

Image of Racialized Childhoods in Canadian Interwar Political Discourse

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ABSTRACT Recent work in an emerging "childhood studies" has analyzed a variety of public discourses of childhood including political discourses. This paper uses data drawn from the Canadian interwar federal parliamentary debates to analyze the ways in which "childhood" and racialized childhoods in particular, were constructed by politicians. Political constructions of both universalized and racially stratified childhoods are revealed and located within the larger project of a racialized nation-building in Canada.