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Letter from the President and Chairman of the Board

In 2018, the Justice Centre continued to expand its influence in the public realm, educating more Canadians than ever before about the nature and importance of freedom. Through the faithful generosity of the more than 5,000 Canadians who support our vision, the Justice Centre employs eight full-time staff and five part-time staff, including four staff lawyers and a paralegal, all working to defend the constitutional freedoms of Canadians.

In 2018, we assisted Canadians from BC to Nova Scotia in 20 legal files, all with the purpose of protecting and advancing the free society. We secured victories for the fundamental freedoms of foster parents (*Baars v. Hamilton Children's Aid Society*), adoptive parents (*C.D. and N.D. v. Alberta*), and the human rights of an esthetician in British Columbia (*JY v. Poyer*). After we commenced a court action against the Canada Summer Jobs program attestation, the federal government changed the attestation, such that it no longer compels businesses and charities to express their “respect” for legal abortion as a Charter right.

We continued to engage students in the fight for freedom. Our annual essay contest entered its sixth year, with the provocative question as to whether Canadians should be required by law to use gender-neutral pronouns. The Campus Freedom Index held universities to account, with letter grades judging their performance on upholding free speech on campus. Visits to CampusFreedomIndex.ca totaled 52,322 page views.

One month after the Justice Centre submitted a Proposal for an Act to Protect Free Expression at Ontario's Public Colleges and Universities to newly elected Ontario Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario government announced new policies to require universities to uphold campus free speech, the first government in Canada to do so.

Our Petition to end discrimination in foster and adoptive services garnered 1,093 signatures.

The inaugural George Jonas Freedom Award dinner was held in Toronto, with 200 people in attendance to see this Award presented to Canadian writer Mark Steyn.

In 2018, we published 40 columns in papers across Canada on issues pertaining to the free society, its preservation, and the threats facing it. Justice Centre staff spoke at 29 events. Our media presence in 2018 increased to 1,608 media mentions, a significant increase over the 964 media mentions in 2017.

Over 106,900 users visited JCCF.ca, a significant increase from the 60,132 website views in 2017. The Justice Centre produced 14 short videos, garnering a total of 231,622 views on Facebook and Youtube.

The Justice Centre's victories and breakthroughs in 2018 have helped us move Canada closer to our mission: a truly free society. All of this is made possible by the generosity of our donors.

For Justice,

Bruce Hallsor
Chairman, Board of Directors



John Carpay
President





Court actions and favourable out-of-court settlements

Victories for foster parents and adoptive parents

Canadians were shocked to learn the story of Derek and Frances Baars. Their foster children were ripped away from them with less than 24 hours notice because this couple refused to tell the two young girls in their care that the Easter Bunny is real.

Derek and Frances wanted to have children of their own but were unable to conceive. They decided to become foster parents, successfully completing the Hamilton Children's Aid Society (CAS) training, interviews and home visits. The Baars were assigned two sisters, aged three and four. The girls were to stay with the Baars temporarily, until they could be reunited with their biological parents.

But trouble arose when Tracey Lindsay, a "Placement Support Worker," insisted that Derek and Frances must proactively teach the girls about the Easter Bunny. This government agent considered it a necessary, vital and crucial part of Canadian culture. When Derek and Frances refused to proactively tell the girls that the Easter Bunny was "real," Ms. Lindsay shut down their foster home.



Thanks to your support, the Justice Centre provided the Baars pro bono legal assistance until they were vindicated. The Baars still wanted to adopt children, but felt there was a dark cloud hanging over their hands as a result of the revocation of their foster home.

On March 6, 2018, the Baars received the vindication they deserved. The Ontario Superior Court of Justice declared that CAS violated the Baars' Charter freedoms of conscience, religion and expression by closing the Baars' foster home. The Court found that "the Baars were constantly promoting the children's wellbeing" and "were clearly operating with the children's best interests in mind." The Court asked "is it more important to have the Easter Bunny or permanency?" and found that the CAS "very clearly chose the Easter Bunny."

