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Study Finds Lack of Awareness, Data Hinders Cases of Missing and Murdered Native American Women

Source: U.S. News * By Erik Ortiz is a staff writer for NBC News focusing on racial injustice and social inequality.

Contributed by Treasa Rodriguez, Mescalero Apache, New Mexico

Tammy Carpenter was in tears as she drove through a rural stretch of Northern California two years ago to Shasta County, near where her adult daughter, Angela McConnell, was found shot to death with her boyfriend in an encampment favored by transients.

She still remembers the way a sheriff's detective, who was not Native American, like herself, handled the delicate conversation.

Carpenter said that his line of questioning insinuated that her daughter had come from a broken home where no one had jobs and all were involved with drugs.

"I'm a very vocal person, and I gave it to that detective," Carpenter, 51, said this week. *"All my sisters and I graduated from college. We worked. We all loved Angela. With society today, people look and think: It's another dead Indian girl. Probably a drug addict. Homeless. Who cares?" That got me very upset."*

The mysterious circumstances surrounding McConnell's killing is one of hundreds of cases of missing or murdered Indigenous women and girls across the United States that never garnered national headlines or social media attention or demands for justice from powerful people.



Annita Lucchesi, director of the Sovereign Bodies Institute, speaks at a rally for slain Indigenous woman Jessica Alva alongside Alva's mother, Cindy Martin-Wolfe, in San Francisco in 2019.

daughter was found dead isn't unique. In the Sovereign Bodies Institute report, families described insufficient cultural awareness from law enforcement, as well as *"poor or nonexistent communication with families and survivors, chronic lack of cases being brought to justice and ... past and ongoing violence perpetrated by officers."*

Advocates have long complained about the lack of comprehensive state and federal data on missing and murdered Native Americans, which is often linked to incidents of sexual violence and human trafficking, and they believe poor record-keeping, racial misclassification and

the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, a national clearinghouse within the Justice Department, making such information available as of June 2020.

In November 2019 President Trump signed an executive order for the Justice Department to establish a task force to help combat violence and human trafficking involving tribes.

A 2016 study by the National Institute of Justice estimates that 1.5 million American Indian and Alaskan Native women have experienced violence, including sexual abuse, and the Justice Department found that women on some reservations have been killed at a rate more than 10 times the national average.

On Monday, July 27, 2020 Ivanka Trump and Interior Secretary David Bernhardt touted the opening in suburban Minneapolis of the first federal task force office dedicated to solving cases of missing and murdered Native Americans and Alaskan Natives, including men. Six more offices will be opened next month throughout the country, although none in California.

"Indian Country enriches the fabric of our great nation on every level ... yet a dark pattern is plaguing tribal communities across the country," Trump, a senior White House adviser and the president's daughter, said at the Minnesota office opening.

Annita Lucchesi, a Cheyenne descendant who started the Sovereign Bodies Institute, said becoming invested in the issue has to go beyond opening an office and also requires the difficult work of meeting with families and understanding the systemic racial and economic disparities that foster cycles of violence, poverty and crime.

"Cold case reviews are really important, but the issue is so complex and goes much deeper that we need a holistic team that can figure out not only why this is happening, but how can we stop it from happening to others," Lucchesi said.

The Sovereign Bodies Institute collaborated with the Yurok Tribal Court, which is part of the Yurok Tribe in Northern California, to compile and analyze the latest data focusing on the region.

Abby Abinanti, the chief judge of the Yurok Tribe and the first Native American woman to be admitted to the California State Bar, said attitudes toward Indigenous women today can also be traced historically to the stealing of Indigenous children to work as indentured servants for white settlers through the Civil War and the sending of thousands of Native American children to boarding schools for federal assimilation programs in the late 19th century, in effect severing cultural connections and damaging familial relationships through the generations.

"That has a trickle-down effect, as they say," Abinanti said. *"We have been invisible as Native people for a very long time."*

Abinanti said that while it's important for tribal, local and state jurisdictions to find common ground in order to solve cases today, a lot of mostly rural communities are struggling to respond with adequate resources, and many don't have the staff with the cultural competency in working with Indigenous communities.

Sgt. Kyle Wallace of the Shasta County Sheriff's Office said every homicide comes with its own set of challenges, whether or not the victim is Native American or lives on or off a reservation, and rural departments in particular face geographic barriers and crime scenes that *"don't fit into a single box."*

McConnell, 26, a Hoopa Valley Tribe member of Mohave, Yurok and Karuk descent, had been camping in a wooded area of Shasta Lake, about an hour from the Oregon border, with her partner, Michael Bingham Jr., 31.

Carpenter said her daughter, who had planned to study nursing in the fall and loved writing poetry, was "in the wrong place at the wrong time." Shasta County officials did not comment on details about the case, although Wallace said the investigation remains open and "we're still following up on leads."

It's not just adults who are traumatized and seeking answers, either. Sumi Gail Juan, a Hoopa Valley Tribe member, has been missing since 2010, when she was 33.

Her 16-year-old daughter has tried to piece together what happened to her mother, who had been battling drug addiction and suffered from seizures.

She said she knows the people her mother had been socializing with, and believes someone can say definitively whether she's still alive or not. *"Cases like my mom's might be put on the back burner,"* said Juan's daughter, who has struggled with her own drug use and asked that her name not be used.

"People don't pay attention to Native women because maybe they think it's their fault what happened to them," the teen said. *"But I can't give up on my mom."*



Tammy Carpenter, center, with her son, Richie Carpenter, and daughter, Angela McConnell, in 2017. Courtesy Tammy Carpenter

The absence of awareness or widespread scrutiny in these cases is the focus of a report released Thursday, July 30, 2020 that documented 2,306 missing Native American women and girls in the U.S., about 1,800 of whom were killed or vanished within the past 40 years.

