

Suggested Interview Questions for Ken Drysdale

Based on the Four National Citizens Inquiry Reports | Media Kit Development Draft

About the National Citizens Inquiry (NCI)

The National Citizens Inquiry (NCI) is a citizen-led, non-partisan initiative launched in 2023 to investigate Canada's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its broader implications on civil liberties, public health, governance, and individual rights. The NCI held in-person hearings across the country, collecting sworn testimony from hundreds of Canadians—ranging from experts and professionals to everyday citizens. Its findings are now documented in a series of four formal reports, each addressing a critical area of concern.

About the NCI (Interview Questions)

- What is the National Citizens Inquiry and how did it come into being?
- Why was it necessary to have a citizen-led investigation into Canada's COVID-19 response?
- How were commissioners selected and how was impartiality ensured?
- What methodology did the NCI use to gather evidence and testimony?
- How many witnesses participated in the hearings, and what kinds of people testified?
- What types of evidence were reviewed—scientific, legal, anecdotal?
- What makes the NCI different from a government or institutional inquiry?
- What impact has the NCI had so far on public discourse or policy?
- What has been the media response to the NCI's work, and why do you think that is?
- Were there any challenges in conducting or publishing the reports?
- What do you hope Canadians and the international community take away from the reports?
- Why should people outside of Canada—especially Americans—pay attention to the work of the NCI?

Human Interest Questions

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- What moment during the hearings brought you personally to tears?
- Was there a testimony you still think about to this day?
- What surprised you the most about the people who came forward?
- Did you ever feel overwhelmed by the gravity of the stories shared?
- What motivated you to take on this role with the NCI?
- How has this experience changed you personally?
- Have you formed lasting relationships with any of the witnesses?
- Were there times you questioned whether the inquiry would succeed?
- What did your family think about your involvement in this controversial work?
- Is there one story that encapsulates the spirit of the inquiry for you?
- What would you say to someone afraid to speak up today?
- What gives you hope moving forward from this national trauma?

NCI Report One: In the Public Interest – An Interim Report on the COVID-19 Vaccine Authorization Process (2023)

This first report explores how Health Canada and other regulatory bodies departed from traditional pharmaceutical approval pathways to fast-track the COVID-19 vaccines under an “Interim Order.” It examines conflicts of interest, the scientific basis for decisions, and the legal consequences of weakened oversight.

1. Deviation from Traditional Drug Approval

- What is the traditional regulatory process for approving new drugs in Canada, and how was it bypassed?
- How did the use of the “Interim Order” change the legal standards for vaccine approval?
- What is the difference between “authorization” and “approval,” and why does that matter?

2. Lack of Objective Safety & Efficacy Proof

- Did Health Canada require objective proof of safety and efficacy for COVID-19 vaccines?
- What are the implications of authorizing vaccines based on subjective benefit-risk estimations?
- How did this new standard affect the public’s perception of safety?

3. The Role of Political Pressure

- Did political urgency override scientific safeguards in the vaccine authorization process?
- How did the government’s pre-purchase and stockpiling of vaccines create a conflict of interest?
- Was the Interim Order created *after* vaccine procurement was already underway?

4. Conflicts of Interest & Manipulated Trials

- What conflicts of interest were uncovered in the authorization process?
- What did Deana McLeod’s testimony reveal about possible manipulation of Phase Three trial data?
- How have historical legal issues involving manufacturers like Pfizer influenced public trust?

5. Lack of Revocation Mechanisms

- Why was the Minister’s ability to revoke authorization so limited under the Interim Order?
- How does this compromise public safety, especially when adverse effects are reported after rollout?

6. Long-Term Implications

- Has the Interim Order been replaced with permanent regulations that still lack proper safeguards?
- What risks are posed by making emergency authorization standards permanent?
- What changes does the NCI recommend regarding drug approval processes moving forward?

