

PRIDE

June is Pride Month in Canada. It's a time to celebrate the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, commemorate its history, and reflect on the continued fight for equality and freedom around the world.

Origins of Pride in Canada



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1973

Canada's Pride Week was held in several cities, introducing the concept of Pride.

1971

Over 100 people from Ottawa, Montreal, and Toronto gathered at Parliament Hill for Canada's First Gay Liberation Protest and March with a list of 10 demands for equal rights.



1974-1981

Police crackdowns on gay bars and meeting spaces led to national street protests.

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1981

On February 5, Toronto Police stormed four gay bathhouses as part of "Operation Soap," arresting 300 men. The next day, over 3,000 people marched on 52 Division Police Precinct and Queen's Park in protest.



1991

The Bathhouse Raid in 1981 led to the endorsement of Lesbian and Gay Pride Day by the City of Toronto. Since then, Pride has been an annual event held across Canada.



Did You Know?



On January 7, 2022

Bill C-4 came into effect, criminalizing conversion therapy in Canada. This is an important milestone for 2SLGBTQIA+ rights in Canada, but conversion therapy is still legal in other parts of the world.

What Is Conversion Therapy? x

As defined by Bill C-4, conversion therapy is the practice, treatment, or service designed to change or repress a person's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.



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