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## 1. CURRENT SITUATION

The remains of 215 children have been found buried on the site of a former residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia. Chief Rosanne Casimir of the Tk'emlups te Secwépemc First Nation says in a news release that the remains were confirmed last weekend with the help of a ground-penetrating radar specialist. The Kamloops Indian Residential School, once the largest residential school in Canada with about 500 students at its peak, was operated by the Catholic Church from 1893 to 1969. The federal government took it over and ran it as a day school for almost a decade before it was closed in 1977.

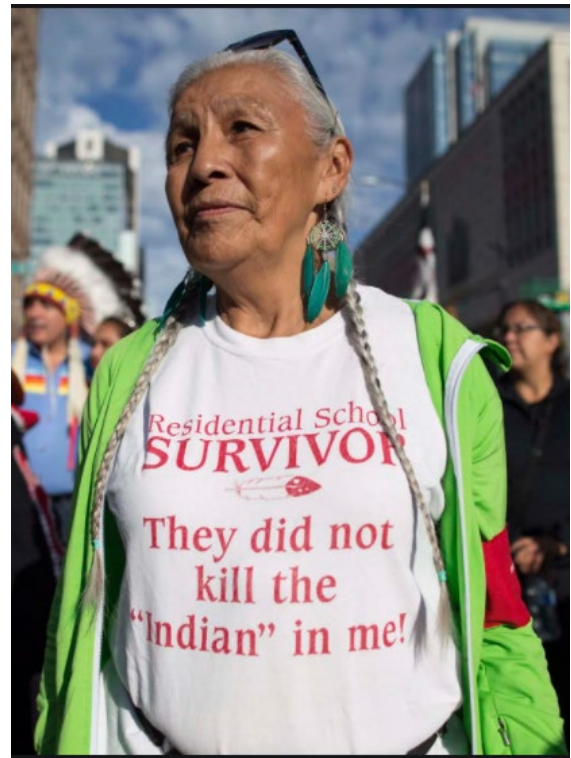
Indigenous communities across Canada have renewed calls for the Roman Catholic Church to apologize for its role in residential schools that forcibly removed children from their homes — stripping them of their culture, language and identity. The Bishop of the Diocese of Kamloops, Joseph Nguyen, issued a statement Friday, saying he was “heartbroken” and “horrified” by the news and offered his “deepest sympathy,” but it stopped short of offering an apology.

Pamela Palmater, a professor and the chair in Indigenous governance at Ryerson University, said the Catholic Church is directly responsible for the many atrocities that happened in Canada. She said it is a “disgrace” that there has been no apology.

In 2008, the federal government, under Prime Minister Stephen Harper, issued a formal apology for the damage done by the residential school system. In 2017, Prime Minister Trudeau personally asked Pope Francis to apologize during a visit to the Vatican. In 2018, Pope Francis issued an apology for the “crimes” of the Catholic Church in Ireland, saying church officials regularly didn’t respond with compassion to the many cases of abuse children and women suffered over the years. The same year, Pope Francis told Chilean victims of clerical sexual abuse, he was “part of the problem” and apologized for “grave errors” in the way the Catholic Church handled sex abuse cases in Chile.

In 2009, Pope Benedict has said he is sorry for the physical and sexual abuse and “deplorable” conduct at Catholic church-run Canadian residential schools. Chief Edward John of the Tlahten First Nations said he hoped the apology will help “many people move forward.”

In 2020, Conservative leader O’Toole was criticized for his statement on residential schools saying “Let’s learn from the bad mistakes and, in some (cases), tragic circumstances of our past. But when Egerton Ryerson was called in by Hector Langevin and people, it was meant to try and provide education,” O’Toole said, referring to the creation of the residential school system. O’Toole then retracted his statement after a backlash saying, “In my comments to Ryerson [University] students, I said that the residential school system was intended to try and



*Figure 1. Residential school survivor Harriet Prince of Sagkeeng First Nation attends the Walk for Reconciliation in Vancouver on Sept. 24, 2017.*

'provide education.' It was not. The system was intended to remove children from the influence of their homes, families, traditions and cultures."

This week, Trudeau told the House of Commons that the children found in Kamloops and others who have "yet to be found in other places across the country, would have been grandparents or great-grandparents." "They would have been Elders, Knowledge Keepers and community leaders," he continued. "They are not, and that is the fault of Canada."

Trudeau said the children should have never been separated from their families and taken to the residential schools, where they suffered "terrible loneliness" and suffered "unthinkable abuse."

O'Toole on Monday responded to the discovery of the mass grave, urging Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to take "immediate action" and asking the government to accelerate the completion of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to actions that deal with missing children.

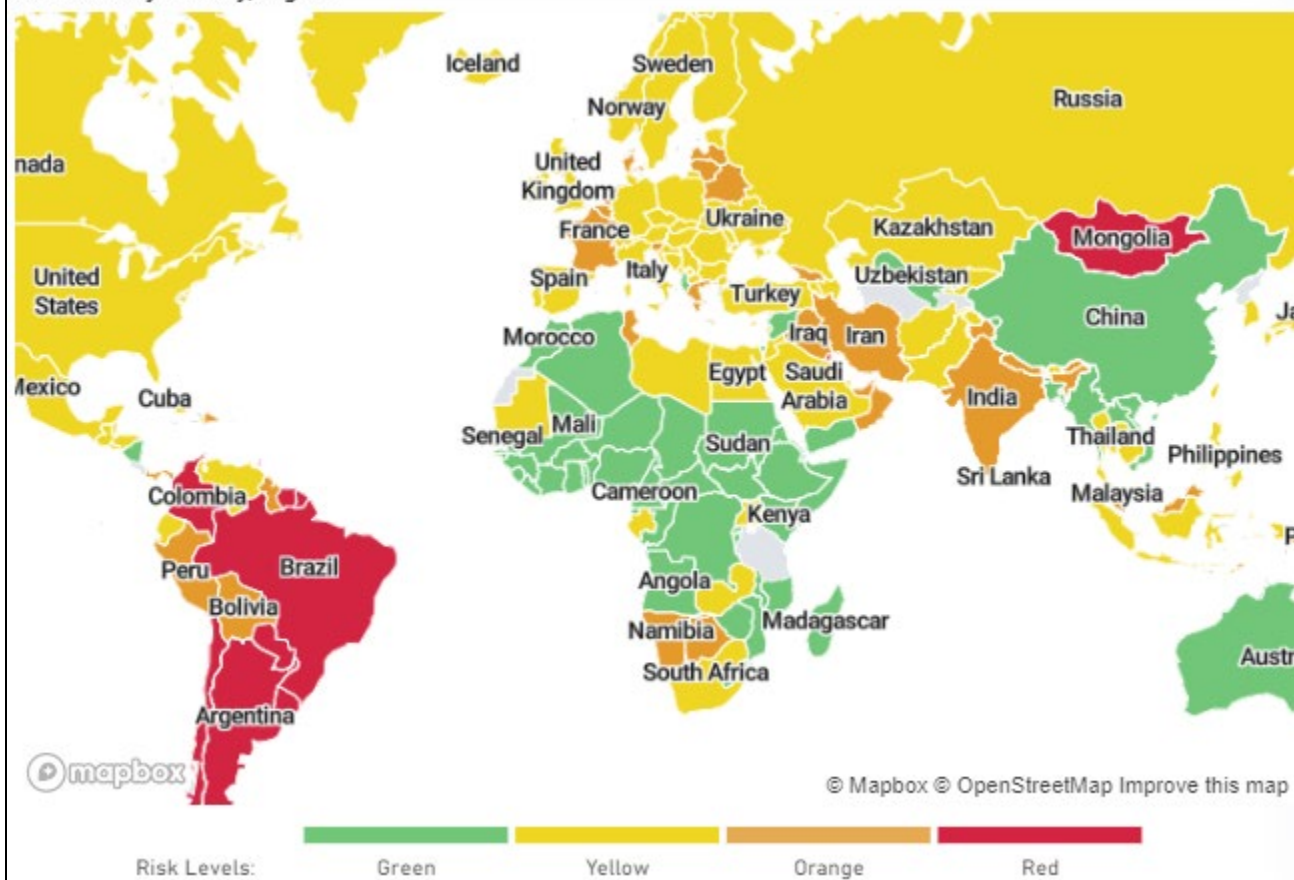
NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh is making a renewed push for the federal government to take concrete steps toward reconciliation with indigenous peoples, calling on Ottawa to drop a pair of federal court appeals he says represent a "belligerent" approach to justice for First Nations children. "It is not good enough to fly the flags at half-mast. It is not good enough for the federal government to just express words of condolences, particularly when they are still fighting indigenous kids in court." The Liberal government is appealing a Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ruling ordering Ottawa to pay \$40,000 each to some 50,000 First Nations children separated from their families by a chronically underfunded child-welfare system. It is also fighting a tribunal decision that widened the applicability of Jordan's Principle, a rule stating that when governments disagree about who is responsible for providing services to First Nations children, they must help a child in need first and argue over the bills later.

