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An in-depth source to get your students news-savvy, News in Review looks at the question of systemic racism in Canada's justice system, how students turned tragedy into a movement against gun violence, and more. As always, every story is supported by a teacher guide.

NEW to News in Review Teacher Guides

Each story in every edition of News in Review is supported by a Teacher Guide for Grade 8+. Last season we introduced a monthly story and guide suitable for Grades 4-7. This season we have added a new feature to our guides called TALK PROMPTS that provide opportunities for small group or class discussions.



HOSTAGE DIPLOMACY: THE RETURN OF THE TWO MICHAELS

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For almost three years, two Canadian men, Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor, were held prisoner in a Chinese jail. They were charged with espionage. Their arrests came just 10 days after Canada detained a Chinese citizen, Meng Wanzhou, at Vancouver airport at the request of the United States. Meng, who acted as chief financial officer for tech giant Huawei, is also the daughter of its billionaire founder. The U.S., which imposes restrictions on activities with Iran, wanted her extradited for facilitating trade with the country. While Meng served out her time in her mansion in Vancouver, the two Canadians survived in tiny windowless cells - pawns in a game of hostage diplomacy.



UNDRINKABLE: FIRST NATIONS WATER CRISIS

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Access to clean drinking water is a basic human necessity. Yet, there remain a number of First Nation communities living under boil water advisories. Some for more than two decades. In 2015, the federal government promised to fix the unclean drinking water issues on First Nations reserves by March 2021. And while there has been some progress, it has failed to make that promise a reality for many others.



UNCERTAIN FUTURE: AFGHAN WOMEN UNDER TALIBAN RULE

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When the Taliban regained control of Afghanistan after the retreat of American soldiers in August 2021, they proclaimed a newer, fairer regime. But still to be determined is what it means for the women of Afghanistan. Twenty years earlier, under harsh Islamic law, women lost their personhood. They were forced to don burqas, could not seek education or employment, and their movements were restricted. Beatings and sometimes death were the punishment for disobedience. Afghan women want to know if those restrictions will return.



MANDATORY VACCINATIONS: PROS, CONS AND PUSHBACK

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Canada has some of the highest vaccination rates against COVID-19 in the world. In the fall of 2021, the government introduced a mandatory vaccination policy for all federal workers. It also declared that vaccine passports would be required for public transportation like planes and trains. But the implementation of these mandatory vaccination policies has also come with some pushback.