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## The impact of Christianity on Aboriginal sexuality

Well I think Aboriginal sexuality has been impacted through contact with Christianity in a number of different ways. I think if you go to a lot of Aboriginal communities now in Canada they're very conservative, sometimes more conservative than the non-native communities, and I think that has been largely due to the impact of the Anglican church or the Catholic church. There's been a lot of repression about sexuality, as a result of that, there've been many thousands of people who've experienced all kinds of sexual abuse in residential schools so there's that aspect of impact. And I think there's just that general sort of level of conservative values and conservative ideas towards sexuality, which have really impacted people of alternative sexuality meaning two-spirited people who can't really be comfortable in their own home communities because of that homophobia. So on a personal level I'm really talking about homophobia but I know there are other people whose sexuality has been impacted through this whole process of colonization through Christianity.