Nearly 60 percent of the cases are homicides and 31 percent involve girls 18 and younger, according to data analyzed by the Sovereign Bodies Institute, a nonprofit, Indigenous-led research organization that began counting and mapping such missing and murdered cases over the past few years.

In addition, nearly 75 percent of the cases had victims who were living within the foster care system when they went missing.

The vast majority of cases in the U.S., as well as another 2,000 in Canada, remain unsolved, according to the research.

The perceived lack of sensitivity from law enforcement when Carter's

adverse relationships between tribal governments and outside law enforcement have led to an underreporting of cases.

The institute's report focuses on the corridor between Northern California and the border with Oregon, which can be largely isolated and requires law enforcement to cover large areas with fewer resources compared to bigger city departments.

Researchers said they examined 105 cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls from the region and found that 62 percent of cases were never included in any official missing persons database; 74 percent of cases have no public documentation related to manner of death, whether charges were filed or a suspect or person of interest was found; and 56 percent of cases don't mention or make public the victim's tribal affiliation.

However, tracking tribal affiliation has begun to change recently, with

Victor Davis Hanson: America Has Chance To Save It Self Thanks to 3 Woke Industries That Just Suicided

Source: The Western Journal * Contributed by Franklin Motte, Moreno Valley CA

Cultural suicide used to be a popular diagnosis of why things suddenly just quit. The owners, coaches and Historians such as Oswald Spengler and Arnold Toynbee cited social cannibalism to explain why once-successful states, institutions and cultures simply died off. Their common explanation was that the arrogance of success ensures lethal consequences. Once elites became pampered and arrogant, they feel exempt from their ancestors' respect for moral and spiritual laws like thrift, moderation and transcendence.

Professional sports, universities and the motion picture industry all know that what they are doing is bad for business. But they still believe they are rich and powerful, and thus invulnerable. Over the last century, professional football, basketball and baseball were racially integrated and adopted a uniform code of patriotic observance. The three leagues offered fans a pleasant respite from daily bar-room politics. As a result, by the 21st century, the NFL, NBA and MLB had become global multibillion-dollar enterprises.

The owners, coaches and players weren't always racially diverse. But that inconvenient truth did not stop the leagues from hectoring their fans about social activism — even as they no longer honored common patriotic rituals.

All three leagues have suffered terribly during the viral lockdown, as American life mysteriously went on without them. And they have almost ensured that they won't fully recover when the quarantine ends.

Many of their often-pampered multimillionaire players refuse to honor the national anthem. In the NFL they now will broadcast their politics on their helmets. They will virtue-signal their moral superiority to increasingly turned-off fans — as if to ensure that their sources of support flee.

Lots of American universities became virtual global brands in the 21st century. Sky-high tuition, rich foreign students, guaranteed student loans and Club Med-like facilities convinced administrators and faculty that higher education was sacrosanct. The universities preached that every successful American had to have a bachelor's degree, as if the higher-education monopoly delivered guaranteed customers.

But soon, \$1.6 trillion in aggregate student-loan debt, lightweight and trendy curricula, ideological hectoring, administrative bloat, reduced teaching loads, poor placement of graduates, and the suspension of the Bill of Rights on campus began turning off both students and the public.

If students can Zoom or Skype their classes from home this fall, why pay \$70,000 a year for the campus "experience"? Supposedly woke and informed rioters this summer incoherently toppled or damaged the statues of everyone from Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant to Frederick Douglass and Miguel de Cervantes. So the public might begin to wonder how the nation's multi-trillion-dollar investment in higher education actually served the country.

Soon, popular fury will beget more dangerous questions for American universities. Maybe the country should subsidize the training of more essential electricians, plumbers, contractors and masons instead of unemployable environmental and ethnic studies majors.

If a university president wanted to devise a plan for how to destroy his university, he could not have come up with a better one than what has happened on campus in recent decades.

Hollywood should have been ecstatic over 21st-century globalization, which should have made filmmakers and stars even richer and more popular, with a potential audience of more than 7 billion. But the quarantine has shut down most theaters. Amazon, Netflix and Facebook, along with cable TV, have sent theater revenues diving for years. Silicon Valley can create filmmakers who have no need to get near Southern California.

The hypocrisy gets worse when the Chinese government often adjudicates movie content as the price of entering a Chinese market with more than a billion potential customers.

Professional sports, universities and the motion picture industry all know that what they are doing is bad for business. But they still believe they are rich and powerful, and thus invulnerable. They also are ignorant of history and cannot be persuaded that they are destroying themselves.

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At this late date, all that matters is that the country itself learns from these suicidal examples and heals itself.

If the U.S. is not to become an extinct Easter Island, it must rediscover a respect for its past, honor for the dead who gave us so much, the desire to invest rather than spend and a need for some sense of transcendence.

If we do not believe that what we do today has consequences for our children after we are gone, there are ancient existential forces in the world that will intervene.

And it won't be nice.

Alveda King: Obama took the nation back to segregated '60s

Blasts former president for making Lewis funeral a political

It was more like a stump speech than a eulogy, taking America back to the segregated '60s, according to Alveda King, a niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

King was talking about Barack Obama's "wordplay" in the funeral of Congressman John Lewis. [BizPacReview](#) reported.

"Well, I guess we should have expected that the left, including President Obama, would take that occasion for a political moment," King said. "They'll grab at any opportunity, that's to be understood. I have chosen not to politicize the death of Congressman Lewis, but to remember him as a peaceful, nonviolent warrior and encourage everyone to resolve our conflicts peacefully."

She said Obama took a different road.

"Obama, with wordplay, took us back to 1960s, and that was a time when segregation was still on the books, segregation was still legal, and those in power, some of them, were trying to enforce that and keep that," she said.

