

Decolonizing Sport: Hockey, Indigeneity, and Canadian Nationhood

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Why “decolonize data”?





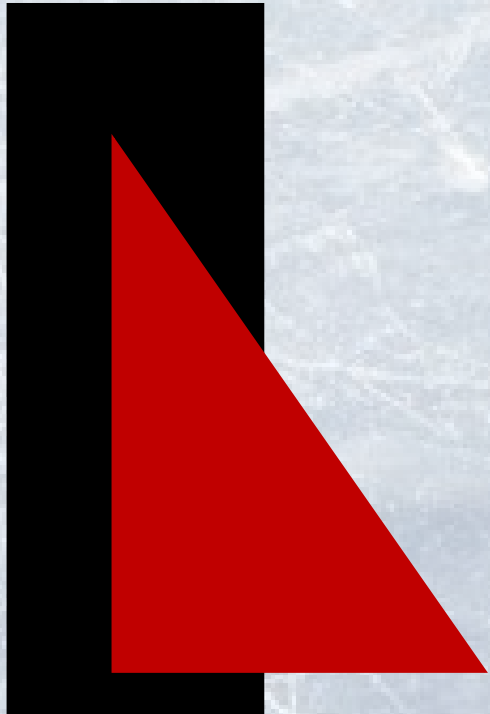
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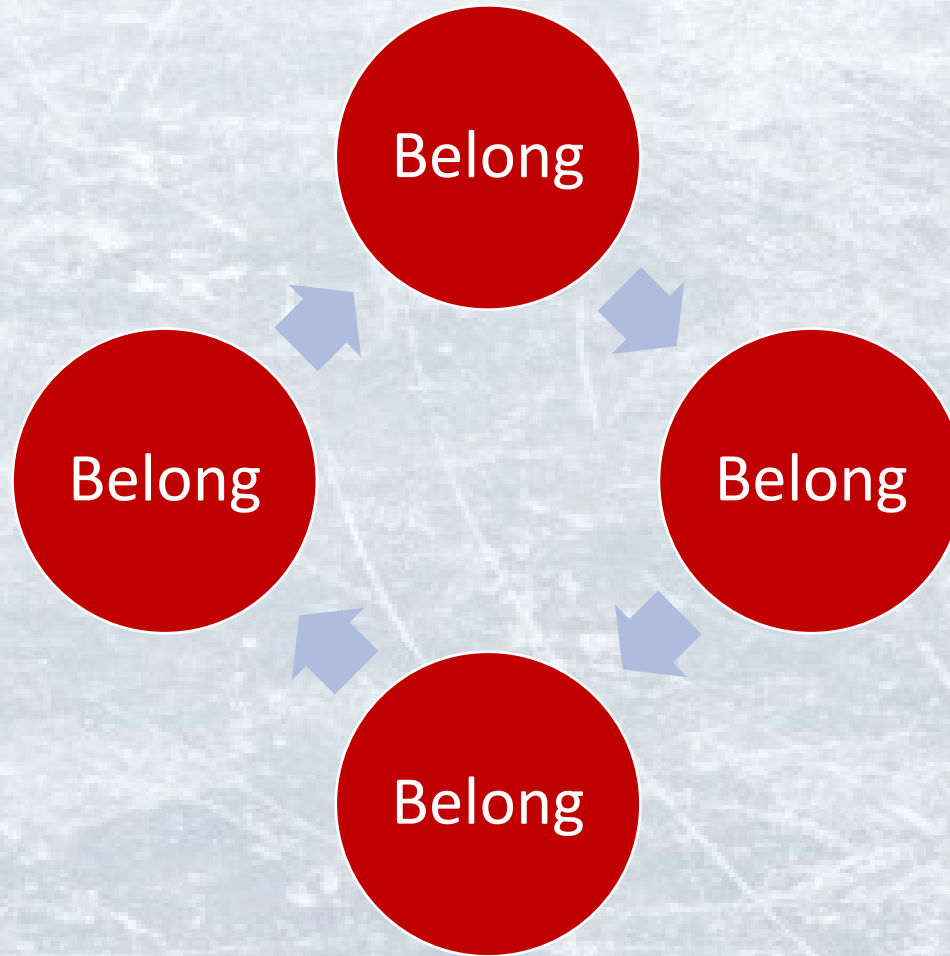