In Alberta, the Justice Centre defended another couple seeking to provide a home for children in need of a family. In October of 2016, C.D. and N.D. met with Alberta Child and Family Services intake worker to apply to be adoptive parents. The professional couple went through the Home Study process, which considered their financial, emotional and social stability, and overall fitness to adopt. The Home Study considered the couple excellent on all fronts, but the government rejected their application to become adoptive parents because they would be unable to "help" a child who "has sexual identity issues." The rejection letter did not explain how or why the couple would be unable to "help" a child that they valued, loved, accepted and respected. Later, Child and Family Services staff explained that the couple's religious beliefs regarding sexuality were a "rejection" of children with LGBT sexual identities, and that this stance was the "official position of the Alberta government".

The Justice Centre represented C.D. and N.D. in their legal challenge to the Alberta Child and Family Services decision,



filing a court application in November 2017. The application sought a court declaration that the decision to deny adoption violates sections 2(a) and 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Alberta Bill of Rights and the Alberta Human Rights Act.

Thanks to our court victory for the Baars, and thanks to our court application, the Alberta Government bowed to pressure in May 2018, and reversed its decision to reject this couple's application to adopt.



Victory for vulnerable women harassed by serial “human rights” complainant

The Justice Centre secured a victory for British Columbia aesthetician Shelah Poyer, who had declined to provide a “Brazilian” bikini wax service to JY, a “transwoman” who possesses male genitalia. JY filed a human rights complaint against Ms. Poyer and against more than a dozen other Vancouver-area women who had likewise refused to provide JY with this service.

The Justice Centre represented Ms. Poyer and a second woman, resulting in JY withdrawing these two complaints rather than facing a serious defence provided by the Justice Centre.



Victory against compelled speech for federal government programs

The Canada Summer Jobs program is intended to provide valuable work experience to young Canadians who are building their skills and talents for the 21st century workforce, in addition to helping small businesses and charities hire students. In 2018, a new Canada Summer Jobs “attestation” required non-profits and businesses to express “respect” for abortion being legal, and for abortion as a Charter right, in order to access a public grant.

The Justice Centre got involved immediately, warning Canadians about the threat posed by this unprecedented attempt for government to compel Canadians to endorse the government's view about a contentious issue like abortion. Our video, which analyzes the government's decision in detail, has been viewed online more than 30,000 times, enabling us to educate thousands of Canadians about this threat to actual Charter

freedoms.

In April of 2018, the Justice Centre commenced a court action against the federal government, on behalf of business owners Rhea Lynne and William Anderson, who own A-1 Irrigation & Technical Services. They offer ecologically responsible irrigation services to local farming operations. Desiring to provide summer job experience to a qualified



student, the Andersons submitted their Canada Summer Jobs application in January of 2018, but without checking the “I attest” box. They objected to being compelled to agree and respect an arbitrary ideological position that has nothing to do with their application for a government grant for which they were otherwise eligible.

The Andersons’ application to hire a summer student was rejected solely because they had refused to express agreement with an ideological statement. Their court application seeks a declaration that this attestation requirement violates Charter 2(a) and 2(b) freedoms of conscience and expression.

Thanks to the Andersons and other principled Canadians who have taken the federal government to court, the 2019 Canada Summer Jobs application does not require applicants to assert any beliefs or values.

The Andersons will still continue with their court application against the federal government, with the goal of establishing a legally binding precedent that government cannot compel citizens to agree with the government’s opinions in order to access federal funding. But the removal of the 2018 attestation requirement is a testament to the important victories we achieved in 2018.

Other court actions to defend the free society

In addition to these victories in 2018, the Justice Centre defended the constitutional freedoms of citizens from BC to Nova Scotia. For example:

- 1) The Justice Centre is representing a coalition of parents, independent schools and other stakeholders in a court challenge to the constitutionality of Alberta Bill 24. The prohibition on parental notification concerning Gay-Straight Alliances and related “activities” violates the fundamental right of parents to be informed concerning their children’s education and well-being. Further, absent Bill 24, teachers and principals already had the right to withhold information from abusive parents whenever warranted; there was simply no need for this legislation.
- 2) The Justice Centre sent a legal warning letter to the Vancouver Public Library, after the Library imposed a prohibitive security fee which effectively censored a public lecture by Canadian feminist Meghan Murphy. The Library then reduced the security fee to less than half, made no attempts to collect the fee in advance, and has not attempted to collect it since the event took place.



