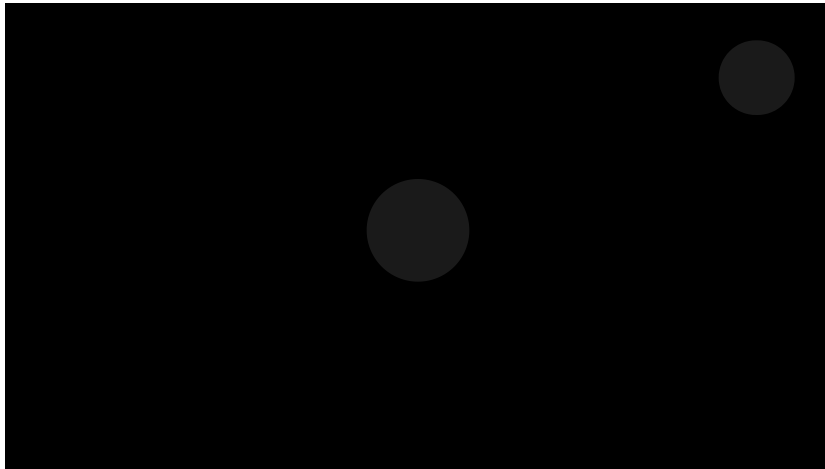


Jehovah's Sex Abuses

Sex abuse survivors allege coverup by Jehovah's Witnesses for failing to report assaults



W5: No Witnesses, part one



W5's Avery Haines investigates claims the Jehovah's Witnesses discouraged members from reporting child sex abuse allegations to police.

W5: No Witnesses, part two



The Jehovah's Witnesses are coming under legal scrutiny over their policies on the reporting of child sexual abuse around the

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Christian and Katja Gutierrez's apartment is decked out for Christmas: the tree, the lights, the figurines on the mantle, all set up in full-blown holiday mode.

Christmas ended months ago, but the young Calgary couple can't bring themselves to take the decorations down just yet. And it's because they've only celebrated four Christmases in their entire lives.

The same goes for birthdays, Valentine's Day and Thanksgiving. In fact, pretty much every holiday is a new experience.

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Until four years ago, Christian and Katja were Jehovah's Witnesses — a Christian sect with a very strict set of rules to live by — including not celebrating holidays.

Leaving the religious organization has had devastating consequences on Christian and Katja. They are being shunned by almost every family member and friend they ever had.

The Christmas tree is an act of defiance against an organization that they say stole so much of their lives. So, too, is the fact that they have invited a W5 team into their home to share publicly what happened to them in their childhood.