

THE RISE OF THE ALT-RIGHT IN CANADA

A FEMINIST ANALYSIS BY CRIAW-ICREF

The 2019 Global Terrorism Index identified that acts of terrorism committed by far-right groups have increased around the globe by 320%.

There are 6,660 right-wing extremist channels, pages, groups, and accounts across 7 social media platforms operating in Canada (Davey, Guerin & Hart, 2020).

Alt-right ideology incorporates homophobia, heterosexism, genderism, misogyny, sexism, and racism. Racialized women, LGBTQ2SIA people, Indigenous women, and Black women are at disproportionate risk from this racist misogynist movement.

44% of all police-reported hate crimes were motivated by race/ethnicity and 33% were motivated by religion in 2018 (Moreau, 2020, Statistics Canada).

Alt-right groups such as 'Incels' target women specifically. Anti-choice champions are also part of the alt-right's agenda in Canada.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the spread of alt-right ideologies against Asian people.

Concern over a rise of the alt-right is not an overreaction - this ideology is a threat to equality and social justice. CRIAW-ICREF urges the government to treat misogyny, sexism, and racism as a serious threat to public safety.

Collective actions of all individuals, governments, political parties, labour unions, schools, universities, communities, civil society organizations, media, and related groups have a role to play to combat alt-right extremism.

This information was taken from CRIAW-ICREF's **Rise of the Alt-Right in Canada: A Feminist Analysis** paper. Access the full paper at www.criaw-icref.ca.