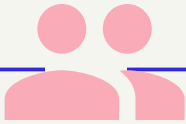


LGBTQ+ Rights in Canada: A History



May 1969

Pierre Trudeau introduced Bill C-150 which decriminalized homosexuality for the first time in Canadian history. This was influenced by British Parliament's decision to decriminalize homosexuality.



February 1981

The Toronto Police service commenced with a raid on a number of 'bath houses' that held multiple gay men. This resulted in the Bath House Riots in Toronto and subsequently lead to the first Pride March to Queens Park.



1983-1990s

The AIDS epidemic impacted the gay community and many felt their medical needs were not met. AIDS Vancouver was the first organization to offer care and aid to those specifically dealing with AIDS. Many others followed.



1995

Canada Supreme court has added to Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms Sexual Orientation. The following year, Sexual Orientation was added to the Canadian Human Rights Act as those protected.



July 2005

Same sex marriage was legalized in Canada making them the 4th country to allow it.



2017

Bill-C17 is introduced to include gender identity and expression on prohibited grounds to discriminate to the Canadian Human Rights Act.



2018

All provinces now allow transgender individuals to change their official government documents without undergoing gender reassignment surgery.



2021

Canada has now turned their attention to providing aide to other LGBTQ+ individuals in other countries where they face strict persecution and even death as it is still illegal to be gay let alone transgender.