

# Memory, Erasure and National Myth

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|   | 1   | Omissions in national history become omissions in national identity, which itself is formed from national memory   |
|   | 2   | Examination of Genocide incld. memory, remembering, forgetting and denial<br><br>States preserve political leverage through control over memory through legislation of public memory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removes agency &amp; voice from survivors &amp; witnesses</li> </ul> |
|   | 3   | “Mental harm” Genocide Convention incld. Nature of memory & interpretation of international human rights instruments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public memory of atrocity/ genocide could have influence over state of current/ ongoing atrocities/ genocides</li> </ul>             |
| 155 (Canadian Mythologies & National Historical Narratives) |     | Governments take direct & Decisive action on what Can. Permitted to remember   |
|   | 156 | Lack of funding for Library and Archives Canada = Threat to quality of storage of records, third-party control of records  |
|   | 157 | Political & financial influence proves dominant narratives   |
|   | 159 | First Nations, Metis & Inuit—>residential schools<br>Forced Secrecy & active cover-ups = complacent denial   |
|   | 160 | Stories from survivors now seem separate //abstract from what they (Canadian public) knows   |