## 2. GLOBAL

### 2.1 COVID UPDATE

Country/Region	United States	Country/Region	Canada
Daily new cases per 100k people (7d moving avg.)	5.1	Daily new cases per 100k people (7d moving avg.)	6.7
Risk level	Yellow	Risk level	Yellow
Total cases	33,330,743	Total cases	1,383,214
Total deaths	596,295	Total deaths	25,566

Risk Levels by Country/Region



#	Country, Other	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Deaths	New Deaths	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Serious, Critical	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Deaths/ 1M pop	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop	Population
	World	172,894,536	+475,718	3,716,853	+10,737	155,816,677	13,361,006	89,218	22,181	476.8			
1	<a href="#">USA</a>	34,174,752	+17,821	611,611	+574	28,025,575	5,537,566	5,807	102,691	1,838	482,399,824	1,449,556	332,791,423
2	<a href="#">India</a>	28,572,359	+131,371	340,719	+2,706	26,588,808	1,642,832	8,944	20,519	245	353,782,648	254,064	1,392,494,128
3	<a href="#">Brazil</a>	16,803,472	+83,391	469,784	+2,078	15,228,983	1,104,705	8,318	78,539	2,196	49,612,384	231,886	213,951,414
4	<a href="#">Argentina</a>	3,884,447	+32,291	79,873	+553	3,438,437	366,137	7,698	85,227	1,752	14,294,613	313,630	45,577,625
5	<a href="#">Iran</a>	2,945,100	+9,657	80,658	+170	2,508,907	355,535	3,924	34,656	949	20,310,621	239,000	84,981,739
6	<a href="#">Russia</a>	5,099,182	+8,933	122,660	+393	4,711,982	264,540	2,300	34,928	840	139,200,000	953,476	145,992,211
7	<a href="#">Mexico</a>	2,423,928	+3,269	228,146	+306	1,932,457	263,325	4,798	18,620	1,753	7,078,737	54,377	130,179,509
8	<a href="#">France</a>	5,694,076	+8,161	109,857	+71	5,378,370	205,849	2,677	87,056	1,680	85,454,984	1,306,516	65,406,747
9	<a href="#">Italy</a>	4,225,163	+1,968	126,342	+69	3,893,259	205,562	892	69,977	2,092	66,717,978	1,104,973	60,379,739
10	<a href="#">Poland</a>	2,874,092	+572	74,075	+91	2,642,127	157,890	527	76,017	1,959	16,131,930	426,676	37,808,343
11	<a href="#">Colombia</a>	3,488,046	+28,624	90,353	+545	3,242,060	155,633	6,582	67,885	1,758	17,305,168	336,794	51,382,025
12	<a href="#">Spain</a>	3,693,012	+5,250	80,099	+50	3,464,896	148,017	1,205	78,959	1,713	49,708,830	1,062,802	46,771,491
13	<a href="#">Honduras</a>	239,428	+608	6,403	+24	85,784	147,241	509	23,825	637	726,265	72,270	10,049,355
14	<a href="#">Netherlands</a>	1,657,017	+2,735	17,658	+14	1,506,883	132,476	391	96,507	1,028	14,036,639	817,517	17,169,846
15	<a href="#">Nepal</a>	576,936	+5,825	7,630	+75	467,467	101,839		19,479	258	3,106,938	104,900	29,618,026



Case Fatality Ration

## 2.2 COVID-19 World News

- [UK's PM Johnson says need to wait for data on June reopening](#)
- [Philippines Duterte urges vaccine uptake after missing targets](#)



- [UK tightens borders and travel rules as variants spark new alarm](#)

Portugal was removed from the UK's green travel list on Tuesday, amid rising coronavirus cases and concern over a "Nepal mutation of the so-called Indian variant". It will join the amber list, meaning holidaymakers should not visit and returnees must isolate for 10 days. Seven nations - including Egypt, Costa Rica and Sri Lanka - will join the red list, with the toughest travel rules. The removal of Portugal means the green list will, from Tuesday, consist of: Australia, Brunei, the Falkland Islands, the Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, Iceland, Israel, New Zealand, Singapore, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha.

- [Britain seeks extra AstraZeneca shots to combat Beta COVID-19 variant](#)

- [Alarm in Africa: Virus surges, vaccines grind to 'near halt'](#)

- [Too risky to lift French COVID restrictions more quickly than planned - government spokesman](#)

- [EU agrees to add Japan to safe travel list, holds off on Britain](#)

- [Melbourne pandemic lockdown extended to 2nd week](#)

A pandemic lockdown in Australia's second largest city will be extended for a second week due to concerns over a growing cluster of coronavirus infections. According to Our World in Data, an online research publication run by Oxford University researchers, Australia ranked "113th among the world's countries for total doses per 100 residents, falling behind Kazakhstan, Cambodia and Seychelles".