Meghan Murphy speaks to a packed room at the Vancouver Public Library



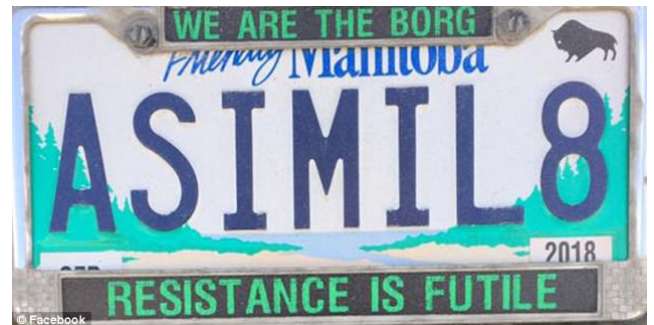
Protestors gather outside Vancouver Public Library during Murphy’s lecture



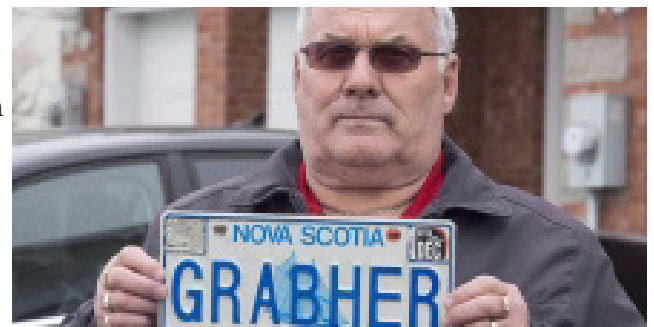
3) The Justice Centre represented Amberlee Nicol and other University of Alberta students in the Alberta Court of Appeal, seeking to overturn a lower court ruling that sided with the University's decision to charge a \$17,500 security fee to these students in order to hold an educational event. The Justice Centre is seeking a court order that the University uphold its own Code of Student Behaviour so as to respect and uphold the free expression rights of students on campus in the face of vandalism, bullying, intimidation and mob censorship. A decision is pending.



4) The Justice Centre continued its court application against Manitoba Public Insurance, which took a personalized Star Trek licence plate away from Winnipeg resident Nicholas Troller. The plate said "ASIMIL8," bordered by the words "We are the borg" and "Resistance is futile." The government deemed it offensive to aboriginal Canadians.



5) The Justice Centre continued its court application against the Nova Scotia Registrar of Motor Vehicles, which took the personalized "GRABHER" licence plate away from Dartmouth pensioner Lorne Grabher. The Grabher family had proudly displayed its Austrian-German surname on a license plate for over 20 years, but this was suddenly deemed too "socially unacceptable" on the basis of an anonymous complaint.



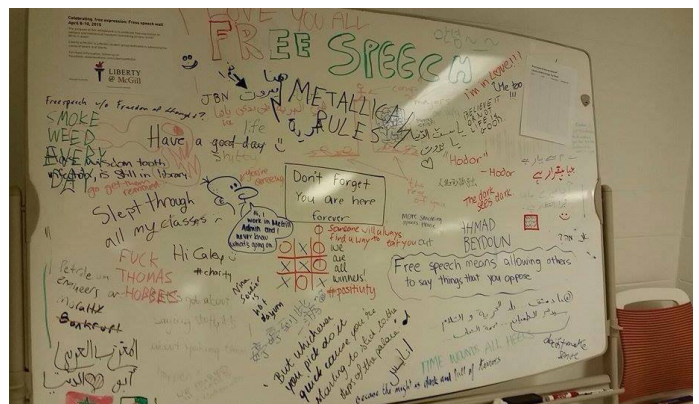


Annual Essay Contest for university students

The Justice Centre's annual essay contest furthers the understanding of the free society by educating post-secondary students about the importance of our constitutional freedoms. In the past six years, over 400 essays have been submitted by students across Canada. The essays were judged by prominent Canadians, including university professors as well as the National Post's Barbara Kay, Christie Blatchford and John Robson. Cash prizes were awarded to students for first, second and third place, with winning essays posted on the Justice Centre website. Essay questions in the past six years have been as follows:

