



### From a Canadian Perspective

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### Quick Facts about Canada...

### Canada is...

North America

But is seen as the *international* country

**38.6** million population

Out of 38.6, 7.5 million population is from abroad

### MULTICULTURALISM IN CANADA



Canada



### Access to information increases since...

### **ACCESSIBLE CANADA ACT**













VISION

PROACTIVELY ELIMINATE BARRIERS AND ENSURE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANADIANS WITH DISABILITIES.

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Out of a specific group of 4,965 people using ASL... how many people use BASL in Canada?

Education (Black Deaf Studies)

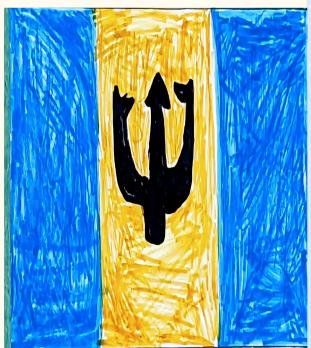
"In schools for the deaf, the black students learn very little about themselves, the problems of their people, or the contributions of their ancestors. They are exposed to texts oriented toward a belief in white supremacy. They learn that their ancestors were savages brought in from Africa for use as slaves in America"

(Anderson & Bowe, 2022)

Education (Black Deaf Studies)

- "Deaf persons of color are often stuck in 'a bottleneck on the highway to opportunity'..."
- "The more fortunate ones find ways to further their education..."
- "The politics of authority structures, racism, audism, and oppressive language and academic policies often work against deaf children's early struggle to acquire language, an academic foundation, and a healthy cultural identity..."

(Simms, Rusher, Andrews, & Coryell 2008)



Barbados Is an island in the West Indies. It is warm and there is a lot of rain. I like the way the cars drive on the other side of the road in Barbados. There are more than 250,000 people. The people speak English. Most of the people are black. The people



### 3rd Grade

Education
(Black Studies in Canada)

- "Without the data or research studies[, the] experiences and concerns may never be taken seriously by school administrators and educators"
- "Lack of racial diversity among teachers; Black people and Black history not reflected in the curriculum; streaming of Black students into courses below their ability; and Black students being discouraged from attending university. [The experience did not] begin in high school but had their origins in elementary school..."

(James & Turner 2017)

Education
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- "Inner-city students are more likely to be attending special programs of all kinds in comparison with the total elementary school population"
- "Black students (...) are being inappropriately streamed in schools(; they) are disproportionately droppingout(; and their employment opportunities are) slam shut. Just as the soothing balm of 'multiculturalism' cannot mask racism, so racism cannot mask its primary target."

(Wright, E.N. & Tsuji, G.K., 1983; Lewis, 1997)

Education
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### Our present and future in Canada

are missing

?????

# Environment - and Contextual- Dependence

"Inclusion"



### Language Base

#### Resources

- Family
- Social / Community
- School



### BLACK DEAF CANADA

...Possibilities...



Black Deaf Canada's *Research Team* established (From Left to Right: Abigail Danquah, Dr. Jenelle Rouse, Amy Parsons, Amelia Palmer)



### That's Why Black Deaf Studies in Canada Matters



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