

ESLCO

Lesson 2.1

Bullying in Canada

Bullying is a big problem among teenagers in Canada. It has caused a lot of talk and action in the country, which prides itself on being inclusive and diverse.

One case that got a lot of attention in Canada was the story of Amanda Todd. She was a teenager from British Columbia who sadly took her own life in 2012 after being cyberbullied. Her story showed how harmful online harassment can be and made people think about it all across the country. The Amanda Todd Legacy Society was made in her honor and still works to raise awareness about mental health and stop bullying.

Canadian news has also reported on bullying in schools, showing that it happens a lot. This can include physical attacks or mean words, and it shows that we need better ways to stop bullying in schools. For example, a high school in Ontario had such bad bullying that students walked out of school to protest how it was being handled. This made people talk about how well the current ways of stopping bullying are working.

Social media has also made people worry about cyberbullying in Canada. Teenagers getting hurtful messages and mean comments online has made people want stricter rules and more education about using the internet. Canadian news has told stories about brave young people speaking out against cyberbullying and trying to make things better online.

Even though there are big challenges, Canada has also seen people come together to fight bullying. Communities have started things like rallies against bullying and groups where teenagers can support each other. Canadian news has shared stories about people and groups working together to stop bullying and make sure everyone feels safe and included.

As Canada keeps working on stopping bullying among teenagers, we can learn from both the good and bad experiences. By relying on our communities, being kind to others, and making big changes, Canadians are determined to stop bullying in all its forms and make sure every teenager can be happy and respected.

Questions

Do not copy sentences from the reading. Paraphrase and explain your answers.

1. Who was Amanda Todd, and why did her story gain attention in Canada?
2. What is the Amanda Todd Legacy Society, and what is its purpose?
3. How has Canadian news reported on bullying in schools?
4. Give an example of a school in Ontario that faced issues with bullying, as mentioned in the text.
5. How has social media contributed to concerns about bullying in Canada?
6. What actions have communities taken to combat bullying in Canada, as mentioned in the text?
7. How does the text suggest Canadians can work together to address the issue of bullying?
8. Why is it important for Canadians to learn from both positive and negative experiences in tackling bullying?
9. What are some of the proposed solutions to combat cyberbullying in Canada?

10. In what ways does the text suggest Canadian society values inclusivity and diversity in addressing bullying?