- [Thailand reports record virus cases; delays Bangkok easing](#)

- [USFK members, foreigners hold no-mask parties on Busan beach amid pandemic](#)

## 2.3 Global Awareness

- [Israel's Lapid set to unseat Netanyahu, form new government](#)

A new governing coalition has been formed and is prepared to replace Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, opposition leader Yair Lapid officially informed President Reuven Rivlin and Knesset Speaker Yariv Levin late Wednesday night. Yamina leader Naftali Bennett, Lapid and Ra'am (United Arab List) chairman Mansour Abbas signed an agreement at a meeting on Wednesday night at Ramat Gan's Kfar Hamaccabiah Hotel, in the first coalition deal ever signed by an Arab party.

- [Iran's biggest navy ship sinks after fire in Gulf of Oman](#)

- [University of Edinburgh scientists successfully test drug which can kill cancer without damaging nearby healthy tissue](#)

- [European nations want Denmark to explain why its foreign secret service allegedly helped the United States spy on European leaders](#)

Several European nations want Denmark to explain why its foreign secret service allegedly helped the United States spy on European leaders, including German Chancellor Angela Merkel, more than seven years ago. Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg said it was "unacceptable if countries that have close allied cooperation should feel the need to spy on each other or obtain information about them." Former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, who revealed details of the secret U.S. eavesdropping programs in 2013, reacted to the DR report with a sarcastic tweet in Danish: "Oh, why didn't anyone warn us?"

- [Germany says it committed genocide in Namibia during colonial rule](#)

- [Leftist teacher takes on dictator's daughter as Peru picks new president](#)

- [Microsoft's Irish subsidiary paid zero corporation tax on £220bn profit](#)
- [Cargo Ship Carrying 25 Tons of Acid Sinks in Sri Lankan Waters; Marks One of Worst Environmental Disasters in Decades](#)

A cargo ship on its way to Singapore caught fire off Sri Lanka and tons of chemicals were destroyed or spilled into the Indian Ocean as a result of the flaming containers. Sri Lankan police said that the captain and chief engineer of the ship, both reportedly Russian nationals, as well as a third officer, have been questioned in an official investigation and Agence France-Presse reported that their passports have been impounded. The Sri Lankan government and navy said this is the country's worst marine disaster, as the sinking ship was carrying 1,486 containers filled with chemicals, including 25 metric tons of nitric acid.

- [Denmark passes law to relocate asylum seekers outside Europe](#)
- [Tens of thousands of Brazilians march to demand Bolsonaro's impeachment](#)
- [Filipino scientist takes first ever journey to third deepest ocean trench on Earth, finds plastic](#)

#### **2.4 Political Extremism, Civil Unrest and Activism**

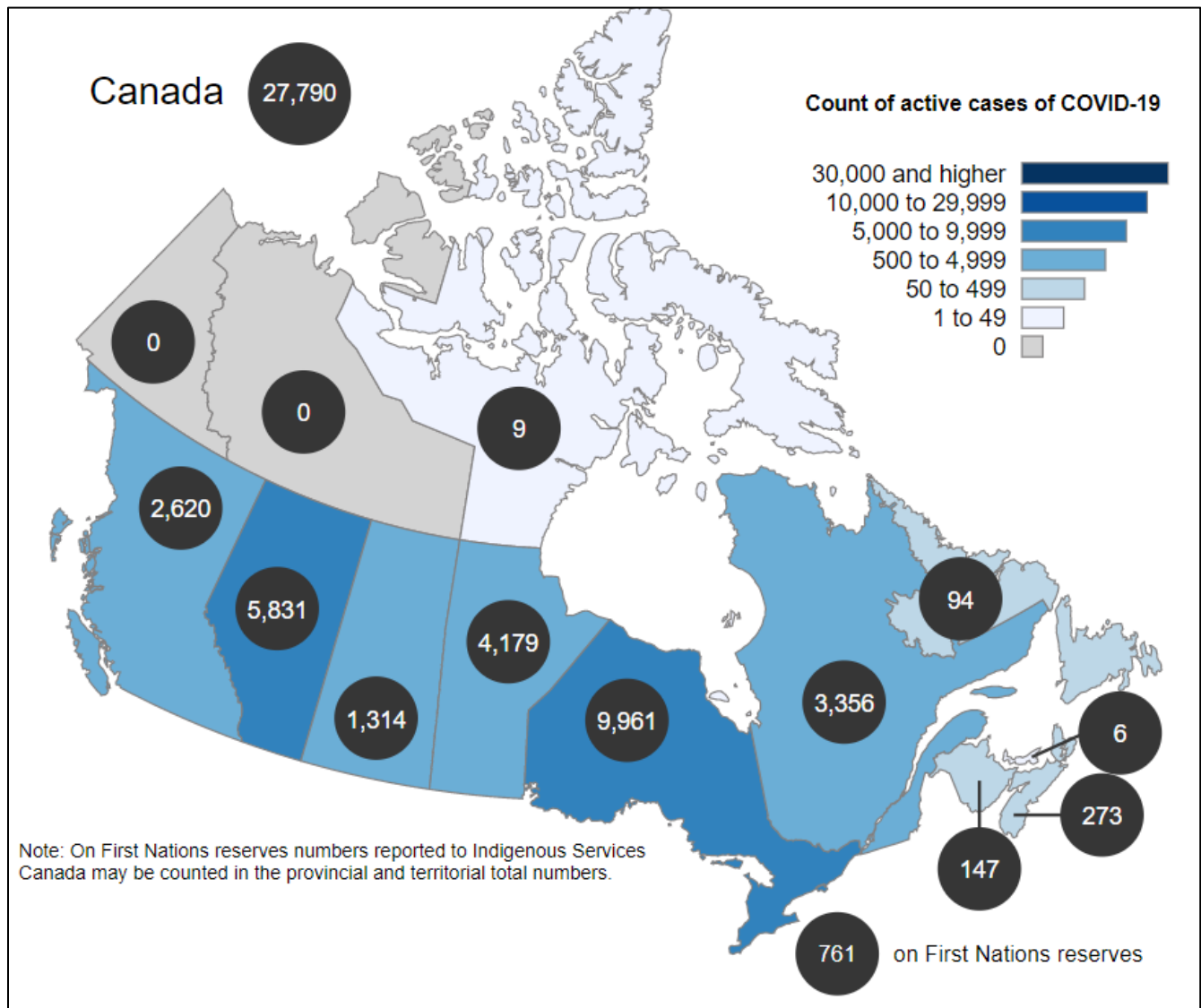
- [Myanmar jails two journalists for incitement and spreading false news, employers say](#)
- [Ethiopia rejects calls for ceasefire in Tigray, claiming victory is near](#)
- [Protesters back on the streets of Colombia amid stalled talks](#)


Thousands of Colombians took to the streets again on Wednesday amid a deadlock in talks between the government and leaders of anti-government protests that are stretching into their second month. Last week, the two sides reached a so-called pre-agreement, the details of which have not yet been released. But the committee later accused the government of backtracking and talks on Tuesday ended without further advances. The attorney general's office says 20 deaths linked directly to demonstrations have been reported to date, while Colombia's Human Rights Ombudsman said at least 42 people have been killed in the protests.