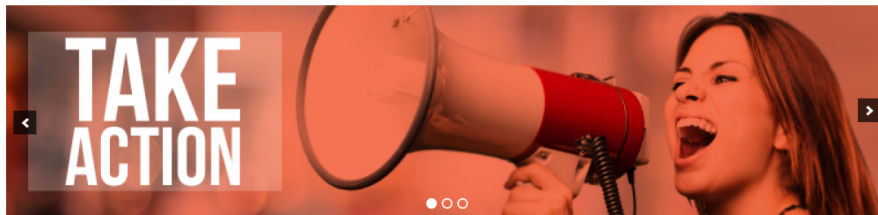
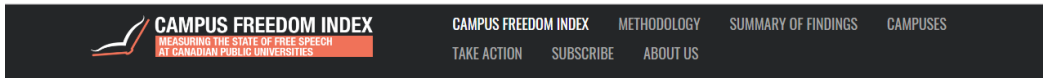


- (2013) "Positive rights versus negative rights: which should prevail, and why?"
- (2014) "With only a minority of Canadians attending a place of worship regularly, is it important to preserve freedom of religion and conscience in Canada's increasingly secularized society? Why or why not?"
- (2015) "To what extent have Canadians abandoned the principles and liberties of the Magna Carta? If Magna Carta freedoms have been lost, what must Canadians do to regain them, and to preserve existing ones?"
- (2016) "Should the government and government bodies, through law and policy, force voluntary associations (charitable, political, cultural, ethnic, religious, social, recreational, educational, etc.) to be inclusive and welcoming of everyone?"
- (2017) "Should governments restrict funding from universities that censor free expression? Why or why not?"
- (2018) "Should Canadians be required by law to use gender-neutral pronouns? Why or why not?"





Campus Freedom Index and CampusFreedomIndex.ca



CAMPUS FREEDOM INDEX

To access the provincial listings, please use the interactive map to the right or the search box below.

The Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms (JCCF.ca) brings you the 2016 Campus Freedom Index, measuring the state of free speech at 60 Canadian public universities.

The 2016 Campus Freedom Index is now housed in its own interactive web-database. CampusFreedomIndex.ca includes the data for all 60 universities and student unions surveyed. Users can quickly find and share information on the state of free speech at their campus. They can compare their rankings with other universities across the country, and better understand why their school got the grades it did.



The Justice Centre released its eight annual Campus Freedom Index on September 17, 2018. Using a five-tier letter scale (A to F), the Campus Freedom Index grades universities and student unions on their stated policies (what they say) and their practices (what they do). With 240 grades awarded to 60 campuses, Canada’s universities and student unions in 2018 have received only five ‘A’ grades—two fewer compared with the 2017 Index. 34 ‘F’ grades were assigned in 2018—a decrease of three over 2017, and an increase of three over 2016 levels.

While the total number of ‘F’ grades has decreased slightly in 2018, the Campus Freedom Index reports that seven universities joined the “Flunk List” in 2018. Acadia University, Dalhousie University, Saint Paul University, University of Guelph, University of Waterloo, University of Victoria and Wilfrid Laurier University earned new “F” grades in 2018 for failing to protect free expression on campus. The Brandon University Students’ Union, The Student Federation at University of Ottawa, and the Wilfrid Laurier University Student Union also earned new ‘F’ grades in 2018.