The report explained: "While Obama couldn't summon enough courage to speak President Trump's name, there was no mistaking his criticism of the president in what sounded more like a stump speech than a eulogy. As smug and arrogant as ever, not to mention divisive, the former president used the occasion to push the myth of voter suppression."



Obama said: *"Even as we sit here, there are those in power who are doing their damndest to discourage people from voting by closing polling locations, by targeting minorities and students with restrictive ID laws, and attacking our voting rights with surgical precision, even undermining the Postal Service in the run-up to an election that's going to be dependent on mail-in ballots so people don't get sick."*

King also rejected the claims of voter suppression.

"President Trump is not trying to suppress the vote. As a matter of fact, you can see in my community, I'm telling everybody, 'Make sure you vote, register to vote. Pastors and leaders, encourage your people to vote.' We do want people to vote safely and we need the voting process to be fair," she said.

Obama's eulogy, King said, was nothing more than political grandstanding.

Oklahoma: Lawmaker Threatens NBA Team Financial Penalty for Kneels During Anthem

Source: Western Journal , By Jack Davis August 2, 2020
Contributed by Franklin Motte, Moreno Valley CA

Oklahoma taxpayers should not have to pay for having their values treated with disrespect by National Basketball Association players, according to an Oklahoma state lawmaker.

Republican state Rep. Sean Roberts of Hominy shared his ire that players on the Oklahoma City Thunder, which gets tax breaks from the state of Oklahoma, would not stand for the national anthem.

"By kneeling during the playing of the national anthem, the NBA and its players are showing disrespect to the American flag and all it stands for. This anti-patriotic act makes clear the NBA's support of the Black Lives Matter group and its goal of defunding our nation's police, its ties to Marxism and its efforts to destroy nuclear families," Roberts said Friday in a statement on his website.

"...perhaps we need to reexamine the significant tax benefits the State of Oklahoma granted the Thunder organization. Through the Quality Jobs Act, the Thunder is still

under contract to receive these tax breaks from our state until 2024," he said.

Roberts said that taxpayers' dollars should flow to organizations in line with taxpayers' values.

"Perhaps these funds would be better served in support of our police departments rather than giving tax breaks to an organization that supports defunding police and the dissolution of the American nuclear family," he said.

Although most NBA players knelt for the anthem of the weekend, Orlando Magic forward Jonathan Isaac was an exception. Isaac also did not wear a Black Lives Matter shirt, as did his teammates and all of the Brooklyn Nets during Friday's opener, according to [People](#).

"For me, black lives are supported through the gospel," he said. *"All lives are supported through the gospel."*

Isaac said society needs to get past the superficial.

We all have the power to get the truth out – but conservative silence has allowed these Socialist-Democratic narratives to thrive. The conservatives need to speak up and speak out whenever and where ever we can.

“On Nov. 3rd We need the Silent Majority to be HEARD.”

Seattle, Washington

“Peaceful Rioters” threaten Seattle Council Member American Indian Debora Juarez, Blackfeet

Source: Indian Country Today * By Adrian L. Jawort, Northern Cheyenne, is a freelance journalist and fiction writer. She is founder of Off the Pass Press, which publishes literary works by Indigenous writers.



Councilmember Debora Juarez and her family to cease," Chairman W. Ron Allen wrote.

Several tribal leaders in Washington state are denouncing “incredibly personal and targeted acts of violence” against Seattle’s lone Indigenous City Council member, Debora Juarez, who in recent weeks has received death threats and been harassed at home by mobs of protesters who support defunding police.

Juarez, Blackfeet, says she began receiving “really vile” messages July 10, after protesters shared her home address and contact information online.

“They put my personal cellphone number, my address and started putting pictures of my home and address on Twitter and Facebook, and then I started getting vicious calls,” Juarez said.

Protesters have showed up at her house by the dozens a few times, shining their car headlights into her windows at night and using a bullhorn to chant and hurl insults, she said. She stayed at a motel one night and warned family members to keep away.

People also spray-painted names such as “corporate bootlicker” and obscene messages on her street, and they continue to send her harassing and threatening texts.

“This is my life. This is home. This is not Coachella. This is not City Hall,” Juarez said. “Also, I’m not the toxic dumping ground where you need to come talk about your white privilege and how you need to talk about Black lives, because you sure as f—k don’t care about my life.”

The situation is particularly frustrating, Juarez said, because she supports the idea of allocating police funds elsewhere; she simply declined to sign a pledge to defund police that she found too vague, which is when the trouble started.

“We must balance our desire for expediency with foresight to ensure these reforms are permanent,” Juarez said.

“We need to plant a new tree because the roots, trunk, branches and fruit of this tree are poisoned, as are the future seeds,” she wrote. “Therefore, in order to reorganize, reduce and reallocate such funds and duties, we need a plan, not a percentage.”

Juarez noted her vote wasn’t even needed because seven of the nine City Council members made the pledge, which included committing to a goal of cutting the police department’s budget by 50 percent.

“So, their only purpose to come to my house and physically threaten me is to purely terrorize me,” she said of protesters.

Demonstrators also have gathered at the homes of Mayor Jenny Durkan and council members Alex Pedersen, Lisa Herbold and Tammy Morales, according to the newspaper. Messages written on Pedersen’s windows have included: “Don’t be racist trash.”

Juarez, who grew up on the Puyallup Indian Reservation, near Tacoma, Washington and is a longtime attorney and former municipal and superior court judge who directed the state Office of Indian Affairs under two governors. In 2015, she became the first tribal citizen elected to the City Council in Seattle, a city that once barred Native Americans from living within its limits despite being named after the Suquamish Chief Seattle.

Juarez pointed to her lifelong commitment to social and tribal justice. She said she got her start in activism as a child participating in the Fish Wars, 1960s- and ’70s-era protests in the Puget Sound area aimed at pressuring the federal government to recognize tribes’ fishing rights.