### 3. CANADA

#### 3.1 COVID UPDATE



Prov. ⬆	Total Confirmed ⬆	Total Deaths ⬆	Total Recovered ⬆	Total Active ⬆
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,387,445</b>	<b>25,644</b>	<b>1,334,011</b>	<b>27,729</b>
ON	533,761	8,801	514,999	9,961
AB	228,424	2,236	220,357	5,831
MB	51,935	1,067	46,689	4,179
QC	371,082	11,144	356,582	3,356
BC	144,866	1,709	140,537	2,563
SK	47,097	543	45,240	1,314
NS	5,618	88	5,257	273
NB	2,243	44	2,052	147
NL	1,340	6	1,240	90
NU	648	4	635	9
PEI	206	0	200	6
YT	84	2	82	0
NT	128	0	128	0
	13	0	13	0

<b>Test Cases in Canada</b>				
Last Update at: 6/4/2021, 6:36 AM (PST)				
Prov. ⬆	Total Test ⬆	Total Waiting ⬆	Total Hosp ⬆	Total ICU ⬆
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,432,459</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
ON	15,308,960	15,700	729	546
QC	9,614,559	-	317	68
AB	4,546,523	-	411	120
BC	2,784,856	-	224	62
SK	868,090	-	100	23
NS	833,966	-	22	9
MB	778,451	-	212	45
NB	339,506	-	5	2
PEI	159,710	-	-	-
NL	148,640	-	2	0
NT	23,658	42	0	0
NU	16,217	437	0	0
YT	9,323	20	-	-
Rate of change	↑ 0.0%	-	-	-

### Vaccination doses administered in Canada

It might not be accurate since some data are not available.

Prov.	Today	x / 1M
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,924,698</b> ( <sup>±</sup> 0)	<b>657,734</b> (65.77%)
ON	9,493,005	645,264 (64.53 %)
QC	5,808,464	680,333 (68.03 %)
BC	3,426,827	670,492 (67.05 %)
AB	2,888,005	654,410 (65.44 %)
MB	888,981	645,350 (64.54 %)
SK	754,830	638,785 (63.88 %)
NS	608,488	622,522 (62.25 %)
NB	499,490	640,378 (64.04 %)
NL	318,558	611,008 (61.1 %)
PEI	98,628	623,604 (62.36 %)
YT	53,725	1,307,878 (130.79 %)
NT	53,501	1,191,453 (119.15 %)
NU	32,196	823,490 (82.35 %)

Source: <https://www.covid-19canada.com>

### 3.2 COVID-19 Canada News

- [Ottawa ups fine to \\$5,000 for travellers who refuse to quarantine in a hotel](#)  
 Air passengers entering Canada who refuse to quarantine in a designated hotel will soon be subject to a \$5,000 fine. The fine increase follows a government advisory panel report issued last week which said Ottawa should scrap the hotel quarantine requirement and instead let people arrange their own quarantine. The panel said the hotel quarantine is flawed for a number of reasons, including that some travellers are choosing to bypass the rules and pay the current fine of up to \$3,000.
- [Canada's daily COVID-19 cases plummet below 2,000 for 1st time since October](#)  
 The number of Canadians testing positive for COVID-19 took another sharp dive Tuesday, plummeting below 2,000 new cases for the first time since last fall. The 1,638 new infections came as most provinces and territories recover from the crippling third wave of the pandemic, which saw infections and hospitalizations skyrocket over the spring. The new average marks a 71-per cent drop from the height of the third wave in April and is down 54 per cent from the average just two weeks ago, representing a dramatically steady fall from the spring peak. Nearly 58 per cent of the population has received at least one dose, while 5.68 per cent are fully vaccinated, according to the COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker. About one in five new shots in the last three days were second doses, compared to fewer than one in 10 in most of May.
- [Manitoba offers \\$1M in grants to boost COVID-19 vaccine uptake among the hesitant](#)
- [B.C. health officials say return to normal life may cause anxiety to some people](#)
- [Ontario eases restrictions on long-term care residents, updates guidance to allow vaccine mixing](#)
- [Quebec shortening wait times for 2nd COVID-19 vaccine doses to 8 weeks](#)
- [B.C. records fewer than 200 new cases of COVID-19 on Wednesday and Thursday](#)
- [Canada is now a global frontrunner for first COVID-19 vaccine doses](#)

### 3.3 Canada Awareness

- [Freeland blasts Air Canada for paying \\$10M executive bonuses while receiving bailout](#)  
In April, the airline and government agreed to a \$5.9 billion loan package that includes money to help refund passenger tickets, but also capped executive compensation at \$1 million until 12 months after the loan is fully repaid. Air Canada on Monday disclosed in its annual proxy circular to shareholders that it gave \$10 million in bonuses to people the investor document called instrumental to the airline's survival over the past year, as air travel plunged during the pandemic. In a lengthy comment Wednesday, Freeland said she was disappointed in how some businesses seem not to be behaving as responsible corporate citizens while receiving taxpayer-funded federal aid to survive the pandemic. In the House of Commons later, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said the airline's executives needed to provide an explanation, as he was pressed by the Bloc Quebecois to make Air Canada claw back the compensation.
- [Kenney criticized for cancel culture remarks amid renewed residential school debate](#)
- [Police 'amazed' as four customers thwart armed bank robbery in Abbotsford, B.C](#)
- [Flood warnings in northwest B.C., record heat in southeast, say forecasters](#)
- [Calls for federal government to reverse decision on internet wholesale rates, fire CRTC head](#)
- [36% of young Canadian adults have given up on owning home: RBC survey](#)
- [China 'exporting their authoritarianism overseas' through Canadian institutions, Hong Kong advocate warns](#)  
Chinese authorities have been “exporting their authoritarianism overseas” by infiltrating democratic institutions in Canada and elsewhere as a way to stifle criticism of the Communist state, Cherie Wong, executive director of Alliance Canada Hong Kong told parliamentarians on Monday. Chinese leadership has sought to exert control over foreign politicians, academics, media, and other institutions, including in Canada, as part of broader ambitions to grow its geopolitical position, she said. Increasingly, Wong said, critics of the Chinese government are silenced using a range of coercive tactics. “Dissidents are not safe,” she said. “Not at work, not in their homes, not in civil societies, and not in Canada.”
- [Ontario reports 870 new cases of COVID-19, 10 deaths](#)
- [Man dies after overnight shooting in Ajax, Durham police say](#)

### 3.4 Canada – Political Extremism, Civil Unrest and Activism



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#### Overview:

During the week of 27 May – 3 June 2021, the majority of activity in Canada noted by Welund focused on the government sector (56%), followed by forestry (17%). Protests made up the majority of actions

(40%), followed by critical commentary (15%) and webinars (12%).