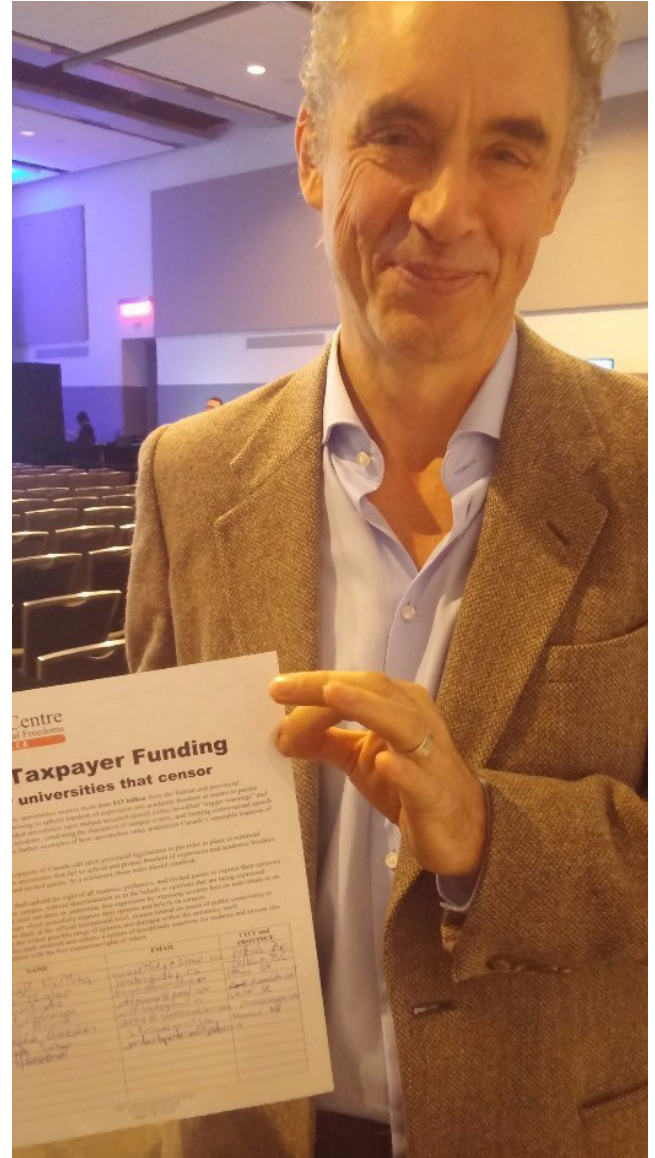
In 2018, website views at CampusFreedomIndex.ca totaled 11,416 users. These 11,416 users generated 52,322 page views, indicating that they are taking the time to explore CampusFreedomIndex.ca, review our methodology, and read the findings from the campuses they are concerned about. Average user session time rose in 2018, from 1:39 minutes in 2017, to 2:35 minutes in 2018. This demonstrates that Canadians are spending more time on the website than in previous years, learning more about the state of campus free speech at Canadian universities. Steadily increasing online viewership is helping the Justice Centre share our findings with key stakeholders and empower them with knowledge to lead reform at their campus.



Legislative protection for campus free speech

In July of 2018, the Justice Centre submitted a Proposal for an *Act to Protect Free Expression at Ontario's Public Colleges and Universities* to newly elected Ontario Premier Doug Ford.

In August, the Ontario government announced new policies to require universities to uphold campus free speech, the first government in Canada to do so. Universities that fail to uphold free speech on campus risk the loss of taxpayer funding. The government's new regulations require all universities to adopt a strong policy protecting the free exchange of ideas on campus, and gives students a mechanism to report infringements on free speech rights to the government. This is a historic and pioneering step that the Justice Centre will be working to see replicated in all other provinces--thanks to your support!



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All Ontario universities must develop free speech policies, says provincial government

Policies must be in place by 2019

By Josie Kao

Published: 7:08 am, 10 September 2018

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John Carpay
Calgary lawyer and president of the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms
(www.JCCF.ca)

THE BLOG

Trudeau's Troubling Insistence That Pick A Side On Abortion

One of the differences between a free society and a repressive regime is the right to remain silent.

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A law that requires Canadians to say "please" and law.

Not because these are bad words, but because in should be compelled to say anything. One of the society and a repressive regime is the right to reme

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The courts keep inventing new rights, turning our Charter on its head

John Carpay: Our courts have twisted themselves into pretzels over medical referrals. If a doctor refers a parent to another doctor who will circumvent a young girl, it's a crime

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Sen. André Pratte: When it comes to Bills C-69 and C-48, the Senate is doing its job

Sen. Larry Smith: Why has the Senate become the last hope for provinces to be heard?

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Another grim year for free speech on Canada's campuses

We take encouragement from Ontario's decision to enforce requirements upon public universities: that they uphold

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IDEAS THAT LEAD

L'Etat, c'est nous

John Carpay July 13, 2018

On June 15 the Supreme Court of Canada issued a ruling that may come to be recognized as the moment when the 36-year-old *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* was transformed from a shield to protect minorities into a sword to attack them. In denying Trinity Western University's bid to open a law school, the highest court in the land ruled that the *Charter* guarantee of religious freedom and freedom of association – in this case Christian – is subordinate to secular “*Charter* values,” the “public interest,” “diversity” and “equity.”