“I’ve watched my elders be arrested and be put in the back of cop cars and watched Fish and Wildlife agents hurt our people and jail our people,” she said. “I was a lawyer for tribes for over 30 years in federal court defending treaty rights, economic development, Indian Child Welfare Act, doing depositions against white landowners.”

With Seattle ranked as a top U.S. city for missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in a 2018 report, Juarez also sponsored a measure directing the city to work government-to-government with tribes to address the issue.

“The hypocrisy of these goofy white people who have these Black Lives Matter T-shirts are all of a sudden ‘woke’ and talking about centering BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color) is bullshit,” Juarez said. “Because they didn’t live our lives. They didn’t live our trauma. That’s the hypocrisy that breaks my heart because they don’t know who I am.”

Colleen Echohawk, executive director of the Chief Seattle Club, which aims to provide a “sacred space to nurture, affirm and renew the spirit of urban Native people,” noted Juarez’s humble commitment to helping Native nonprofits and youth programs and assisting Natives in getting housing.

“This behavior of terror toward Councilmember Debora Juarez is disgusting and the antithesis of the movement,” Echohawk said. “Perpetuating violence against Native women has been the standard practice for the non-BIPOC community, and it has to stop.”

Several Washington tribal leaders also issued a statement Monday in support of Juarez.

“Councilwoman Debora Juarez has dedicated her life’s work to protecting vulnerable families and communities throughout the state of Washington,” said Francis Charles, chairwoman of Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. “The first peoples of these lands will not tolerate any hateful or dehumanizing behavior towards her or any other Indigenous woman.”

The Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe calls for the “incredibly personal and targeted acts of violence against

“Seattle’s residents should be celebrating that they have a leader who is trying to make decisions based on a reasonable and viable plan, which could be sustained over time.”

Others included in the statement were Lawrence Solomon, chairman of Lummi Nation; Leonard Forsman, chairman of Suquamish Tribe; Steve Edwards, chairman of Swinomish Indian Tribal Community; and Willie Frank III, council member of the Nisqually Tribe.

Meanwhile, Seattle’s Neighborhood for Smart Streets political action committee has called on City Council President Lorena González to speak out about protesters targeting officials’ homes.

González said in a release last week: “I share the strong feelings with many of those who are still in the streets peacefully protesting. I continue to believe that this fight for collective liberation is strengthened by holding each other in community and calling each other into the struggle to do better.”

EDITORS NOTE: Councilwoman Juarez was not attacked because she is an American Indian or a woman—she was target by these terrorist because she failed to comply with their Marxist ideology .

Plain and simple, these riots are not about racism, social justice or Black lives, it’s about the “Transformation of America” to a Socialist Country.

And, if Tribal people think for one second that the American Indian Tribal Rights and Sovereignty will be honored you might want to look at what happened to the Indigenous people in Marxist Countries.

Ernie C. Salgado Jr. .

“Peaceful Protestors” Attacks Against Law Enforcement Officers

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" Racism is not dead. But it is on life-support, kept alive mainly by the people who use it for an excuse or to keep minority communities fearful or resentful enough to turn out as a voting bloc on election day."

Thomas Sowell

In 1932 Germany they were Named Socialist-Democrats



Now, they have many names when they appeal to the changing demographics of their districts. They win when they have a scapegoat, which all too often is Israel. And when they do claim a scalp, they declare victory for their movement.

The group's strategy is "divide and conquer." They single out Jews and Israel for scorn, allowing an unacceptable level of anti-Semitic rhetoric in their ranks; they seek to topple capitalism in favor of socialism.

When progressives win, they follow a familiar playbook: They find soft targets of opportunity, like reliable but longtime incumbents who don't have social media star power and seem out of touch. Progressives win

But with greater regularity, progressives lose. They lose because they are on the wrong side of their electorate; their views are repudiated. Calling for economic boycotts of Israel or failing to repudiate anti-Semitic remarks do not comprise a winning strategy in a nation in which Jews play a vital role in civic and economic life. They don't win in a nation that is desperate to heal from years of division.

Oklahoma:

Federal Court Judge Rules Gaming Compacts in Favor of Tribes

Source Indian Country Today * By Kolby KickingWoman, Blackfeet/A'anih, Montana - he is a reporter/producer for Indian Country Today.

A federal judge in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma ruled in favor of nine tribes that argued their compacts automatically renewed for a 15-year term on January 1, 2020.

The judge's ruling ends long court fight between Gov. Kevin Stitt, a Cherokee tribal member, said the compacts needed to be renegotiated. The compacts define how much gambling revenue the tribes must pay to the state and which games are allowed.

The original joint lawsuit against Stitt was filed by the Cherokee, Chickasaw and Choctaw nations and eventually joined by six other tribes in the state. The tribes argued they had fulfilled conditions in the compacts in order for them to renew.

In the decision, Chief U.S. District Court Judge Timothy DeGiusti found that the



Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission had issued licenses to at least two horse racetracks to operate for 2020.

Being that the commission took "governmental actions," the requirements for the compacts' automatic renewal were met.

"The State's argument that the language has unintended consequences (resulting in perpetual renewal) is not persuasive," DeGiusti wrote.

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. said in a statement that the tribe was pleased with the ruling and looks forward to continuing a strong relationship with the state.

"Tribal gaming in this state

will continue to be strong, not only for the tribes, but for all of Oklahoma, contributing vital education dollars into our public schools and bolstering health care, roads and communities," Hoskin said. *"Everything in our compact now remains the same, and we hope we can move forward and build a relationship on respect with Gov. Stitt in the future."*

Stitt, meanwhile, said he is "deeply disappointed" by the decision. It confirms my fears, and the fears of many fellow Oklahomans, that the State entered into a poorly negotiated deal and now we must bear the cost of this mistake," he said in a statement.