NCI Report Two: Inquiry into the Appropriateness and Efficacy of the COVID-19 Response in Canada (2023)

This primary report addresses the broader failures of Canada's pandemic response. It focuses on the breakdown of governance, suppression of dissent, coercive mandates, judicial deference, and violations of Charter and international rights. It offers extensive recommendations for reform in law, medicine, and democracy.

Recommendations

- What specific legislative reforms does the NCI recommend to limit the power of unelected public health authorities during emergencies?
- Why does the NCI recommend the adoption of a “non-delegation doctrine” in Canada, and how might this prevent future rights violations?
- What actions does the NCI propose to hold professional colleges accountable for silencing dissenting doctors?
- How does the NCI suggest protecting freedom of expression among healthcare professionals while ensuring accurate public health communication?
- What judicial reforms are recommended to strengthen the independence and impartiality of Canadian courts during crises?
- How does the NCI propose to amend the standard of judicial review to prevent courts from excessively deferring to administrative bodies?
- What role does the NCI envision for provinces in appointing their own judges, and why is this change seen as necessary?
- What transparency measures are suggested for the judicial appointment process to reduce political bias?
- How does the NCI recommend safeguarding Canadians' rights to informed consent under domestic and international law?
- What are the key features of the vaccine coercion measures that the NCI considers violations of international human rights law?

Conclusions

- How does the NCI characterize the collapse of the rule of law in Canada during the COVID-19 pandemic?
- What were the major failings of Canada's judicial system in upholding constitutional rights according to the report?
- What dangers does the NCI see in the trend toward greater judicial deference to government health policies?

- How were Canadian courts' uses of 'judicial notice' problematic during the pandemic, particularly in vaccine mandate cases?
- Why does the report argue that courts should not dismiss rights-based cases as 'moot' once mandates are lifted?
- In what ways were elected officials, such as Rick Nicholls and Stéphane Hamel, pressured into conformity with vaccine policies?
- How did internal party discipline during the pandemic erode the democratic role of elected representatives?
- What reforms does the NCI suggest to ensure politicians can dissent without being expelled from their parties?
- How did changes to legislative procedures during emergencies weaken the democratic process?
- What mechanisms are proposed to prevent emergency powers from being abused or extended indefinitely?

International Law

- Why is the NCI concerned about Canada's commitments to the World Health Organization's upcoming Pandemic Treaty?
- What risks does the NCI associate with WHO-led declarations of Public Health Emergencies of International Concern (PHEIC)?
- How could WHO influence over Canadian health policy compromise national sovereignty and individual rights?
- What does the NCI recommend Canada do to ensure international agreements do not override the Charter of Rights and Freedoms?
- Why does the NCI view the COVID-19 vaccine rollout as a form of non-consensual medical experimentation under international law?

NCI Report Three: Supplemental Report – Inquiry into the Appropriateness and Efficacy of the COVID-19 Response in Canada (2024)

This follow-up to Report Two was based on additional testimony collected at the Regina Hearings. It focused on previously unexplored impacts of mandates—especially in long-term care settings—and included deeper evidence of harm to healthcare workers, seniors, and whistleblowers.

1. Lack of Governmental and Institutional Response

- What does the NCI Supplemental Report say about the Canadian government’s reaction—or lack thereof—to the 2023 NCI findings?
- Why did the NCI feel compelled to conduct supplemental hearings in Regina in 2024?
- How did the lack of participation from federal and provincial institutions influence the credibility or depth of the supplemental report?
- What implications does governmental inaction have for future public trust in Canadian institutions?
- How do the Commissioners interpret the silence from elected officials in response to public concern?

2. Health Impacts and Vaccine Concerns

- What new health concerns emerged in 2024 that were not sufficiently addressed in the 2023 report?
- Can you summarize the key medical findings regarding vaccine-related adverse events among seniors and healthcare workers?
- How did the testimonies in Regina expand the understanding of post-vaccination decline in long-term care residents?
- What patterns were observed in the testimonies regarding seizures, blood clots, or respiratory issues after vaccination?
- How credible and consistent were these accounts, and how did the Commission validate them?

