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Dorati's Mother

pulled from Odessa
pulled from a dream
of gypsies and balalaikas
under the dark green
pines herded into a
cattle car crowded
with women all
bourgeois and not
used to urinating in
a corner shitting in
full view on the floor
Not used to being
stepped on kicked
Many screamed tore
their own flesh
wouldn't eat dog soup
But she knew all
Beethoven's violin
pieces knew the
viola parts the violin
went over each part
and didn't go mad

Canadian women pay a high price for society's tolerance of violence and inequality toward them. How high a price was revealed in the grim reality of women's stories as the Panel made its journey across Canada. All women are vulnerable; but many- Aboriginal women, older women, poor women, women of colour, immigrant women, and women with disabilities- told of unspeakable suffering. These stories demonstrate the unmistakable link between inequality and vulnerability to violence, be it in the family, within institutions or in the workplace. Arguing that much of what women endure is preventable, the Panel outlines a National Action Plan, a blueprint for changing society that calls for zero tolerance of violence against women.


Changing the Landscape: Ending the Violence - Achieving Equality. The Executive Summary: National Action Plan highlights the main points of this Final Report. Methods of implementation of the National Action Plan have been outlined in The Community Kit, a how-to-guide for implementing the Panel's recommendations at the community level. Part One of the kit helps you to gather information about violence against women in your community and decide what your communities needs are. Part Two of the kit helps you decide what steps need to be taken in your community to stop violence against women. The kit has been used successfully in many places. The experiences of 10 communities have been gathered together in Community Stories: Taking Action Against Violence Against Women; practical tips are given by community leaders on taking action on violence against women.

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