Published columns

In 2018, the Justice Centre published 40 columns on issues pertaining to the free society, its preservation, and the threats facing it:

- Federal government abandons compelled speech in Canada Summer Jobs program
Post Millennial, December 15, 2018
- On the anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights, Canada has room for improvement
Post Millennial, December 10, 2018
- Twitter is not a neutral platform and Meghan Murphy has proven it
Post Millennial, November 30, 2018
- Security fees a form of censorship
The Interim, November 25, 2018
- The indispensable value of defending the speech you disagree with
Post Millennial, November 22, 2018
- 16 women facing human rights complaints for refusing to wax transgender woman's male genitalia
Post Millennial, November 6, 2018
- Security fees silence the left as well as the right
Post Millennial, October 25, 2018



- David Eggen is bullying religious schools into dropping religious policies
Post Millennial, October 16, 2018
- Keeping secrets from parents is wrong, except when it comes to GSAs
Post Millennial, September 27, 2018
- Another grim year for campus free speech
National Post, September 19, 2018
- Canada's velvet totalitarianism
The Interim, September 19, 2018
- The critics show that Ford's policy on campus free speech is good
Post Millennial, September 13, 2018
- Ontario starts the hard work of returning free speech to universities
National Post, September 5, 2018
- Religious values part of society's social fabric
Post Millennial, August 30, 2018
- Wagner's Progressive Court Rejects the Rule Of Law
Post Millennial, August 21, 2018
- The Supreme Court allowed a corrupt case into Canada. That should worry everyone
Financial Post, July 26, 2018
- L'Etat, c'est nous
C2C Journal, July 13, 2018
- University of Alberta president supports free speech for Suzuki, not his own students
Post Millennial, May 4, 2018
- No-go zones around abortion clinics are unconstitutional
West-Central Crossroads, May 1, 2018
- No-go zones around abortion clinics are unconstitutional
The Kindersley Clarion, May 1, 2018
- Bubble-zone bill about suppressing 'wrong'



opinions

Calgary Herald, April 21, 2018

- Allowing corrupt foreign judgments into our courts: another sign Canada's bad for business
Financial Post, April 18, 2018
- Bill 24: Missing Common Sense and Putting Children In Danger
Post Millennial, April 10, 2018
- The slippery slide away from freedom
Post Millennial, March 29, 2018
- Court victory for foster parents to honour their own conscience
Post Millennial, March 15, 2018

- The courts keep inventing new rights, turning the Charter on its head
National Post, February 28, 2018
- Trudeau's troubling insistence that charities take a side on abortion
Huffington Post, February 22, 2018
- Trans lobby seeks to silence healthy debate
Post Millennial, February 10, 2018
- Government sides with social justice warriors to trample constitutional freedoms
Post Millennial, January 24, 2018
- Students take political correctness to court
Post Millennial, January 18, 2018



Petition to end discrimination in foster and adoptive services

In January of 2018, the Justice Centre launched a new petition: “stop religious discrimination in foster and adoptive services.” Tens of thousands of Canadian children go to bed each night without a loving mom and dad to tuck them in. Whether orphaned, or homeless, or victims of abuse or of broken homes, these children spend their lives in government care. That is tragic enough. The greater tragedy, however, is that many children could finally find a caring home with a loving family if the government would stop disqualifying good foster parents and good adoptive parents due to petty ideological biases.

The Justice Centre's petition garnered 1,093 signatures in 2018. We will present the petition to provincial legislatures in an effort to raise awareness among decision-makers about this serious problem, and the public appetite for correction.



Public speaking engagements

In 2018, Justice Centre staff spoke at 29 events, including the following:

- On December 4, Justice Centre lawyer Marty Moore spoke to 490 students at Calvin Christian School in Monarch, AB, about the importance of freedom and participation in the democratic process. Marty spoke at 12 events in 2018.
- On November 9, Justice Centre lawyer Jay Cameron spoke to more than 400 parents and pastors at the Live One Accord conference in Edmonton, regarding the rights of parents and religious associations in education. Jay spoke at five events in 2018.
- On April 13, Justice Centre lawyer James Kitchen spoke to 100 parents and youth about the importance of parental rights in education at the 2018 Alberta Home Education Association Conference in Red Deer, AB.
- On March 24, 2018, John Carpay addressed a student conference at Mount Royal University, Calgary, organized by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, about parental rights as a pillar of Canada's free society. John spoke at seven events in 2018.
- On February 2, 2018, Campus Freedom Index co-author Michael Kennedy participated in a panel discussion at McGill University in Montreal, QC, about the theory and practice of safe space, attended by 60 law students.