As part of the compacts, tribes must pay an "exclusivity fee" ranging from 4 percent to 10 percent of a casino's net revenue. Stitt was looking to renegotiate that percentage.

Miami, Florida:

Indian Casino Workers Steal \$5M

A former worker at a Florida Indian casino operated by the Miccosukee Tribe has been sentenced to federal prison for stealing more than \$5 million from the business.

A federal judge in Miami sentenced Lester Lavin, 44, to 4 years and 3 months and his girlfriend Anisleydi Hermida, 31, to six months, according to court records.

Three of Lester's former co-workers at Miccosukee Resort & Gaming Casino and their three respective spouses have also pleaded guilty in the case and are set to be sentenced by the end of August. The four workers tampered with gambling machines at the casino run by the Miccosukee Tribe, prosecutors said. The machines would generate

credit vouchers that were then exchanged for cash. The workers' significant others helped launder the money, officials said.

The majority of the tribal casino's have experienced professional management and safeguards in place to prevent criminal activity.

However, a large number of the smaller tribal casino's are marginal and as such tend to cost which leaves the at risk for loss of money and property.

One major area for financial cuts is in the auditing process. Instead of a full forensic audit they settle for less costly financial audit which leaves the opportunity for fraud, money laundering and other forms of theft.

Navajo man Execution Date Set for August 24, 2020

My View *Ernie C. Salgado Jr.*

In October 2001, Lezmond Mitchell, a Navajo man and an accomplice abducted Alyce Slim, 63 a Navajo Tribal Elder and her 9-year-old granddaughter with plans to use Slim's vehicle in a robbery. Prosecutors said the two fatally stabbed Slim and slit the girl's throat.

Their beheaded, mutilated bodies were found in a shallow grave on the Navajo Nation.

Mitchell, had been among the first of a handful of inmates set to be put to death after an informal, 17-year moratorium.

Mitchell was temporarily spared by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals as his attorneys argued to interview jurors for potential racial bias.

The court sided against Mitchell in late April, and a panel of judges later rejected a bid to keep the execution on hold beyond Aug. 24. Mitchell's attorneys have asked the full court to reconsider, and the U.S. attorney in Arizona urged the court to act quickly.

The execution date for Mitchell, who was convicted of the 2001 murders of Alyce Slim and her granddaughter in October 2001 is scheduled for August 24, 2020 at the Federal Correctional Complex in Terra Haute, Indiana, where he's being held.

Despite the grisly nature of the murders, tribal officials and even the victims' family opposed the death penalty.

Tribal nations for decades have been able to tell federal prosecutors if they want a death sentence considered for certain crimes on their land. Nearly all, including the Navajo Nation, have rejected that option.

Mitchell was convicted of carjacking resulting in death — a crime that carries a possible death sentence no matter where it happens, meaning the tribe had no avenue to object.

In my humble opinion this man deserves the death penalty. He is not only an evil person and murderer, he murdered two of his own people 'nuff said.

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FLAGSTAFF, Arizona:

Lawsuit seeks American Indian Education Reform

Source: Indian Country Today * Edited by *Ernie C. Salgado Jr.*

Having spent over 40-years in American Indian Education I see no need, reason or justification for the U.S. Government to be operating American Indian schools.

It is no big secret or revelation that the U.S. Bureau of Indian Education and the federal government has fail to adequately provide for American Indian students attending Bureau of Indian Education operated schools.

The reason is simply, it is because of the bureaucratic policies and tribal priorities.

The Tribal political priorities stem from the reductions of tribal funding allocations.

As Tribal funds are systematically reduced by the federal Government annually and Tribal Governments must make the financial reductions in accordance to their tribal priorities of which education in no where near at top of the list.

The current lawsuit that accuses the federal government of failing to adequately provide for students on a small, isolated reservation in Arizona is set to go to trial in November 2020 and I can assure you it will be ruled in favor of the tribes. But, nothing will change.

The lawsuit was filed in 2017, three year ago, going in five seeks systematic reforms of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Education, the government agency that oversees more than 180 schools in nearly two dozen states but directly operates less than one-third of them.

U.S. District Judge Steven Logan in Phoenix already ruled that the bureau violated its duty to ensure students with disabilities have access to resources such as special education, therapists and mental health services. He will consider the remedy in a seven-day bench trial scheduled to start November 10, 2020.



The case centers on Havasupai Elementary School deep in a gorge off the Grand Canyon. It is one of the most remote schools in the continental U.S. and among the lowest performing among the bureau-run schools.

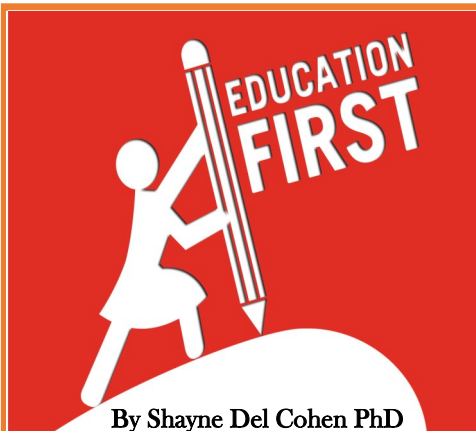
Any American Indian Education reform in grades K-12 that excludes Tribal Governments and includes the U.S. Bureau of Indian Education is more of the same.

One would think it reasonable that after 200-years of failure it is time to allow the American Indian Tribes to manage their own schools, educational and cultural curriculums.

Recent studies show that over the past 45-years the education of the American Indians in grades K-12 has proven highly successful when managed by the tribally developed educational program.

Another example is that in 1975 the number of American Indian college graduates was less than 200 and is over 100,000 today. Although the increase is commendable it only represents less than one half of one percent of the tribal population.

The major obstacle in bring about the sorely needed changes in the Indian education system is the non-functional government bureaucracy.