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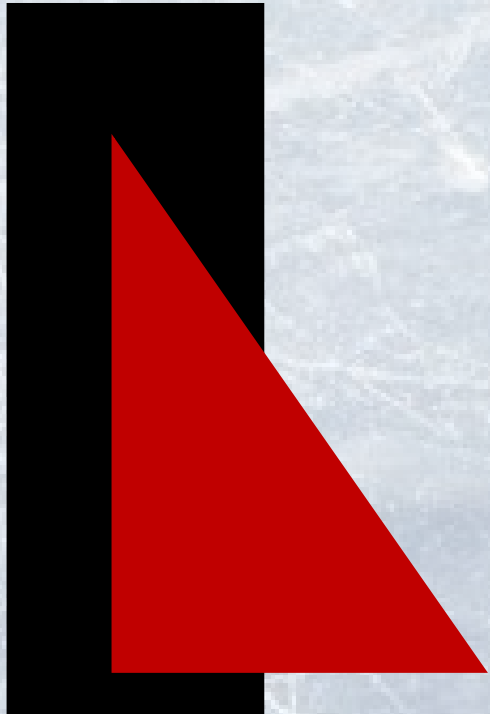


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- “Definitely the main event” (McLeod)
- “Hockey is life! We eat, breathe, and live it here in Siksika” (Big Snake)
- “We still need the game. As Aboriginal People, it’s in our blood” (Arcand)





Why hockey?

Why now?

Leveraging interdisciplinary research not only to make hockey safer and more inclusive, but to reimagine the sport as a vehicle for anti-racism and decolonial change



Changing Society...

By Changing Sport

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Our Research Partner & The Event



M A S R C



Our Work

2023 - Numeric Total	2019 - % of Total	2022 - % of Total	2023 - % of Total	2019 - 2022 % +/-	2022 - 2023 % +/-
0	2.86%	2.78%	0.00%	-0.08%	-2.78%
0	2.86%	8.33%	0.00%	5.48%	-8.33%
7	25.71%	22.22%	53.85%	-3.49%	31.62%
3	51.43%	41.67%	23.08%	-9.76%	-18.59%
3	17.14%	25.00%	23.08%	7.86%	-1.92%
2	31.43%	22.22%	15.38%	-9.21%	-6.84%
4	37.14%	25.00%	30.77%	-12.14%	5.77%
7	31.43%	47.22%	53.85%	15.79%	6.62%
0	0.00%	5.56%	0.00%	5.56%	-5.56%
13	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
6	54.29%	30.56%	46.15%	-23.73%	15.60%
7	45.71%	69.44%	53.85%	23.73%	-15.60%
0	2.86%	0.00%	0.00%	-2.86%	0.00%
0	2.86%	2.78%	0.00%	-0.08%	-2.78%
1	14.29%	8.33%	7.69%	-5.95%	-0.64%
7	25.71%	41.67%	53.85%	15.95%	12.18%
5	51.43%	47.22%	38.46%	-4.21%	-8.76%
0	2.86%	0.00%	0.00%	-2.86%	0.00%
9	71.43%	80.56%	69.23%	9.13%	-11.32%
4	28.57%	19.44%	30.77%	-9.13%	11.32%
9	57.14%	63.89%	69.23%	6.75%	5.34%
4	31.43%	22.22%	30.77%	-9.21%	8.55%
0	5.71%	8.33%	0.00%	2.62%	-8.33%
0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
0	2.86%	5.56%	0.00%	2.70%	-5.56%
0	2.86%	0.00%	0.00%	-2.86%	0.00%
7	34.29%	50.00%	53.85%	15.71%	3.85%
5	37.14%	13.89%	38.46%	-23.25%	24.57%
1	17.14%	27.78%	7.69%	10.63%	-20.09%
0	2.86%	2.78%	0.00%	-0.08%	-2.78%
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0	5.71%	5.56%	0.00%	-0.16%	-5.56%

Examples of Focus Areas



travel and access

job commitments

equipment

post-secondary aspirations

role models

JOB COMMITMENTS

- **23.52%** increase in players who have a job that pays them money
- **19.23%** increase from 2022-2023
- **17.74%** increase in players working **5+ hours** per week (**78%** of 2023 workers)
- **39.13%** of Métis players are working **10+ hours** per week
- **90.91%** Female players work **5+ hours** per week compared to **42.86%** Male

EQUIPMENT CONDITION

- **16.48%** more athletes are using 'mostly used' equipment
- **30.77%** athletes in 2023 wear 'mostly used' equipment
- **17.21%** more Métis athletes wore 'mostly used' equipment in 2023 than 2022
- **38.89%** Female athletes wear 'mostly used' equipment vs. **5.88%** of Male athletes

POST-SECONDARY ASPIRATIONS

- **13.89%** increase in athletes 'definitely' or 'probably' going to college/university
(94% Métis, 100% First Nations)
- **20.88%** increase in athletes intending to try out for a post-secondary hockey team
(94% Métis, 93% First Nations)

A Few Considerations



Methodological



Ethical



Practicable

Thank You

