



Human rights can be complicated

International and domestic laws around Indigenous peoples' human rights can be complicated. Unfortunately, this means that social media, and even respected news outlets, can wind up spreading misleading and outright false information. When it comes to human rights, you can't believe everything that you read.

Sadly, false information is spreading right now about Bill C-15 (the [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act](#)).

CFSC strongly supports federal legislation to implement the *UN Declaration*. We actively supported Bill C-262. C-15 is built on C-262 and has [widespread support](#) from many respected Indigenous activists, legal experts, and human rights experts alike.

Massive amounts of hard work have gone into decades of struggle to get to this crucial point advancing Indigenous peoples' human rights. It should not be undermined now by falsehoods.

For careful and factual insights into C-15 and the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, please see our recent [joint statements](#) and [information resources](#). We encourage you to share these to help counter the spread of harmful misinformation.



Addressing hate is essential, but not with anti-terrorism laws

"The growth, proliferation, and emboldening of white supremacist and far-right groups across Canada – numbering more than 300, according to one recent academic count – is alarming, and urgently requires a strong response....

"However, the entrenchment and expansion of problematic anti-terrorism tools threatens to further intensify racism, rather than alleviate it," say more than 170 signatories (including CFSC) to a new open letter. [Read the full letter](#).

Many Canadian companies are profiting from arming the worst humanitarian situation on the planet.

Some key companies involved in arms sales fuelling the war on Yemen:

- *General Dynamics Land Systems*
- *Streit Group*
- *PGW Defense Technologies*
- *Terradyne*
- *IAG Guardian*
- *Wescam*
- *CAE*
- *Bombardier*
- *Pratt-Whitney Canada*
- *Provincial Aerospace*
- *Bell Helicopters Textron*
- *Aeryon Labs*
- *CMC Electronics*
- *Newcon Optik*
- *Robotics Centre*
- *Viking Air*



Canada must stop arming Saudi Arabia

A cross-section of Canadian labour, arms control, human rights, international security, peace, and other civil society organizations have written on the need for Canada to cease arming Saudi Arabia. The letter for the first time names many of the companies profiting from arming Saudi Arabia and propping up the brutal war on Yemen, the worst humanitarian crisis in the world.

The letter urges "the government to work with trade unions representing workers in the arms industry to develop a plan that secures the livelihoods of those who would be impacted by the suspension of arms exports to Saudi Arabia. Such a plan would include providing government support for the conversion of arms manufacturing facilities from

arms production to peaceful, green production." Read it at:

<https://quakerservice.ca/StopArmingSaudi>



CFSC talks conflict resolution on CBC radio and *Psychology Today*

CFSC's peace program coordinator Matt Legge spoke with CBC radio in Cape Breton yesterday about what peace is and the surprising powers each of us have to contribute to it. Listen to the 20 minute segment [*The People's School on Community Leadership: How to be Peacemakers in Our Community.*](#)

And this month's [blog post](#) for *Psychology Today* explains a subtle but powerful trick that experts in conflict transformation employ all the time.

You can join a group to discuss and practice conflict transformation techniques via Zoom for free. Details and registration at: <https://quakerservice.ca/register>