Identity Lost And Found: Lessons From The Sixties Scoop

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Abstract

The “Sixties Scoop” describes a period in Aboriginal history in Canada in which thousands of Aboriginal children were removed from birth families and placed in non-Aboriginal environments. Despite literature that indicates adoption breakdown rates of 85-95%, recent research with adults adopted as children indicates that some adoptees have found solace through reacculturating to their birth culture and contextualizing their adoptions within colonial history. This article explores the history of Aboriginal adoption in Canada and examines some of the issues of transracial adoption through the lens of psychology theories to aid understanding of identity conflicts facing Aboriginal adoptees. The article concludes with recommendations towards a paradigm shift in adoption policy as it pertains to Aboriginal children.

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aboriginal children taken from their homes by child-welfare service workers and placed with mostly non-aboriginal families. In some cases, children were sent to live with families in other provinces, the United States and "Identity Lost and Found: Lessons from the Sixties Scoop". First Peoples Child & Family Review. 3.1, 65-82. Festivals range from the internationally acclaimed Montreal Jazz Festival in Quebec to the lesser known Moose Jaw Kinsmen International Band & Choral Festival in Saskatchewan and everything in between. The change of seasons, rural fairs, agricultural displays, rodeos, comedy festivals, playhouses, anniversaries of historical events. whatever the occasion, Canadians will celebrate it. — Identity Lost And Found: Lessons From The Sixties Scoop by Raven Sinclair. For about 3/4, Ohpiikiihaakan-ohpihmeh (Raised somewhere else): A 60s Scoop Adoptee's Story of Coming Home is a story of shame, sadness, hurt, humiliation, loneliness, grief and anger that shows how for Colleen Cardinal the trauma and theft of her birth culture snowballed into decades of struggle with even more abuse, addiction, mental and physical illness, poverty and racist thinking. I highly recommend reading this story for anyone interested in learning more about the Sixties Scoop and understanding what's really happening under the stereotypes put on many Indigenous by those who do not truly understand. ...more. flag Like · see review.