In 2018 more than 4,500 people listened to Justice Centre speakers at 29 events. Many of these events have been video-recorded and posted on Facebook and Youtube, garnering thousands more online views.





George Jonas Freedom Award



Toronto's Eglinton Grand Theatre



George Jonas
1936 - 2016



Mark Steyn with Maya Jones, Conrad Black,
and John Carpay

With the involvement and support of Maya Jonas, the widow of renowned Canadian writer, poet and columnist George Jonas, the Justice Centre has established the annual George Jonas Freedom Award, presented to a Canadian who has made a significant contribution to defending the free society.

On June 15, 2018, the inaugural George Jonas Freedom Award dinner was held in Toronto. The Award was presented to Canadian writer Mark Steyn, with over 200 people in attendance. Plans for the 2019 dinner, to take place in Toronto on June 14, are underway, and we're excited to announce Christie Blatchford as our 2019 Jonas Freedom Award recipient.





Media coverage and interviews

The Justice Centre uses the media to educate Canadians about constitutional freedoms, and to raise awareness about our important constitutional court actions. Our media presence in 2017 included 964 media interviews and mentions, which increased to 1,608 media mentions in 2018, a significant increase. This key milestone indicates that the Justice Centre is reaching more Canadians through the media than ever before. The Justice Centre is recognized in the public square as a reputable and authoritative source for information on the state of our constitutional rights and freedoms.

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Barbara Kay: This spring, the fight to protect free speech in Canada continues

In the left's intolerant world, one doesn't defend the right to speak for people with opposing views, which is why freedom of speech is so vulnerable here

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Campus Police Told to Remain Neutral as Students Vandalize Pro-Life Display

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BILL KAUFMANN Updated: December 4, 2018

'Not for men sorry': Transgender woman denied a Brazilian wax by files human rights complaint

Reached by phone on Wednesday, the woman said the complaint is one of 15 she's filed against salons from Vancouver to Abbotsford

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Blatchford: Case of student groups denied funding shows unsettling force of social justice

There was something alarming about the case. It wasn't that it was a surprise that the denied clubs seeking redress are a men's rights group and two pro-life groups

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Lawyer dismisses 'scandalous' report linking contentious licence plate to Trump

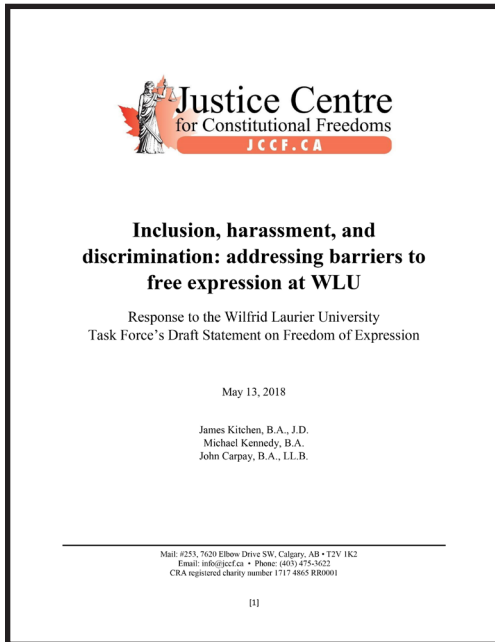


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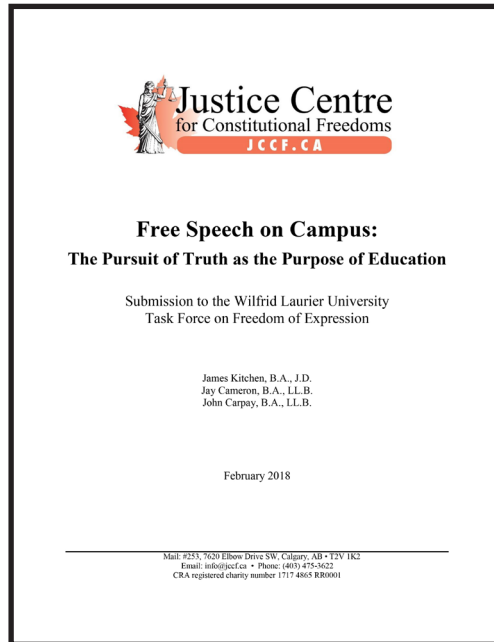
The Justice Centre’s website is a key medium by which the public can stay informed about our court cases and educational activities, and the new and emerging threats to Canada’s free society. In 2018, the Justice Centre achieved a new milestone by surpassing 100,000 website views! This was a huge increase over our 60,132 website views in 2017. Thanks to the attention we are receiving from the numerous cases and educational work outlined above, 106,906 users visited JCCF.ca in 2018.

