

Hey grade 9s! Mr. Fountain here. I hope you all had a great break filled with Christmas cheer and homework.

Today, you will be listening to a podcast called “Front Burner”. It is a CBC podcast that covers a lot of current events happening in Canada. The episode you will be listening to discusses Bill 21 - a law in Quebec that bans public workers in positions of “authority” from wearing religious symbols at work. This includes anything such as wearing a cross around your neck, hearing a hijab, turban, religious tattoos, etc.

What is a public worker you ask? It includes anyone that works directly with the public. This includes teachers, police officers, bus drivers, lawyers, etc.

Below is a link to the podcast. **Only listen up to 5:18!** If you are really interested in it, you can listen to the rest after.

Once you have listened to the first 5:18, answer the 2 questions on the bottom of this page. Please open a separate word document and answer the questions there. Please write your name on the document and share it with me. My email is bfountain@lssd.ca.

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/4w5CYyhgVwD0B0d9by6Om>

(This is the link to the podcast. Copy and paste it into a new tab.)

1. Why do you think a government would pass this law? Does it interfere with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms?
2. If you had the power – would you eliminate this law? Or would you keep it in place? Explain your answer.