The Notwithstanding Clause PowerPoint

1. Why was the Notwithstanding Clause created?
2. What section of the Charter is it in? What sections of the Charter are affected?
3. What does the Notwithstanding Clause allow governments to do and for how long?
4. Discussion Question: Why do you think there is a limit of 5 years?
5. How has the Notwithstanding Clause been used in the past?

Two Issues: Quebec’s Bill 21& Saskatchewan’s Bill 137

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| **Quebec’s Bill 21 – Ban on Religious Symbols**  Video: Quebec’s controversial bill could ban religious symbols for public workers. (CBC) | **Saskatchewan’s Bill 137 – Parental Rights**  Sask. Premier ready to use notwithstanding clause to protect new school pronoun and name rule. (CBC) |
| **While watching the video:**  Key facts and information.  What surprises or stands out for you?  What questions do you have? | **While watching the video:**  Key facts and information.  What surprises or stands out for you?  What questions do you have? |
| **Personal Response to the Video:** (In my opinion…because…) (I think …because…) | **Personal Response to the Video:** (In my opinion…because…) (I think …because…) |
| **Put it all together . . . Final Response**  Should governments be able to use the notwithstanding clause to override the Charter?  How does it’s use either advance or infringe on the rights of Canadians, and can it be justified?  Use examples to support your answer. | |