Favorable weather and an increase in covid-19 vaccinations in Canada had a notable effect on activist activity. While most campaign groups remain wary of health and safety restrictions due to covid-19, in-person protesting has become more frequent over the past seven days. The announcement of reopening plans, including the gradual easement of restrictions in many jurisdictions has likely contributed to a notable plateau in anti-lockdown activism.

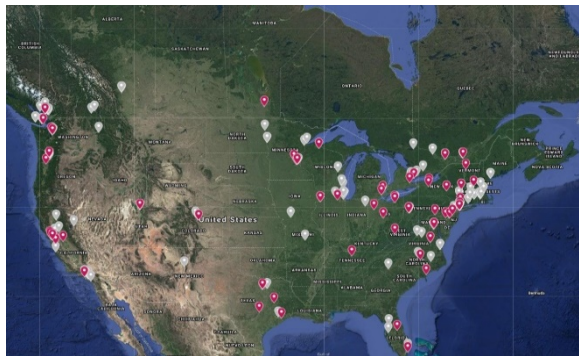
Extractive resource opposition continued to be the focus over the past week. Additional arrests were made by the RCMP while enforcing against forestry blockades in BC. Anti-TMX activists also continued actions at Burnaby construction sites.

### **Protests:**

On 1 June, multiple arrests were made at the Fairy Creek blockade and at solidarity actions in other municipalities in BC. The most recent round of arrests brought the overall total to 151 activists. In addition to the on-site arrests, four youth members of Extinction Rebellion West Kootenay were arrested in Castlegar during a [solidarity event](#).

Anti-TMX activists celebrated a series of perceived victories after campaigners claimed they successfully caused two separate work stoppages at construction sites in Burnaby. The first occurred on 31 May after activists spotted a bird's nest in a tree scheduled for removal. The second stoppage, on 2 June, was caused by an in-person protest at the Brunette River construction site where activists sat in front of vehicles.

Indigenous rights solidarity campaigns increased this week after the bodies of 215 children were discovered at a former residential school in Kamloops, BC. Multiple groups executed 'shoe protests' during which 215+ pairs of children's shoes were placed at government buildings or catholic churches. A solidarity action at Ryerson University resulted in the vandalism of the Egerton Ryerson monument on campus. Campaigners also started a new petition calling on the Federal government to investigate all former residential schools for additional mass graves.



*Figure 2: Past and upcoming protest activity as noted by Welund between 20 May-3 June 2021*

### **Outlook:**

Campaign groups have organized upcoming actions in solidarity with the Fairy Creek blockade. A solidarity protest has been organized in Vancouver on 5 June. Additionally, Extinction Rebellion has organized a protest on 12 June and a hunger strike on 13 June.

350 Vancouver will protest against TMX insurers on 18 June. This action is likely part of the week of action on 14-21 June organized by the Coast Protectors, which will also target insurers of the TMX project. Organizers explained that the actions will be a combination of in-person and online actions against Liberty Mutual, Chubb, AIG, and other insurance companies. Additional details are expected as the date for the week of action approaches.

Indigenous solidarity events are likely to continue in the near term, particularly in the lead-up to Canada Day on 1 July, a date traditionally popular with anti-colonial, 'land back', and 'Shutdown Canada' protesters. A 'Bring our Children Home' march will be held in Toronto on 6 June, following candlelight vigils and a sacred fire in the city on 4 and 5 June.

In addition to these upcoming campaigns, a third global 'White Lives Matter' event is scheduled on 5 June and a third 'Worldwide Rally for Freedom' anti-lockdown protest is still set to go ahead on 24 July.

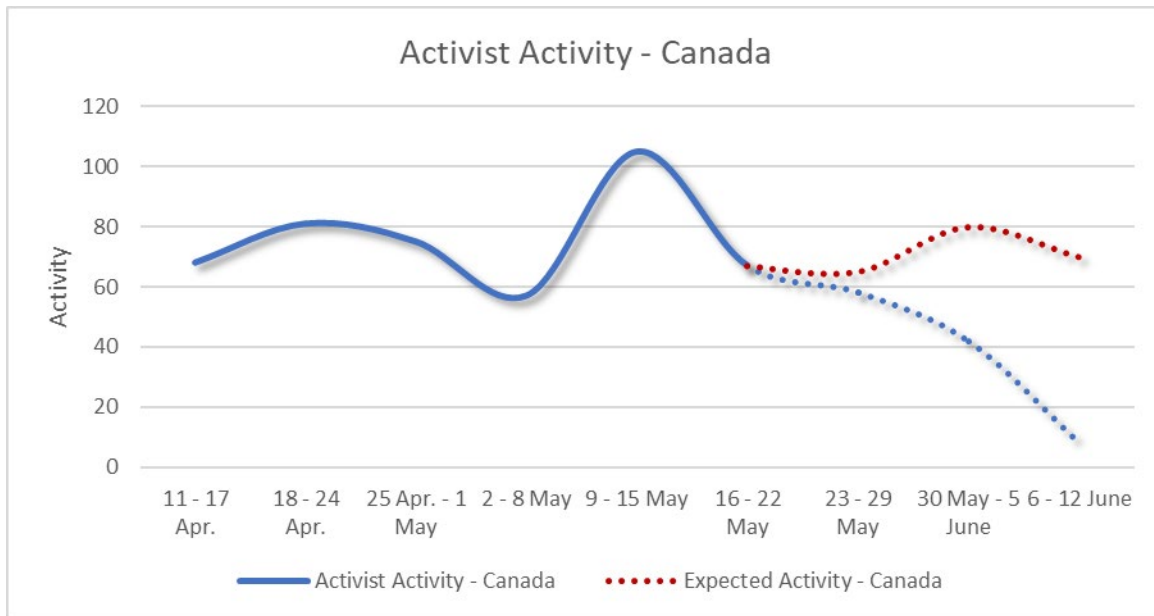


Figure 2 Total activist activity in Canada as noted by Welund.

