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Push for NDP to Embrace, Debate Leap Manifesto Intensifies Ahead of Convention

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As someone who teaches her law and economics students about the impacts of empirical research, I cannot help but be concerned about Murray Mandryk's column, Honour victims with whole truth (SP, April 14).

Unlike other women in society, indigenous women have experienced an increase in the number of attacks against them by strangers. It's a topic worthy of research and evaluation by those who tackle such difficult areas.

Certainly, all of us with family in indigenous communities wonder about the sources of violence and what we can each do to bring attention to tragic events so those events stop. But if Mandryk calls for everyone to be bluntly honest about the multi-sided form of this issue, he has to also do the same and see that he himself has not taken into account all matters to heart.

Like the audience of any newspaper, people who read Mandryk's column come from a variety of backgrounds. It is for that reason that he should be aware of the consequences of what he describes.

Venturing into the area empirical analysis, making broad statements and then simply moving on to another topic for his next column does a disservice to those concerned with educating others about what can be done for victims, their families and the Canadian justice system. Everyone who resides in Canada needs to learn more about indigenous peoples' history and modern circumstances.

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