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Shayne's Journal

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"To deny history is to forgo knowledge and understanding."



With statues and titles falling all around, there is no dearth of debate about symbolism and the historical record. Columbus and Father Serra have been celebrated targets.



Christopher Columbus
Oct 31, 1451 - May 20, 1506

Since I entered kindergarten in the 50's, we were instructed mathematically to be radical, in other words, go to the root...of any matter.

In history, it is often instructional to go to the documents (or oral histories) that recount the conditions, values and mores of the time.

The European continent of the Fifteenth Century was as intriguing as today's tribal politics.

The Pope(s), losing ground as the all encompassing potentate in the face of new emergent nations and competing personalities, was often looking for ways to reas-

sert primary authority and influence.

The Crusades and exploration of the "new world" proved to be a fruitful path.

To confirm Portuguese trade rights, King Afonso V appealed to Pope Nicholas V for support, seeking the moral authority of the Church for his monopoly. The bull of 1452 was addressed to Afonso V and conceded Portugal's right to attack, conquer and subjugate Saracens and pagans.

"We grant you by these present documents, with our Apostolic Authority, full and free permission to invade, search out, capture, and subjugate the Saracens and pagans and any other unbelievers and enemies of Christ wherever they may be, as well as their kingdoms, duchies, counties, principalities, and other property [...] and to reduce their persons into perpetual servitude...."

Further clarified in the Romanus Pontifex Jan. 8, 1454

....We [therefore] weighing all and singular the premises with due meditation, and noting that since we had formerly by other letters of ours



Saint, Junípero Serra
Nov. 24, 1713-Aug. 28, 1784

granted among other things free and ample faculty to the aforesaid King Alfonso - to invade, search out, capture, vanquish, and subdue all Saracens and pagans whatsoever, and other enemies of Christ wheresoever placed, and the kingdoms, dukedoms, principalities, dominions, possessions, and all movable and immovable goods whatsoever held and possessed by them and to reduce their persons to perpetual slavery, and to apply and appropriate to himself and his successors the kingdoms, dukedoms, counties, principalities, dominions, possessions, and goods, and to convert them to his and their use and profit - by having secured the said faculty, the said King Alfonso, or, by his authority, the aforesaid infante, justly and lawfully has acquired and possessed,

and doth possess, these is-lands and islands wor-lands, lands, harbors, and thy, God-fearing, learned, seas, and they do of right skilled, and experienced belong and pertain to the men, in order to instruct the said King Alfonso and his aforesaid inhabitants and successors, ...While originally aimed at the middle East, this was liberally applied to

Brazil and other colonies.

In dividing the world between Spain and Portugal, Pope Alexander VI issued his 1493 Inter Caetera on May 4. [Permalink](#)



King Afonso V
Jan 15, 1432 - Aug 28, 1481

"...Moreover we command you in virtue of holy obedience that, employing all due diligence in the premises, as you also promise - nor do we doubt your compliance therein in accordance with your loyalty and royal greatness of spirit - you should appoint to the aforesaid

In other words, for every military expedition by a European monarch, there should be a cleric (a Pope's representative). Along with sanctifying the seizure of non-Christian lands, the Church actively encouraged the enslavement of native, non-Christian peoples in Africa and the New World.

Columbus, who never touched the shores of what became the United States, began a tradition and legacy of colonization and slavery in the West Indies in compliance with Papal direction. Father Serra did the same as he trudged up the coast of New Spain.

So while Columbus and Serra take the heat, no one is talking about the policies and laws of the institutions that codified the subjugation, racism, and slavery that followed. Seem familiar?

SPECIAL NOTICE: August 8, 2020

President Trump Signed Executive Orders to Help American Workers. Demos & the Mainstream Media Vow to Stop Him-Filing, Law-Suits Until they Get Their Pork Money

Listed below are the 4-executive orders signed by President Trump to help the American Workers in their time of need.

1) \$400 weekly federal unemployment aid

Trump's order calls for \$400-per-week in supplemental unemployment aid. Unemployed people were getting \$600-a-week extra until the federal program expired at the end of July.

2) Assistance to Renters and Homeowners

Congress passed the CARES Act in March that issued a 120-day temporary eviction moratorium on renters in federal housing assistance programs or those who live in a property with a federally backed mortgage. That eviction moratorium expired in July.

3) Payroll Tax holiday

Trump defers the payroll tax from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 2020, for employees making \$100,000 or less a year. The tax funds Social Security and Medicare.

4) Extension of Student Loan Relief

The executive action suspends federal student loan payments and sets interest rates to 0 percent through Dec. 31, 2020. The current student loan relief programs were to expire on Sept. 30, 2020.



President Trump, believer & friend of the American Worker, People and U.S. Constitution.

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Germany 1933: Adolf Hitler Today in America the Socialist ordered the defunding and have antifa and Marxist black elimination of the police departments and replaced them with his Brown Shirts. Protest

Hitler's Brown Shirts primary mission was to cause civil disorder by staging "Peaceful Protest" which included rioting, violence, looting and destroying of public and private property.

They intimidated, beat-up and killed German citizens in an effort to sway the general election to ensure Hitler's Socialist agenda.

Mail in voting was also used. Today in America the Socialist lives matter staging "Peaceful Protest" that are rioting, looting and destroying public and private property. They want to defund and eliminate the police. White, Jewish and financially successful people are demonized as bad people and racist. We have congressional members supporting these criminal acts and taking legal action against law enforcement for their efforts to restore law and order.

Is this history repeating itself?



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Is New Mexico's American Indian Rep. Deb Haaland Anti-Semitism?