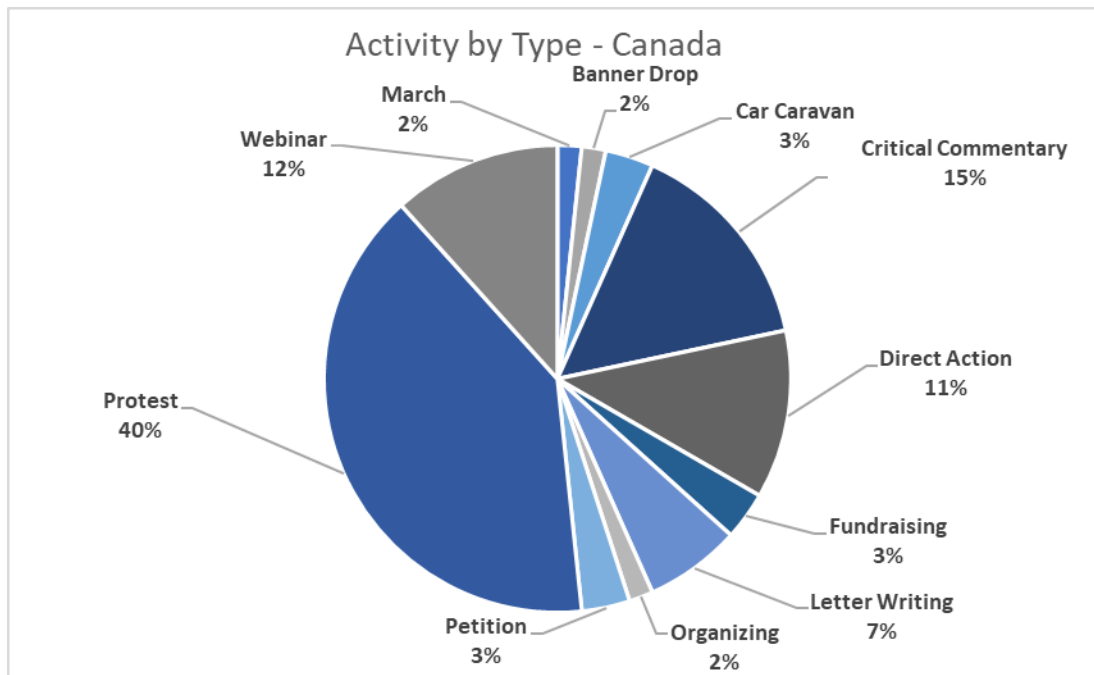


Figure 3 Activist activity in Canada by type as noted by Welund



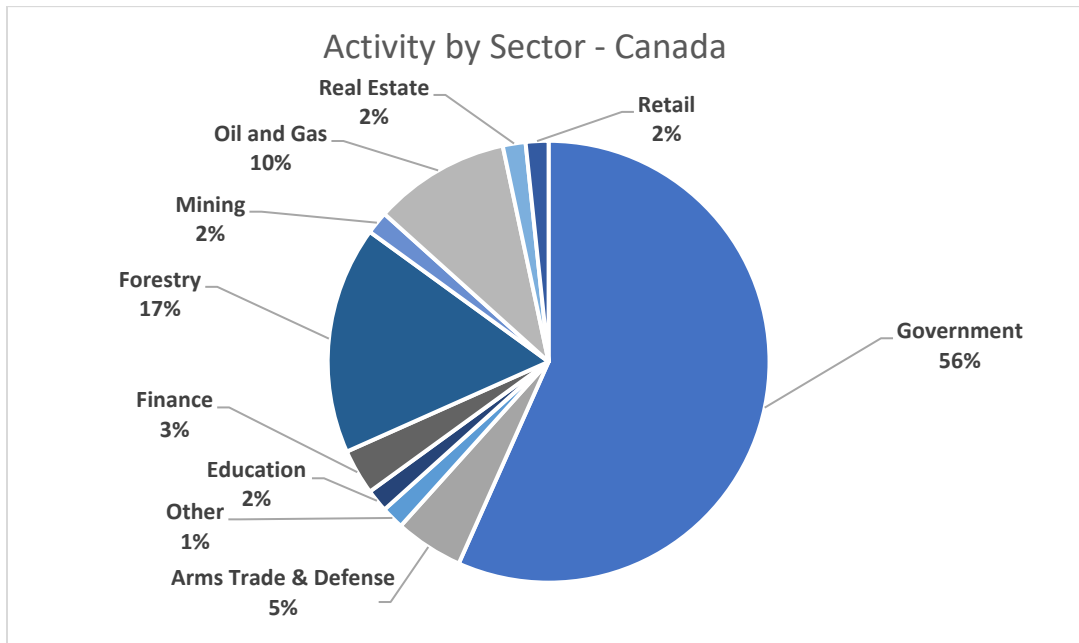
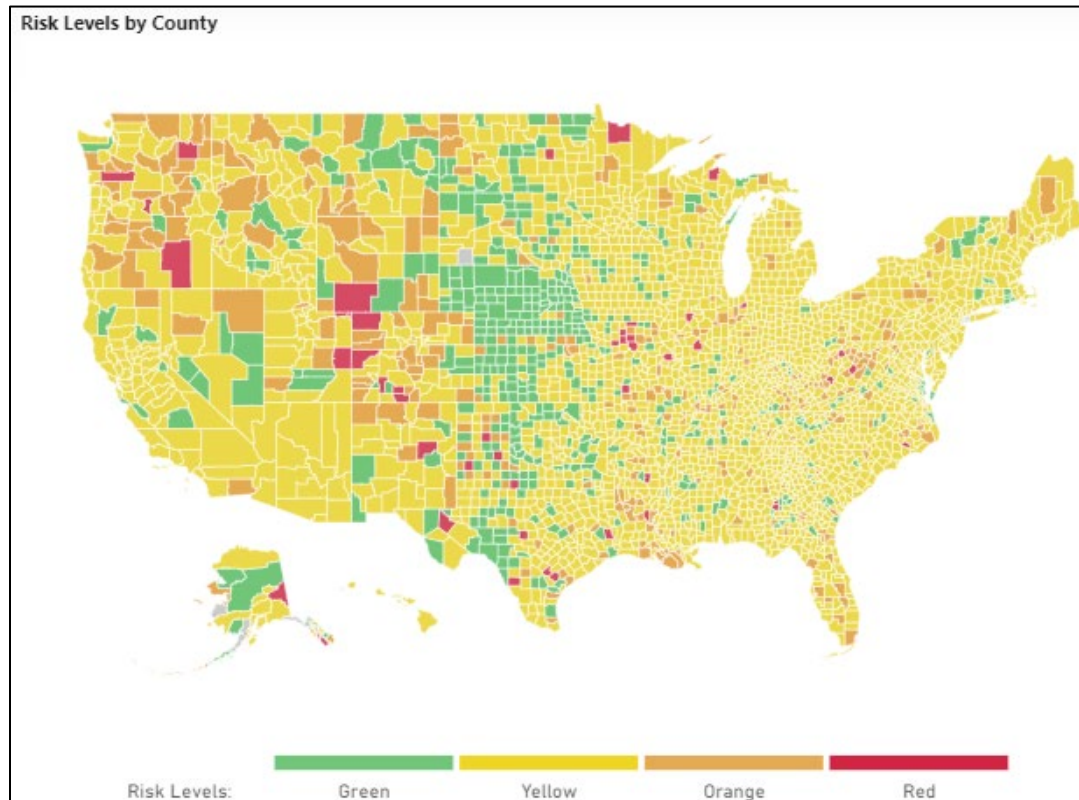


Figure 4 Activist activity in Canada by sector as noted by Welund.

