monarchy is part of our history (and) we must preserve this heritage.'" This advertisement has not loaded yet, but your article continues below. But Robert Finch, chairman of the Monarchist League of Canada, is adamant that reference to it should stay in the new study guide. "The monarchy should be in the study guide in some form so that readers can understand how the country is governed," he said in an email. "Minimizing or excluding references to the monarchy would be an incredible disservice to new Canadians — who often have a greater understanding of and appreciation for the monarchy than their counterparts who are already here." The update will focus on three themes: relationships, opportunity and commitment, said Alexander Cohen, press secretary to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Minister Marco Mendocino. This advertisement has not loaded yet, but your article continues below. "We agree with many Canadians that the existing guide is significantly outdated," Cohen said in an email. "It hasn't been updated for over a decade and contains outdated terminology and ideas — particularly regarding Indigenous peoples. The new guide ... will be comprehensive, diverse and honest — helping new Canadians get a sense of Canada's long history and their role in shaping our shared future." "The new guide will include, among many other things, more information about a wide variety of historically underrepresented groups, like francophones, women, Black Canadians (highlighting the story of Africville in Nova Scotia), the LGBTQ2+ community and Canadians with disabilities. It will also highlight the contributions of prominent individuals from these diverse communities." This advertisement has not loaded yet, but your article continues below. Cohen added that the process of updating the guide "included extensive consultations with leaders from the Assembly of First Nations, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and the Métis National Council as well as groups and individuals representing racialized communities, women, Francophones, the LBGTQ2+ community, persons with disabilities, historians, academics and parliamentarians." The new guide is to include a section on anti-racism efforts in Canada, he said, including a discussion of the systemic racism that exists today, as well as the evolution of rights and freedoms. The new study guide "will be comprehensive, diverse and honest," the ministry responsible for immigration and citizenship says. Newcomer Sharon Nyangweso, who moved from Nairobi to Ottawa and has been studying for the citizenship test, found the guide disheartening and welcomes an updated version, and even a new methodology. This advertisement has not loaded yet, but your article continues below. In an essay for Medium, entitled Guest in a Stolen House, she wrote that "we must take to task the education our new Canadian children will have about Indigenous people, and we must ensure that what they understand about this nation's ancestors is as respected and highly regarded as their own ancestors." Annalijn Conklin of the University of British Columbia is keen to see change in behaviour toward Indigenous populations well before new immigrants even begin to study the guide, in a Twitter thread with Nyangweso, she underscored the speed at which bias can quickly transfer to new immigrants: "Generally in 2021, this is a good opportunity to completely redesign a process," Nyangweso told the National Post. "Attempting to have people learn about Canada within a mechanism that controls whether or not they will get the safety of citizenship isn't a good way to have people learn anything. 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