Source: Indian Country Today * *By Samara Alpern is a freelance writer from El Paso, Texas. She graduated from the University of New Mexico in 2007 and currently lives in Jalisco, Mexico.*

Contributed by Treasa Rodriguez, Mescalero Apache, New Mexico

On February 11, 2019 during her interview with CNN's Kate Bolduan, Rep. Deb Haaland (D-NM) refused to condemn fellow freshmen Rep. Ilhan Omar's (D-MN) latest tweets about Israel and support for the country in Congress, which have been labeled as being anti-Semitic.

"Right. I don't have — I don't have a comment on that currently." Haaland replied. Bolduan pressed her. **"Because you don't think the comment was anti-Semitic?"** Bolduan asked.

"Well, I think the comment — what you read me, I didn't read it, but what you just read me alludes to campaign contributions, it doesn't allude to anything else but that." Haaland insisted.

"But it speaks to a longstanding veiled anti-Semitism that many folks have talked about over the years about Jews running things because they have money." Bolduan explained.

"Yeah, I don't — I mean, I don't subscribe to that. I don't subscribe to that," the congresswoman ended the interview.

Following Haaland's interview, the Democratic leadership said Omar's tweets were anti-Semitic and called on her to **"apologize for these hurtful comments."**

Again, On June 7th, 2019 the Albuquerque Journal printed a letter by Jewish Voice for Peace activist Ms. Iris Keltz.

In her letter addressing anti-Semitism, Ms. Keltz writes that she **"represented Albuquerque's 1st Congressional District for Deb Haaland as part of a national Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) delegation to Congress on April 2, 2019."**

This assertion by Ms. Keltz is alarming because JVP not only purveys anti-Semitism, but also perverts Indigenous history in the Middle East.

It is one of the darkest years for Jews in decades. We witnessed the most lethal massacre of Jews in American history at the Tree of Life synagogue in Squirrel Hill.

Fifty-nine Jewish gravesites were desecrated in Foxboro Massachusetts in March. **"Gas the Jews"** was scrawled over the Chickasaw Nation headquarters Oklahoma City, also in March.

In April, in San Diego, a shooter

entered the Poway synagogue and murdered one congregationalist and shot three others, including a child and a rabbi.

New York has seen an incredible 82 percent increase in anti-Jewish hate crime in 2019. In Canada and Europe the statistics are worse.

As Ms. Keltz acknowledges, anti-Semitism is indeed real, but it is herself and her organization, Jewish Voice for Peace, that is the threat.

The 2018 Global Anti-Semitism Report found that a full 70 percent of anti Semitic attacks were linked to anti-Israel attitudes, and Jewish Voice for Peace is one the chief promoters of those hateful beliefs.

Jewish Voice for Peace is a misnomer. The organization is neither Jewish, nor for peace. Jewish Voice for Peace has Jewish members, but it also has many non-Jewish members, and the organization's largest donors are not Jews, but non-Jewish foundations that are anti-Israel. Like the Jews that supported Hitler, **(George Soros for example served in Hitler's Nazi Army)** the handful of Jews that support Jewish Voice for Peace are reviled by the wider Jewish community and with good reason.

Jewish Voice for Peace lauds terrorists that murder Jews. In 2017 they welcomed convicted terrorist Rasmea Odeh as the featured speaker at their National Membership Meeting. Odeh was convicted by Israel for a 1969 bombing in Jerusalem that killed two and injured nine.

Jewish Voice for Peace supports Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS), a movement which advocates for a total academic, cultural, and economic boycott of Israel, a sliver of land smaller than Vermont that is home just 9 million people. This sliver of land is home to half the world's Jewry.

The modern Boycott, Divestment and Sanction is a rebranding of an Arab boycott of Jews that began long before Israel even existed.

The boycott began informally in 1922, and in 1945, as the world learned of the Holocaust, the Arab League officially adopted the policy of boycotting of Jews. It was renamed **"Boycott, Divestment and Sanction"** in 2001.

This May, the German parliament

condemned the Boycott, Divestment and Sanction movement as antisemitic with a majority vote.

Jewish Voice for Peace is one of the top promoters of lies about Jews and the Jewish state. Jewish Voice for Peace claims Israel is an apartheid state, when in reality, Israel is the only state in the Middle East where minorities have the right to vote.

Jewish Voice for Peace scapegoats the Jewish state for police abuses in the United States, when in reality, the United States alone bears the responsibility for the brutality and failures of the American justice system.

Jewish Voice for Peace calls the Jews **"settler colonialists"** for living in the land of Israel, when in reality, it is the Jews who are Indigenous to Israel, and the Arabs who are the imperialists.

Ms. Keltz illustrates Jewish Voice for Peace's deceitful revision of Jewish history when she writes, **"Tlaib reminded us that Jesus was a Palestinian rabbi who believed in human rights and equality. Justice is the cornerstone of Judaism, so we had no problem with that sentiment."**

Jesus was a Jew from Judea, the aboriginal homeland of the Jewish people. One hundred years after they crucified Jesus, the Romans renamed the land **"Palestina,"** for the exact same reason Ms. Keltz uses the term today, to expunge Jewish history.

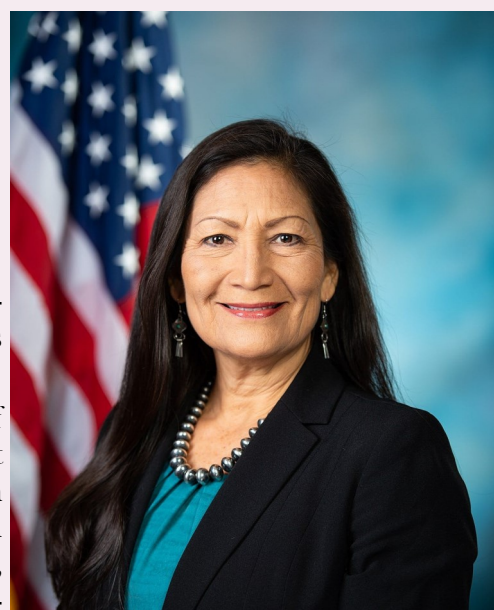
If Jesus were alive today, he could not live in the land of his birth. Judea under Arab rule is judenrein.