Publications on legal issues relevant to preserving the free society

The Justice Centre’s victories and breakthroughs in 2018 have helped us move Canada closer to our mission: a truly free society, where our cherished fundamental freedoms are understood, respected and defended. None of this would be possible without the generous support of over 5,000 Canadians.



Inclusion, Harassment, and Discrimination
Addressing barriers to free expression at Wilfrid Laurier University



Free Speech on Campus
The pursuit of truth as the purpose of education



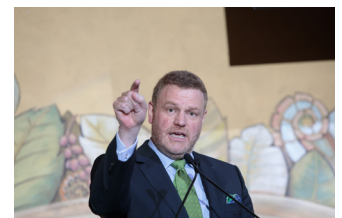
Proposal for an Act to Protect Free Expression at Ontario’s Publicly-Funded Colleges and Universities



Short Video Program

In 2018 the Justice Centre produced a total of 14 short videos, garnering 231,622 views on social media platforms, comprised of 130,097 video views on Facebook; 100,715 video views on Youtube; and 810 video views on other platforms.

- These 14 videos include educational information in support of freedom, and tell the stories of our clients in a way that highlights the deep human impact of government encroachment on our freedoms. These videos have helped the Justice Centre expand its online educational reach to include more Canadians.
- In February 2018, the Justice Centre released *Torn*, a dramatization-style short film which tells the story of Derek and Frances Baars, whose foster home was closed because they refused to tell the two young girls in their care that the Easter Bunny is real. *Torn* has garnered 98,106 views online, making it our most successful video in 2018.
- In April 2018, the Justice Centre broadcasted its press conference in Calgary detailing our court application against the Alberta Government over parental rights in education (Bill 24). This was our first live video broadcast, and it allowed 10,426 Canadians from coast to coast to coast to watch the press conference online.
- In May 2018, the Justice Centre produced “Alberta parent shares concerns about Bill 24,” a video featuring a caring father who is concerned about Alberta’s Bill 24, which seeks to curtail parental rights in education. This video has received more than 19,080 views online.
- In June 2018, the Justice Centre hosted the inaugural George Jonas Freedom Award Dinner, to honour an important Canadian freedom fighter, Mark Steyn. Mr. Steyn’s remarks at the dinner were recorded on video, garnering 7,444 views online, thereby allowing us to share this special event with supporters and members of the public who were not able to attend the event.
- In September 2018, the Justice Centre released a short video promoting our newly-released 2018 Campus Freedom Index. This video highlighted the most shocking incidents of censorship at Canadian universities in 2018, and encouraged viewers to visit CampusFreedomIndex.ca to learn more about the state of free speech at Canadian public universities. This video garnered 6,247 views.



Every year the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms releases the Campus Freedom Index

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Our video program has grown to include a series of short videos, between two and three minutes in length, featuring Justice Centre president John Carpay's commentary on various issues related to citizens' individual freedoms, and the free society generally. In addition to the videos mentioned above, the following nine commentaries by John Carpay were released in 2018:

- Canada Summer Jobs attestation, January 13 (32,146 views)
- Student Union Censorship, January 22 (2,282 views)
- Free Expression at Laurier, May 22 (3,422 views)
- Trinity Western Supreme Court Ruling (part 1), June 22 (5,454 views)
- Trinity Western Supreme Court Ruling (part 2), July 12 (2,482 views)
- Premier Ford Using the Notwithstanding Clause, September 12 (1,000 views)
- Alberta Attacking Religious Schools, September 28 (41,164 views)
- Censorship at the University of Manitoba, November 6 (1,725 views)
- Public Library Charging Prohibitively High Security Fee, December 18 (880 views)

Additionally, in 2018 more than 8,000 Canadians viewed Justice Centre videos produced in previous years, demonstrating that our short video content is continuing to provide dividends in terms of educating the public, year over year.





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