

Trudeau Spins the Royals

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If you're wondering about what kind of spin cycle Trudeau [[#TheNewHarper](#)] put the Royals through to smooth over First Nations discontent with the 21st century version of settler imperialism?

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[Justin Trudeau's relationship with indigenous people and the politics of William and Kate's Canadian Royal tour](#)

A cynic might question if the prime minister is using the Royal couple to blunt criticism that the Liberal government's words on indigenous issues aren't being matched by its actions.

At the very least, William and Kate's stopovers will paint a benign image of aboriginal people for the international media covering this Canadian visit.

A picture can tell a thousand words, particularly if it involves a prince or a prime minister wearing a buckskin jacket and a feathered indigenous headdress.

But the reality on the ground is often very different, particularly in Canada where aboriginal people have been subjected to centuries of repression, not to mention cultural genocide.