That Jews are Indigenous to Israel is indisputable. The story of the Jewish people is known to the whole world.

Abraham, Rachel, Joseph, Moses — whether you believe the Torah to be the word of God or not, there is no doubt that these are our stories.

This is Jewish tribal history. It is a history that was never forgotten, not under imperial subjugation by the Babylonians nor the Persians, not under the Hellenists, the Romans, Arabs, Crusaders, Mamluks, Ottomans, or the British.

Though Jews never completely left Israel, most were forced into exile. But even over 2,000 years in the diaspora, we never forgot our connection to our ancestral homeland.



In exile we prayed, as observant Jews do today, to Jerusalem every day. Facing expulsions, massacres, and genocides, we maintained our language, our matrilineal blood ties, our dietary practices, our beliefs.

King Solomon established the First Temple in the tenth century BCE, 1,500 years before Muhammed was born. Muslim conquerors would build the al-Aqsa mosque on top of the Jewish temple, just as Hernan Cortes built his castle on top of the great palace Tlaluica. Such is imperialism.

In the Middle East, Jews, like the Kurds and Yazidi, are the Indigenous people. In the Middle East, Arabic is like English and Hebrew is Keresan. Judea is Katishtya, the West Bank is San Felipe.

Dividing the Israelites from Israel is like dividing the Dine from Dine-tah.

Therefore, Ms. Keltz' affirmation that she represented Albuquerque's Congressional District for Deb Haaland as part of a national Jewish Voice for Peace delegation to Congress is extremely troubling.

"Is Rep. Haaland one of the many non-Jewish members of Jewish Voice for Peace, celebrating Jew murdering terrorists and boycotting half the world's Jewish population?"

"Is one of the first Native American congresswomen in history supporting an organization that denies Jewish indigeneity to Israel?"

I hope that Rep. Haaland will view Middle Eastern politics with an eye towards solidarity with the Indigenous people there. But it is urgent that, at the very least, she condemn Jewish Voice for Peace, a hate group dedicated to nothing but demonizing Indigenous people in the Middle East.

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Sunday, August 16th, • Sunday, August 23rd, • Sunday, August 30th, 2020. 4pm Pacific Time. **WEBINAR: Association on American Indian Affairs, “RED HOOP TALK, Native News and Talk: Culture and Survival.”** <https://www.indian-affairs.org/red-hoop-talk.html> Hear from co-hosts, Shannon O’Loughlin (Choctaw), Roy Melendez (Caddo) and special guests. **Every Sunday Live**, and streaming on YouTube. It’s about news, culture, education, and brings on special guests to talk about what it means to be Indian to support, inspire, and education

Monday, August 17th, 2020. • 6pm. Dorothy Ramon Learning Center, A Raptor as a Guide: Connecting with the Wilderness through Hawks, Eagles, and Falcons. Co-sponsored by Rivers and Land Conservancy. Journey online with longtime falconer Rebecca K. O’Connor into the wild, as seen through the perceptive views of wild birds she calls her partners. **CONTACT:** (951) 849-7736, info@dorothyramon.org **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/DorothyRamonLearningCenter/>

Tuesday, August 18th, 2020. • L.A. City/County Native American Indian Commission, Online Conferencing. The commission meeting is usually held the third Tuesday of every month. However, they do change the dates. *Please frequent their website for updates.* <https://lanaic.lacounty.gov/> **CONTACT:** (213) 738-3241

Wednesday, August 19th, 2020. • 11am – 1pm. NNHRTI Webinar Series; “Small Populations Big Problems.” Keynote Speaker: Dr. Dedra Buchwald, M.D. This event is free and open to all interested participants. National Native Health Research Training Initiative, <http://www.nnhrti.org/> All webinars will be recorded and posted for future viewing.

Wednesday, August 19th, 2020. • 11am Pacific Time. WEBINAR: Enhancing and Supporting Effective and Equitable Tribal Juvenile Justice System. Tribal communities across the nation need resources to develop and implement evidence-based resilience approaches for tribal youth. **Registration:** https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_25fInZK2RVOY8-kib0ODow

Wednesday, August 19th, 2020. • 12 pm – 1:30 pm. WEBINAR: Domestic Violence and Pets. National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center. <https://www.niwr.org/>

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7278028506747857421>

Wednesday, August 19th, 2020. • 1 pm “Native American United Methodist Church – Mobile Pantry.” <http://naumc.org/> The Mobile Pantry is held on the First and Third Wednesday of every month. **LOCATION:** 800 South Lemon Ave., Anaheim CA 92805.

CONTACT: (714) 535-2429.

Thursday, August 20th, 2020. • 1pm.

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August 24 – 28, 2020. • The 43rd National Child Welfare Law Virtual Conference. This year NACC goes virtual offering 20 sessions with 50 leading experts on child welfare law and practice, including the Children’s Bureau’s own Dr. Jerry Milner and David Kelly.

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Friday, August 28, 2020. • 12pm Pacific Time. TYRC Free Juvenile Policy and Code Development Virtual Learning Series. “Philosophy of Your System – Findings and Purpose Provisions that Represent the Values of the Community.” Virtual learning series hosted by the Tribal Youth Resource Center, <https://www.tribalyouthprogram.org/> and presented by the Hon. Pat Sekaquaptewa. The course will provide a virtual learning experience to support the development or enhancement of Tribal juvenile justice codes, policy, and procedures.



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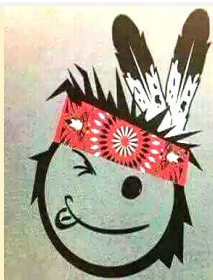
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