

Hearing Unheard Moments...



Youth perspectives on social polarization, digital media, online hate, and disinformation

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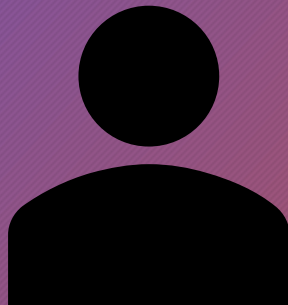
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Objectives of the day

- Promote dialogue on controversial topics: Explore methods for creating safer spaces, fostering critical thinking, curiosity, and conflict resolution skills, enabling youth to address community challenges positively.
- Establish authentic youth/adult partnerships: Learn techniques for fostering collaboration and trust to promote mental health and reduce the risks of violent radicalization.
- Create KM products with youth: Understand the process of developing products addressing controversial topics using comedy, arts, and Forum Theatre, alongside effective youth engagement practices.

Youth Mental Health & Radicalization

Mental Health Challenges



Needs:

Belonging
Sense of purpose
Coping mechanism & skills
Trusting relationship



Radicalized groups

Offering belonging and purpose
Appearance of relationship
Focusing on a common cause

Negative outcome



Youth-Adult Partnership & Youth Engagement

Offering belonging and purpose
Fostering trusting relationships
Developing skills
Legacy outside of the self

Positive outcome

Co-Creating Change through Safer Spaces



Our Four Pillars: Respect, Listen, Understand, Communicate™

Respect



We start with respect for the gift and strength that each person carries within: for young people, their idealism and their capacity to improve the world

Listen



With respect as our foundation, we learn to listen. We listen not just with our ears, but with our heads, hearts and all of our senses. We listen actively, intensely, not just to words, but to silences, to deeds, to experiences.

Understand



To understand is to go beyond listening, to process what we have heard from others, to reflect upon the new knowledge and gifts given to us.

Communicate



The beginning of action, this is when the obstacles fall away. We create plans with others and implement them to make a positive difference in our world.

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Deepfakes





An
“edu-tainment”
magic show
on the road





Okay, so this is fun so we can

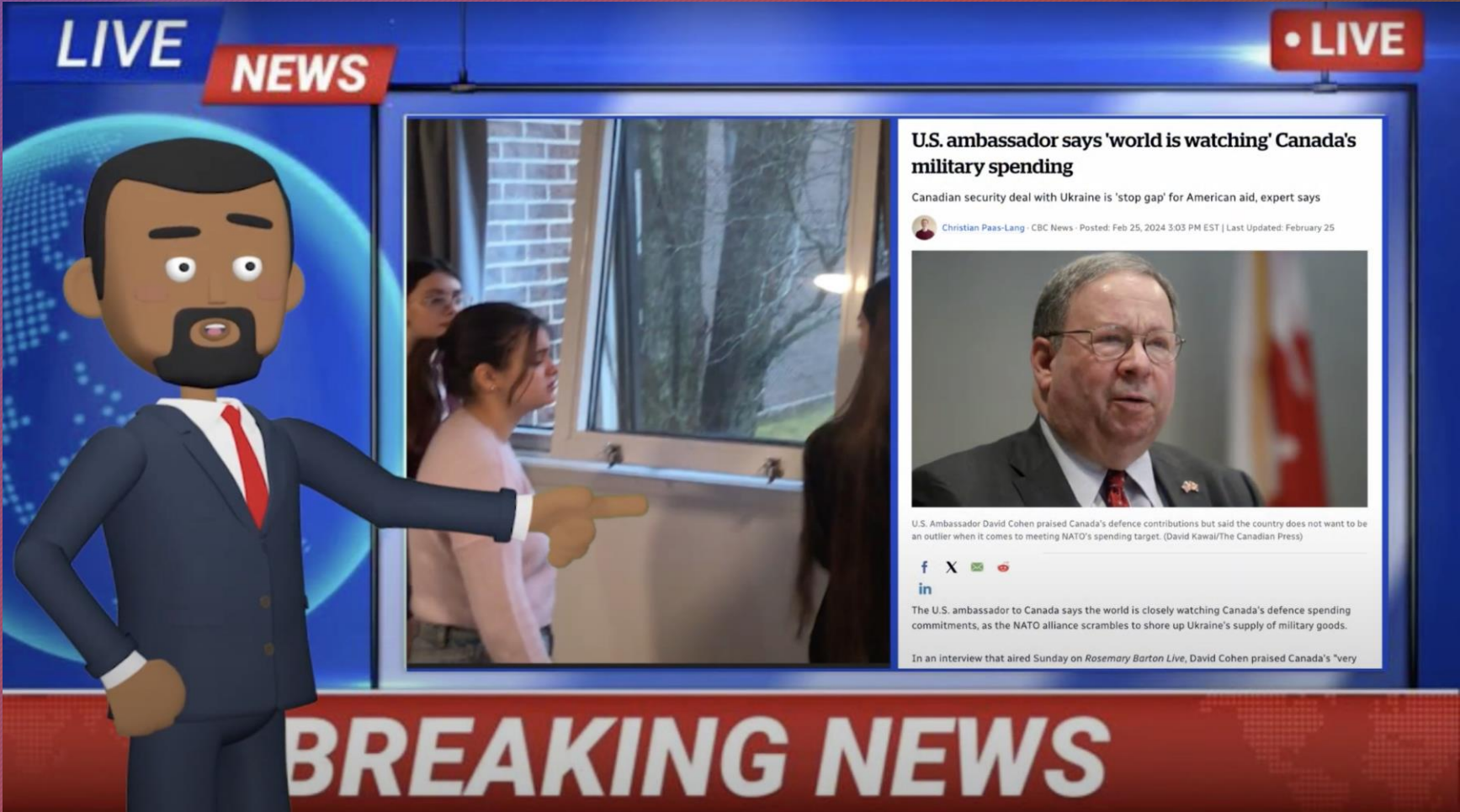


What if language and land are colours?

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Exploring government policies through a family lens




LIVE NEWS **• LIVE**

U.S. ambassador says 'world is watching' Canada's military spending

Canadian security deal with Ukraine is 'stop gap' for American aid, expert says

Christian Paas-Lang · CBC News · Posted: Feb 25, 2024 3:03 PM EST | Last Updated: February 25



U.S. Ambassador David Cohen praised Canada's defence contributions but said the country does not want to be an outlier when it comes to meeting NATO's spending target. (David Kawai/The Canadian Press)

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The U.S. ambassador to Canada says the world is closely watching Canada's defence spending commitments, as the NATO alliance scrambles to shore up Ukraine's supply of military goods.

In an interview that aired Sunday on *Rosemary Barton Live*, David Cohen praised Canada's "very

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