

The I am a witness Campaign

- Human Rights case alleges Canada racially discriminating against First Nations children by providing inequitable child welfare services.
- The most formally watched legal case in Canadian history



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On February 14, 2012
Have a heart for
First Nations children

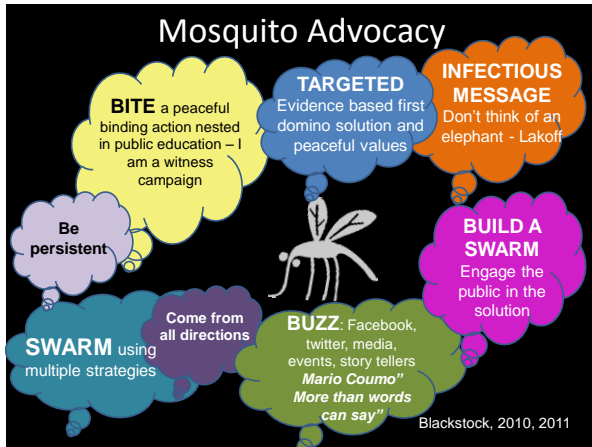


Mosquito advocacy



Involuntary-voluntary
advocacy

1. Document the problem
2. Evidence based solutions
3. Ensure gov't/org. has resources
4. Gov't does not implement change
5. Mosquito Advocacy



Moral Courage: Organizational

Preparing for the movement

- Know what you are standing for and why it is important**
- Prepare the evidence, be accountable not ideological
- Avoid partisanship
- What are you prepared to risk and why?**
- Funding, reputation, jobs, the organization?

Kidder, 2005 Moral Courage

Moral Courage: Personal

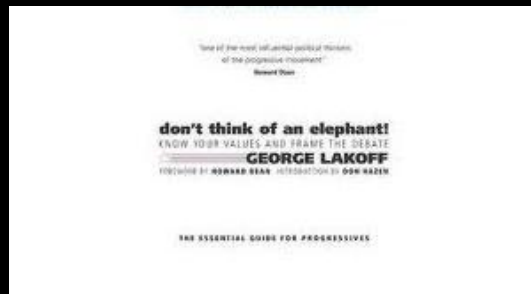
"The context of the department looking at her (Cindy Blackstock) facebook and twitter account is that she was posting court documents and making other relevant comments about her litigation (which could affect the litigation and ultimately show she has 'other motives' or is making vexatious and frivolous claims) on those accounts" AANDC lawyer (11/10/2011 at 10:20 AM)

Center on values and have integrity

Who are you, what do you stand for and how much are you prepared to risk?
Who do you really serve? Funders, members, public?

Moral Courage: Taking the risk to benefit people you may never know
Funding, reputation, monitoring/surveillance by government, privacy intrusions

Framing the Message: Lakoff



Something to do: Specific, Meaningful, Free and Under 2 minutes

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*You are not alone.
We are here for you.*
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*Children standing together
for the rights of
First Nations children!*
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I am Logan

I feel devastated that on some reserves people have no toilet

I think that this will stop because I have hope in my heart

I Dream that this will change and Canada is a peaceful country

I hope that they are OK

I demand this to stop Now

I am Logan



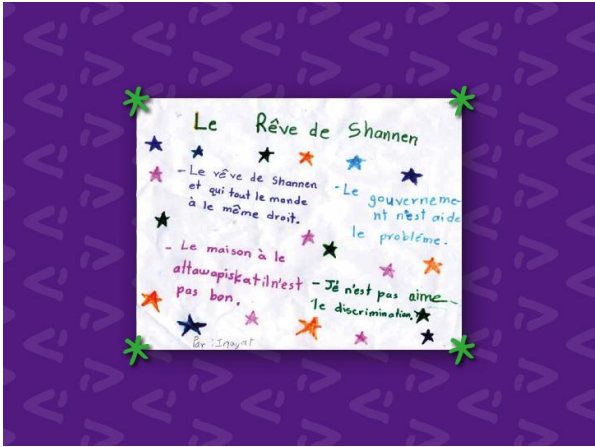
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First Nations children.











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