

POPULAR COMMISSION ON POLITICAL REPRESSION

TESTIMONY FORM

This form will serve as a guide for the public forums held by the Popular Commission on Political Repression, as well as a means to prepare the Commissioners' final report. We thank you for taking the time to complete it. You can also fill out an online version of this form, found at www.cprp.info/participer.

Political repression consists of any "state or private action designed to prevent, control or constrain collective, non-institutional action, including its initial steps." (1) It can be carried out by police, members of the political or legal system, the media, employers, private security forces, businesses, etc. Political repression most often targets individuals and groups who take part in actions which seek to change or contest the present system, such as strikes, protests, sit-ins, the wearing of symbols, boycotts, political meetings, publishing opinions, symbolic actions, etc.

Confidentiality policy: Only those responsible for the public forums held by the Popular Commission on Political Repression, researchers associated with the project, and the Commissioners will have access to the information contained within this document. After the final report has been written, each of the above-listed will destroy all testimonies from individuals who have asked that their words not be used in a research context. Information received electronically will be saved on a program with a secure connection. No documents will be circulated via email. The public forums of the Popular Commission will be open to all, and the testimonies presented there will be recorded and filmed.

Those who would prefer to give their testimony in private may do so; it will also be possible to give testimonies in public without the use of cameras.

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IDENTIFICATION

The following questions will be used only to contact you, including follow-ups after the public forums.

1. Please indicate the city or community where you would like to give your testimony (Gatineau, Kanésatake, Montréal, Québec, Sherbrooke or Uashat Mak Mani-Utenam). Individuals may only present themselves in one city or community :

2. Please indicate if you will be presenting yourself as an individual or as part of a group :

3. Full name :

4. Telephone :

5. Email :

6. Would you like your testimony to continue to be used after the final report of the Commissioners has been written? If yes, indicate your desired format on the following page.

The PCPR can limit the use of your information based on your stated preference. These data will be deleted if you do not explicitly give permission for them to be used beyond the final report.

	Yes	No
Re-use of the information on this form (without identifying information) (for subsequent research)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Distribution of the information on this form (without identifying information) (publically)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Re-use of the documents attached to this form (for subsequent research)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Distribution of the documents attached to this form (publically)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Re-use of audio recordings taken during the public forums (for subsequent research)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Distribution of audio recordings taken during the public forums (publically)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Re-use of video recordings taken during the public forums (for subsequent research)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Distribution of video recordings taken during the public forums (publically)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Would you prefer to give your statement privately (without members of the public present, but in the presence of the commissioners, certain members of the PCPR and with audio recording to be used in the final report) ?
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EXPERIENCE

The following questions are for groups and individuals who have suffered repression as well as those who have witnessed it.

8. Have you suffered repression as a result of your convictions, involvement (in groups) or for having taken part in protest actions (for example, did you experience brutality, intimidation, dismissal from work, surveillance, arrest(s), insult(s), slander, censorship) from a person, group or institution in a position of authority?

Yes No

9. Did you witness repression, such as the examples mentioned in the previous question?

Yes No

The following questions are organized into sections according to different themes. You will not have to answer every question in every section if these do not apply to your experience. Make sure that you clearly indicate to which events you are referring, for example, by writing « Event One », « Event 2 », etc. If the number of lines provided are not sufficient, you may add pages to the form.

POLICE

10. Have you suffered or witnessed repression from the police? This could take the form of police brutality, intimidation (were you, for example, contacted by the police before an event), surveillance (being filmed or photographed), infiltration, provocation, attempts to divide groups and individuals, searches, detention, arrests including mass arrests, insults, etc.

Yes No



10.1 Please indicate when this repression was experienced (during which events). This could be several events or over a specified period of time. Please indicate dates and events as clearly as possible.

10.2 Which police group carried out this repression? You can also provide information on the agents or police teams in question (for example, badge numbers, photos or videos).

10.3 Describe what happened.

LITIGATION

11. Were you penalised or witness to penalisation in connection to political activity or beliefs? Were you accused personally or were you a witness? This could be tickets, criminal charges, contempt of court, injunctions or others.

11.1 Please indicate the events which led to these penalties. This could be as part of many events or over a specific period of time. Please indicate events and dates as clearly as possible.

11.2 Describe your situation, or the one which you witnessed.

12. Were you asked to appear in court? Which?

13. Were you given conditions with your release? If yes, which? For example, bans from interacting with individuals with pending cases, etc.

MEDIA

You may attach to this section any photo or video that you consider necessary to support your statement.

14. Are you aware of any media coverage of you or of events in which you took part? If yes, what was said? Please indicate the media outlet(s) in question, with publication dates if possible.

15. Were you the target of misinformation or attempts to defame your character? Explain.

POLITICS

16. Have you experienced or witnessed political repression from an elected official (whether from the municipal, provincial or federal level)? This could be through behaviour, political statements made publically, laws or regulations that they participated in adopting or through any other action.

OTHERS

17. If what you have experienced or witnessed does not correspond with the themed sections identified above, please explain here the event(s) in relation to which you would like to make a statement. This could have taken place in an educational institution, a dismissal from work, etc.

IMPACT

18. What impact did these experiences have on your life? This could be consequences felt in your friendships, your capacity to find work, your physical (or mental) health, etc.

19. What impact did these experiences have on your involvement and activism?

ANALYSIS

20. Why do you believe the treatment you have experienced or witnessed is related to political opinions?

21. Do you believe you have experienced different treatment (compared to others), abuse or injustice? Why?

22. How do you perceive this experience/these experiences? In your opinion, are they intolerable, illegal, illegitimate? Explain why.



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