3. Failures in Oversight and Reporting

- What systemic reporting failures were highlighted by whistleblowers in long-term care settings?
- How does the report portray the behaviour of regulatory boards, unions, and facility administrators in handling complaints or concerns?
- What role did the lack of informed consent play in exacerbating ethical concerns?

- What evidence is there of suppression or retaliation against healthcare professionals who spoke out?

4. Psychological and Ethical Impact

- How did repeated lockdowns, particularly in care homes, affect the mental health and well-being of residents?
- What ethical dilemmas did healthcare staff face during the enforcement of pandemic measures?
- What are the long-term psychological consequences reported by those who experienced professional retaliation?
- How did isolation measures—despite high vaccination uptake—challenge the rationale behind continued lockdowns?

5. Civil and Democratic Consequences

- What conclusions did the Commission draw about the erosion of democratic processes during the pandemic?
- How did the testimony from professionals and citizens reveal breakdowns in accountability?
- How did the report assess the legacy media's role in perpetuating or ignoring key findings?
- In what ways does the report assert that the crisis was leveraged to suppress dissent and citizen rights?

6. Final Recommendations

- What are the most urgent recommendations presented in the Supplemental Report?
- How is the public being asked to respond or engage with the findings of the NCI?
- What message does the report convey to Canadians ahead of the next federal election regarding their civic responsibility?

NCI Report Four: Are Children Safe in Canada? (2025)

This final report investigates threats to the safety and well-being of Canadian children. It addresses the consequences of pandemic policies, gender ideology in schools, child trafficking, digital exposure, and the breakdown of judicial and parental protections.

1. Education and School Environment

- What did the NCI find regarding the long-term impact of COVID-19 lockdowns on student learning and development?
- How have ideologically influenced curricula affected student mental health and academic freedom?
- What were the concerns raised about parental rights in education, particularly around curriculum and student consent?
- In what ways did COVID-19 mandates disrupt socialization and school structure for children?
- What role do external organizations play in shaping school curricula, according to the NCI?
- How did teachers and administrators contribute to perceived bias in the classroom?

2. Child Trafficking

- What systemic failures did the NCI identify that enable child trafficking to persist in Canada?
- How are children in foster care and marginalized communities especially vulnerable to trafficking?
- What connections were drawn between child trafficking and broader institutional or technological structures?

3. Sexualization of Children

- How has early exposure to sexual content affected children's psychological and emotional development?
- What risks did the inquiry highlight regarding sexually explicit materials being introduced in schools?
- Were there specific examples or testimonies that illustrated how early exposure led to long-term harm?

4. Digital Safety & Exposure

- What online dangers were flagged in the NCI hearings, and how are children being affected?
- How did witnesses describe the failure of digital platforms to protect minors from exploitation and cyberbullying?

- What specific failures were identified in privacy protections for children online?

5. Gender Ideology and Children

- What concerns did the NCI raise about introducing gender ideology to young children in educational settings?
- What did the report say about the lack of parental involvement in decisions affecting gender education?
- How did social media and institutional policies compound the impact of these ideological exposures?

6. Public Institutions and Safety

- Why did no government representatives testify at the Vancouver hearings despite hundreds of invitations and subpoenas?
- What conclusions did the Commissioners draw about the accountability of public institutions concerning child safety?
- How does the NCI assess the broader failure of the justice and child protection systems?

7. Health & Mental Well-Being

- How have pandemic-related policies and educational disruptions impacted children's mental and spiritual health?
- What evidence was presented regarding increases in chronic disease or adverse medical outcomes in children?
- How has the removal of parental medical decision-making authority affected children's well-being?

8. Final Assessment

- Based on all the evidence presented, how did the NCI Commissioners answer the report's central question: *Are children safe in Canada?*