

Residential Schools vs Camp 14

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Two races, two countries, two circumstances, one story. Residential schools and Camp 14 are not as different as one would think they would be considering their locations. Both documentaries prove that discrimination is all the same no matter where you are or who you are. Discrimination is meant to keep a group or tribe of people down, and rebellion at bay. In these circumstances Canada was attempting to keep a tribe of people segregated from themselves, while North Korea is trying to keep all rebellion at bay.

Residential schools, more specifically Canadian residential schools, were designed to keep native Indians suppressed from the local population through violent, immoral treatment of their children. They forced native parents to give away their children to these hell camps by threatening to send them to prison which even in modern times is arguably a fate worse than death, so one could only imagine the horrors of prison in that time especially for a Native American. They would beat the native children sometimes to the point of death, not only that they would sodomize the children- and keep deathly ill children with healthy children. The people in the documentary claimed that more than half of the children who went to these residential camps never made it back out. They did not only target the children though, they would go through with blankets from polio victims and distribute them to the adults in the tribe camps, mostly targeting the leaders of the tribes.

In comparison, the North Korean internment camps kidnap anyone who disrespects the leader in any way shape or form. The documentary even goes as far as to describe a man who got arrested for rolling a cigarette with newspaper because the man unknowingly rolled it with a section that had the leader's face on it. The internment camps take away the arrested citizens' rights and force them into labor, they also separate men and women as to not have any unwanted

conceiving, however, the guards often sexually abuse those woman and will sometimes kill them if they get pregnant. Often times as rewards for an arrested man's good behavior they will be rewarded a wife, weather or not she is willing to be with that man- which is how the main subject of the film is born. The main subject of the film describes how children would be beaten if they took anything, even a piece of corn, many times to the point of death. He describes how he was tortured for giving the guards information about a conspiracy in his home and how he watched guards murder his mother and brother. Both of these communities ostracized a group of people for their own benefits, and had the audacity to deny it when it was brought out to the light.

Ultimately these two experiences, these two camps are practically the same. They are both segregating a people, and abusing them for their own messed up gain. Also Canada to its credit finally fessed up about its crime against the Native American tribes to the public. The main difference being that the residential schools are no longer in session while the North Korean internment camps are still up and running. Something should be done about the discrepancy that North Korea is committing against its own people. How can you imprison entire families, and force them to watch each other die without any consequences?

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