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Act For the better Regulation of
The Indian Trade, by Impowering
Commissioners therein named to

ANTI-ABORIGINAL RACISM IN CANADA: A SOCIAL DETERMINANT OF HEALTH

Preamble

Whereas It has been found by experience
That The Indian Trade as formerly carried on by
Private Traders, has been prejudicial, and tended
much to the great damage and detriment of this Province,
So Prevent which inconveniencies for the future, Be it

Enacted

Enacted by His Excellency John Lord Carteret Proprietor, and
rest of the true and absolute Lords and Proprietors of Carolina,
with the advice and consent of the rest of the Members of the
General Assembly, now met at Charles Town for that part of the
said Province that lieth South and West of Cape Fear: and by the
Authority of the same, That Coll: George Logan, Coll: James
Moore, Ralph Ford, Esq: Coll: John Barnwell, Esq:
Charles Hill, Esq: and any two or more of them are hereby nominated Commissioners

That
The Commission
have power, etc.
to manage the
Trade with the
Indians, for the
service of the
Publick

to order, direct, regulate, and settle the Trade with the Indians, in
amity with the said Province, for the use, benefit and behoof
of the Publick of this Province, and they or any three of them
shall meet in the said Province, and shall have power and they are hereby impowered to execute
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all the authorities and powers given them as Commissioners by

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RACE AND RACIALIZATION

1. A social construction of human difference typically based on characteristics such as skin colour, hair texture, and facial features.
2. The practice of assigning a racial identity to a person or group of people (Merriam-Webster Dictionary, 2013)

RACISM

An attitude or behaviour based on the belief that 'race' produces inherent cognitive, moral and behavioural traits, often involving the belief that one's own race is superior to others.

(Merriam-Webster Dictionary, 2013a).

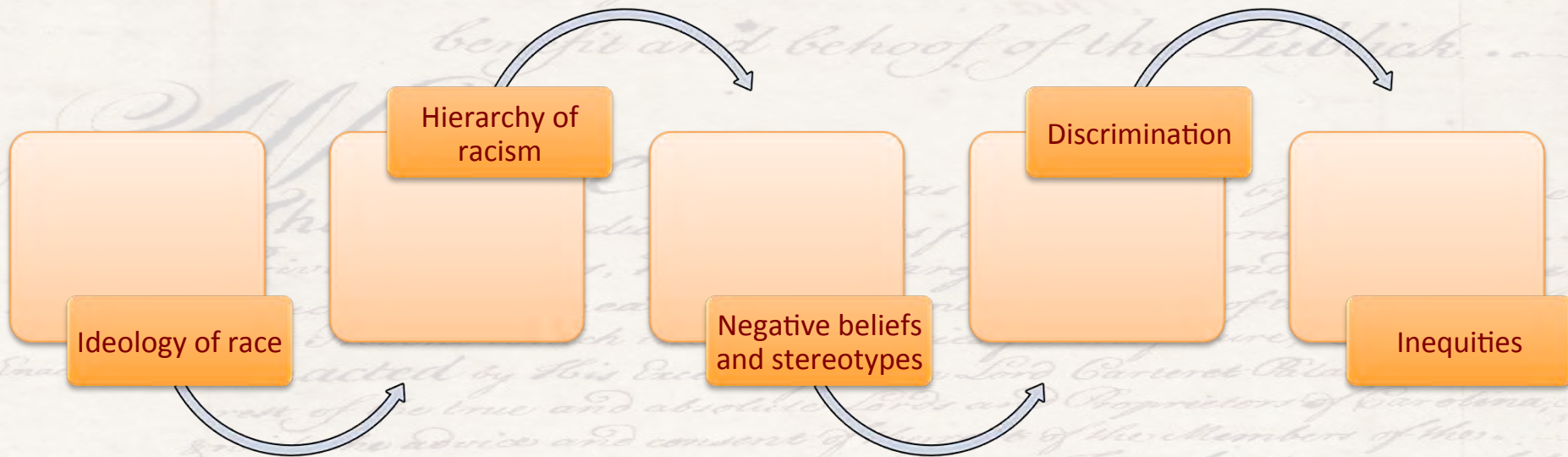
RACISM

- ❑ A policy, system of government, etc., based on or fostering a doctrine of race-based discrimination.
- ❑ Hatred, fear or intolerance of those racialized differently than oneself. (Dictionary.com, n.d.)

WHY RACE AND RACISM?

- ❑ Racial categories were constructed in a state of ignorance and/or arrogance.
- ❑ Racism is perpetuated in a state of arrogance and greed.

TRAJECTORY OF RACISM



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Moore, Ralph Ford, Esq: Coll: John Barnwell &c. etc.
Charles Hill, Bc, and they are hereby nominated Commissioners
to order, direct and manage the Trade with the Indians, in
amity with this Government, for the sole use, benefit and behoof
of the Publick of this Province, and they or any three of them
shall meet in three days or sooner, after the ratification of this
and shall have power and they are hereby empowered to execute
all the authorities and powers given them as Commissioners by

FORMS OF RACISM

Epistemic *Knowledge is power*

Relational *Sticks and stones*

Structural *Exclusion and marginalization*

Symbolic *Maintaining the status quo*

Colourblind *Ignoring the reality*

Embodied *Living the reality*

STRUCTURAL RACISM

- ❑ Discrimination is not always expressed in overt ways (e.g., slavery, genocide)
- ❑ It can take forms that present power inequalities as neutral and natural.

STRUCTURAL RACISM

Economic, social and political institutions and processes that create, practice and reinforce racism.

- ❑ Indian Act
- ❑ Indigenous Communities
- ❑ Residential Schools
- ❑ Over Policing
- ❑ Apprehension of Children

STRUCTURAL RACISM

Health care settings:

- ❑ longer wait times
- ❑ fewer referrals
- ❑ disrespectful treatment that demeans, diminishes or disempowers the cultural identity and well-being of an individual

ADDRESSING RACISM

Media

- Mandating diversity
- Representing and celebrating Indigenous peoples

Education

- Telling the true story
- Anti-oppressive environments
- Anti-racist curriculum

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Health Care

- Cultural safety
- Increased Indigenous representation
- Community based and driven care

Systems

- Anti-discrimination legislation
- Anti-racist training
- Employment equity
- Truth and Reconciliation

I HOPE WE CAN AGREE THAT...

Racism perpetrated on an individual level does harm to one person, which in turn can affect one's family and friends.

Racism perpetrated on a structural level informs institutions (*schools, healthcare, and justice*) that can do harm to an entire group of people and their descendants.

I HOPE WE CAN AGREE THAT...

Personal and structural discrimination
against Indigenous individuals, communities
and nations has largely been justified
through socially constructed notions of race.

WE NEED TO CHANGE

- ❑ Racialized hostility toward Aboriginal peoples.
- ❑ Legally sanctioned discrimination that hinders opportunities for Aboriginal peoples to be healthy and self-determining.
- ❑ Race-based policies that attempt to socially isolate, culturally assimilate, and politically decimate Aboriginal peoples.

CHANGE REQUIRES COLLABORATION

“Just as social problems spring in part from collective experience, so solutions require change at the collective level. Aboriginal people acting alone cannot shift the weight of disadvantage and discrimination. But solutions that lift the weight for Aboriginal people collectively shift it for everyone.”
(Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples 1996).

The image features a collection of hand silhouettes in various shades of brown and tan, reaching upwards from the bottom and sides towards a bright, glowing sun in the center of a light blue sky. The sun is partially obscured by the hands, creating a sense of collective effort and support. The overall composition is circular and centered, with the text 'MANY THANKS' prominently displayed in the middle.

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