

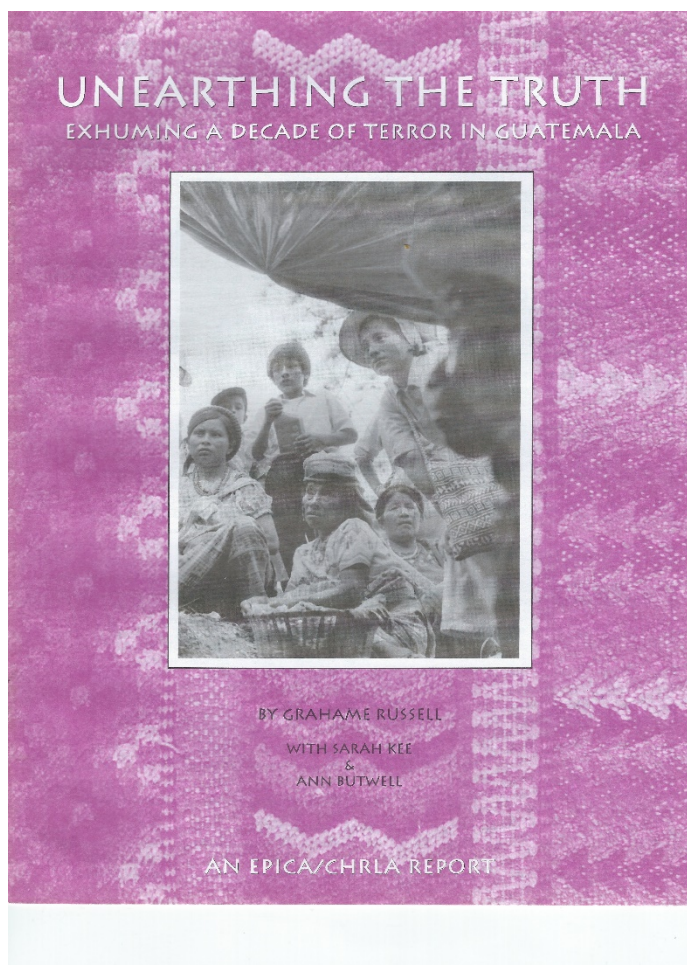
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## **Unearthing The Truth** **Exhuming a Decade of Terror in Guatemala**

By Grahame Russell, with Sarah Key & Ann Butwell  
(EPICA/CHRLA, 1996)

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### **Unearthing The Truth (PDF)**

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Thirty years after the mass grave exhumation process began in Guatemala, Rights Action is pleased to re-publish this report written by Grahame Russell, with Sarah Key & Ann Butwell, and published in 1996 by EPICA (Ecumenical Program on Central America & Caribbean) and CHRLA (Center for Human Rights Legal Action).

*“Even if 30 forensic teams worked for 30 years,  
that still wouldn’t be enough resources or time  
to exhume all the mass graves in Guatemala.”*

Fernando Moscoso

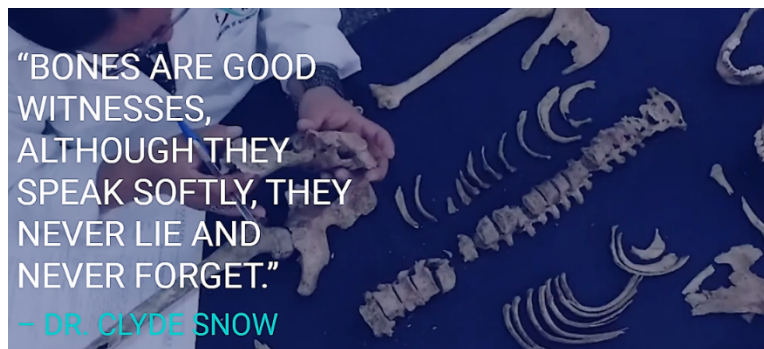
Unearthing The Truth covers the first years of work of the FAFG (Forensic Anthropology Foundation of Guatemala), then called the EAFG (Forensic Anthropology Team of Guatemala) – work that is on-going today. The vast majority of remains that have been exhumed and examined for age, gender, identity and causes of death, are Indigenous Mayan people.

*“The earth has hidden horrible truths  
about an infinite number of massacred Guatemalans.  
Now the earth begins in speak.”*

Miguel Angel Albizures

### **Mass grave exhumations of Indigenous children in Canada?**

We re-publish this report at a time, also, when there is increased action in Canada to locate and possibly exhume (dig up) individual and mass graves wherein lie the remains of unidentified Indigenous First Nations children.



### **No more apologies. Former Residential School should be declared crime scenes Now is a time for justice**

By Grahame Russell, Rights Action, June 11, 2021

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