## 4. USA

### 4.1 COVID UPDATE



#	USA State	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Deaths	New Deaths	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Deaths/ 1M pop	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop	Population
	USA Total	34,174,752	+17,821	611,611	+574	28,025,575	5,537,566	103,246	1,848	482,399,824	1,457,390	
1	<a href="#">California</a>	3,793,142	+1,168	63,310	+22	2,058,594	1,671,238	95,999	1,602	66,009,803	1,670,617	39,512,223
2	<a href="#">Virginia</a>	676,041	+258	11,216	+10	56,782	608,043	79,203	1,314	9,856,889	1,154,808	8,535,519
3	<a href="#">Maryland</a>	460,194	+134	9,626	+4	10,684	439,884	76,119	1,592	10,445,345	1,727,737	6,045,680
4	<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	459,540	+416	7,077	+6	52,880	399,583	102,859	1,584	6,655,279	1,489,652	4,467,673
5	<a href="#">New York</a>	2,156,270	+797	53,654	+16	1,737,401	365,215	110,842	2,758	56,176,812	2,887,739	19,453,561
6	<a href="#">Florida</a>	2,329,867	+1,878	36,973	+49	1,970,341	322,553	108,478	1,721	29,635,337	1,379,817	21,477,737
7	<a href="#">Washington</a>	440,970	+879	5,873	+23	215,028	220,069	57,909	771	7,210,800	946,934	7,614,893
8	<a href="#">Michigan</a>	993,952	+530	20,485	+62	818,165	155,302	99,526	2,051	14,425,177	1,444,416	9,986,857
9	<a href="#">Rhode Island</a>	151,936	+41	2,715	+3	9,311	139,910	143,422	2,563	4,326,816	4,084,364	1,059,361
10	<a href="#">Colorado</a>	545,002	+845	6,753	+7	428,505	109,744	94,639	1,173	3,079,112	534,685	5,758,736
11	<a href="#">Georgia</a>	1,125,017	+446	20,900	+33	1,009,377	94,740	105,960	1,968	9,339,338	879,624	10,617,423
12	<a href="#">New Jersey</a>	1,017,044	+281	26,253	+6	910,681	80,110	114,504	2,956	14,341,289	1,614,612	8,882,190
13	<a href="#">Idaho</a>	192,630	+152	2,101	+4	111,942	78,587	107,791	1,176	1,350,304	755,599	1,787,065
14	<a href="#">Wisconsin</a>	674,939	+30	7,923	+4	598,952	68,064	115,920	1,361	3,559,410	611,327	5,822,434
15	<a href="#">Texas</a>	2,960,858	+1,624	51,855	+57	2,843,858	65,145	102,113	1,788	30,489,319	1,051,505	28,995,881

## 4.2 COVID-19 USA News

- [Half of U.S. states to end Biden-backed pandemic unemployment early](#)
- [Ex-CDC Director Robert Redfield says he got death threats for saying he thought COVID leaked from China lab](#)  
Robert Redfield, the previous head of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), revealed Thursday he allegedly received death threats for backing a theory that coronavirus leaked from a lab in Wuhan, China. Redfield, who led the CDC under former President Donald Trump's administration from 2018 to 2021, told Vanity Fair that he was allegedly targeted by fellow scientists over the statement. "I was threatened and ostracized because I proposed another hypothesis," he said. "I expected it from politicians. I didn't expect it from science."
- [Fauci Warns U.S. Not to Declare 'Victory' Prematurely and 'Abandon' COVID Rules](#)
- [Steve Scalise argues Dr. Fauci should testify under oath after 'alarming' email dump](#)
- [Twelve U.S. states have 70% of adults at least partially vaccinated](#)
- [U.S COVID-19 cases down 30% in past week](#)
- [Gov. Abbott lauds fewest confirmed new COVID-19 cases in Texas](#)
- [Florida COVID hospitalizations at lowest point in a year](#)

## 4.3 USA Awareness

- [Biden administration suspends Trump-era oil and gas drilling leases in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge](#)  
The administration plans to further explore the environmental impacts of drilling in the fragile Alaskan region. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge covers 19.3 million acres, about 1.6 million of which are coastal plains containing precious and highly fought over oil and gas resources. It's home to hundreds of thousands of

migrating polar bears, waterfowl and caribou — and it's warming twice as fast as any other region on the Earth due to climate change.

- [American Airlines extends suspension of alcohol services following Southwest flight attendant assault](#)
- [At least 22 people shot, 2 fatally, after assailants get out of an SUV and fire assault rifles at a club, police say](#)
- ['Unbelievable:' Children, 12 and 14, use AK-47, other guns in shooting rampage on Volusia deputies](#)

Two foster children broke into a Volusia County home, Tuesday night, then used guns they found inside the residence -- including an AK-47 -- to repeatedly fire at deputies for about 30 minutes, according to sheriff's officials. Deputies said the children grabbed the guns and opened fire at deputies at about 8:30 p.m. They also used baseball bats to destroy furniture, toilets and a tub, according to authorities. Neither the boy, the girl nor any deputies were injured. Six major U.S. banks — Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Citi, Morgan Stanley and Bank of America — had all said they would not finance drilling in ANWR, according to the Sierra Club.

- [Asian Americans are patrolling streets across the US to keep their elders safe](#)
- [The Postmaster General Is Under Federal Investigation Over Campaign Contributions](#)
- [Texas valedictorian goes viral after giving unapproved speech blasting state's anti-abortion bill](#)
- [Bernie Sanders Compares Republican Tactics to China's 'Growing Authoritarianism'](#)
- ['This was not a riot, this was a massacre': Biden commemorates 100th anniversary of the racist Tulsa attack that killed hundreds of Black people](#)

#### 4.4 USA – Political Extremism, Civil Unrest and Activism (Provided by Welund)



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##### Overview:

During the week of 27 May – 3 June, the majority of activist activity in the US noted by Welund took place in the government sector (67%), followed by oil and gas (7%) and finance (65%). Protests

made up most activity (56%), followed by meetings/gatherings (9%), and marches (8%). There was a continued focus on shareholder meetings as meetings wrap up.

##### Protests:

As US vaccinations against covid-19 increase and society reopens, Welund's analysts have noted that activists are increasingly returning to in-person actions. Organizers continue to emphasize physical distancing and mask-wearing adaptations to protests. New York, Minnesota, California, and Illinois saw the most protests this week.

The Stop the Money Pipeline (STMP) coalition called on supporters to deliver 'Greenwashing Awards' to JPMorgan Chase bank branches "across the country" from 31 May - 4 June. STMP affirmed that "our goal is to deliver 'Greenwashing Awards' to at least 150 branches."

Analysts noted continued pro-Israel and pro-Palestine protests across the US in relation to the conflict in the region. On 29 May, activists held a 'National March for Palestine' in Washington, DC to demand that President Joe Biden "sanction Israel now."

On 2 June, four activists were arrested for "blockading a Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) easement and equipment yard" near Pembroke, Virginia for "nearly seven hours." Four activists locked onto a "12' by 8' wooden duck," while displaying a banner that read: 'No Pipelines'.

