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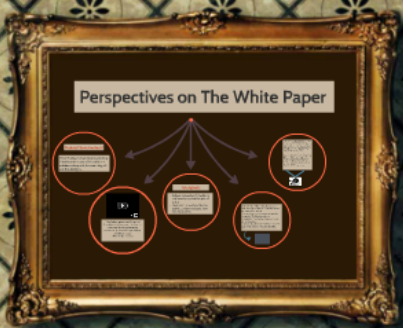
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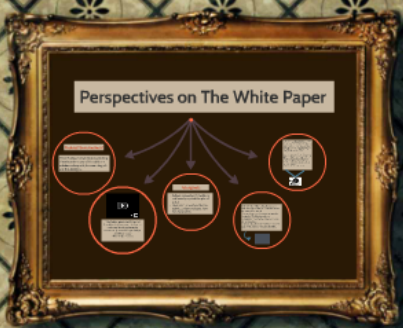
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Perspectives on The White Paper

Federal Government

Pierre Trudeau's main goal was to help Canada unite as one and abolish the unbalanced equality between English and the aboriginal.



"The federal government urges all Canadians to join as one. It is time for action and the objective of the document I just tabled is precisely to start this process."
-Pierre Elliot Trudeau

Aboriginals

- Indigenous peoples immediately, and soundly rejected this plan of action.
- They saw it as another effort to assimilate them and deny them their basic rights.

Indian National Brotherhood issued a statement of opposition to the White Paper declaring: "We view this as a policy designed to divest us of our aboriginal, residual, and statutory rights. If we accept this policy, and in the process lose rights and our lands, we become willing partners in cultural genocide. This we cannot do."

In spite of all government attempts to convince Indians to accept the white paper, their efforts will fail, because Indians understand that the path outlined by the Department of Indian Affairs through its mouthpiece, the Honourable Mr. Chrétien, leads directly to cultural genocide. We will not walk this path
-Harold Cardinal, The Unjust Society



Indian National Brotherhood created a counter-proposal known as the Red Paper. Its demands included:

- Maintaining special status to ensure the survival of First Nations cultures
- Providing access to the same services as other Canadians
- Recognizing the First Peoples as "citizens plus" with unique and inalienable rights