#### **Outlook:**

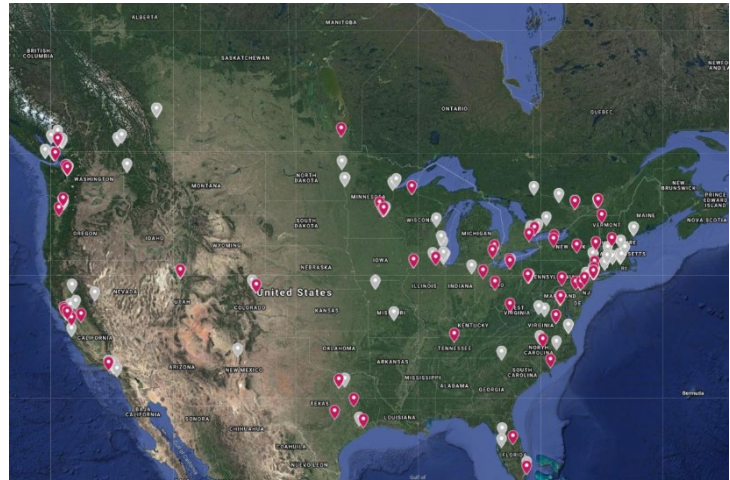
On 29 May, activists will hold a 'National March for Palestine' in Washington, DC to demand that President Joe Biden "sanction Israel now." Hundreds of protesters are expected to participate.

On 5-8 June, anti-Line 3 campaigners will attend the 'Treaty People Gathering' in northern Minnesota. Attendees will "gather in Northern Minnesota to put our bodies on the line, to stop construction and tell the world that the days of tar sands pipelines are over." Activists from across the US are organizing travel to attend the event.

On 5 June, White Lives Matter (WLM) organizers will hold another day of action after claiming a similar event on 8 May was a success.

On 11 June, anarchists will participate in the 'International Day of Solidarity with All Long-Term Anarchist Prisoners'. The annual event attracts interest from anarchists who engage in letter writing, meetings, protests and occasional vandalism.

Welund expects to see continued Black Lives Matter-related activism related to the anniversary of George Floyd's death through the weekend and leading up to Derek Chauvin's sentencing on 25 June.



*Past (grey) and upcoming (red) protest activity as noted by Welund between 27 May- 9 June.*



*Figure 5 Total activist activity in the US as noted by Welund.*

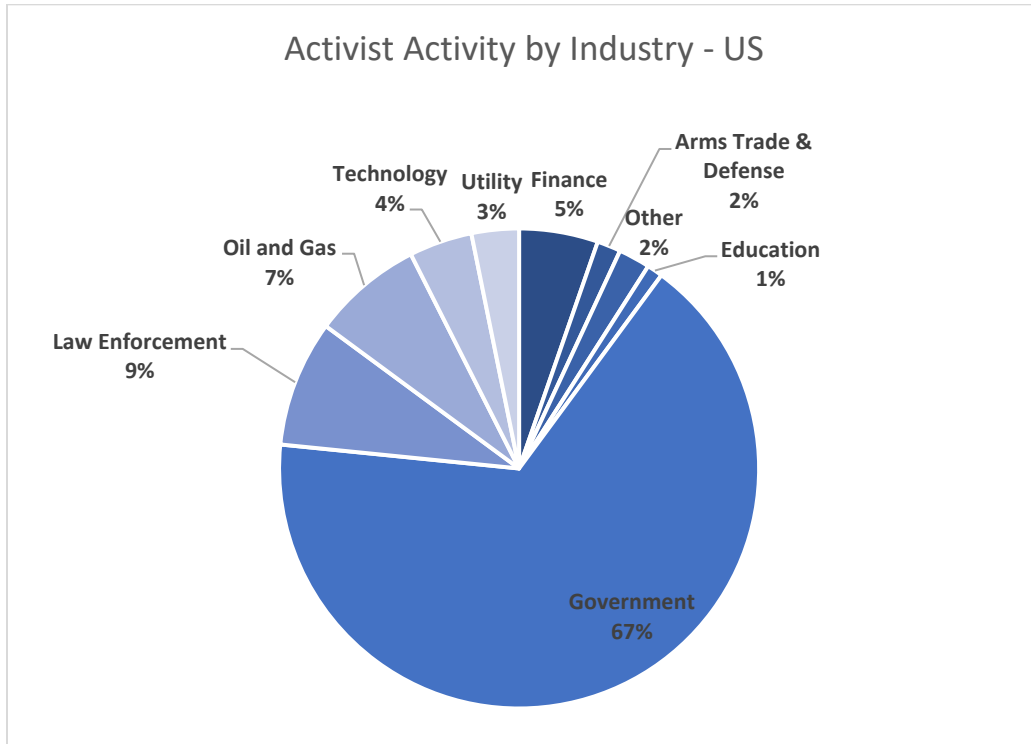


Figure 6 Activist activity in the US by industry as noted by Welund

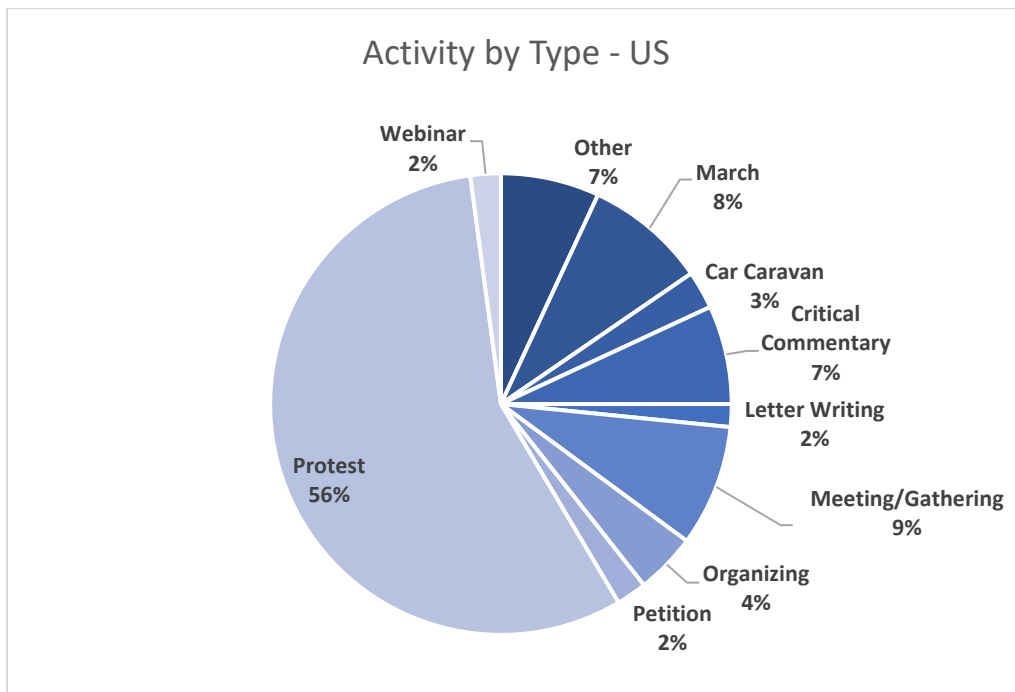


Figure 3 Activist activity in the US by type as noted by Welund.

## End of Report

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