



We Are Still Here

Contemporary Histories and Issues in Indian Country

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Land Acknowledgement

- We acknowledge that we are all coming from different locations that were the ancestral homes of Indigenous Nations.
- In New York we acknowledge the Haudenosaunee, *the People of the Longhouse*, the Muh he con ne ok, *the People of the Waters that Are Never Still*, and Lenape, *the Original People*.
- We acknowledge that through forced land cessions and removal, this Nation was removed from the land that they called home and their seats of government are now located in Canada, Wisconsin, other parts of New York and Oklahoma.
- We pay honor and respect to their ancestors past and present. We understand that this acknowledgement is just a first step in the process of building a more inclusive and equitable space for all.

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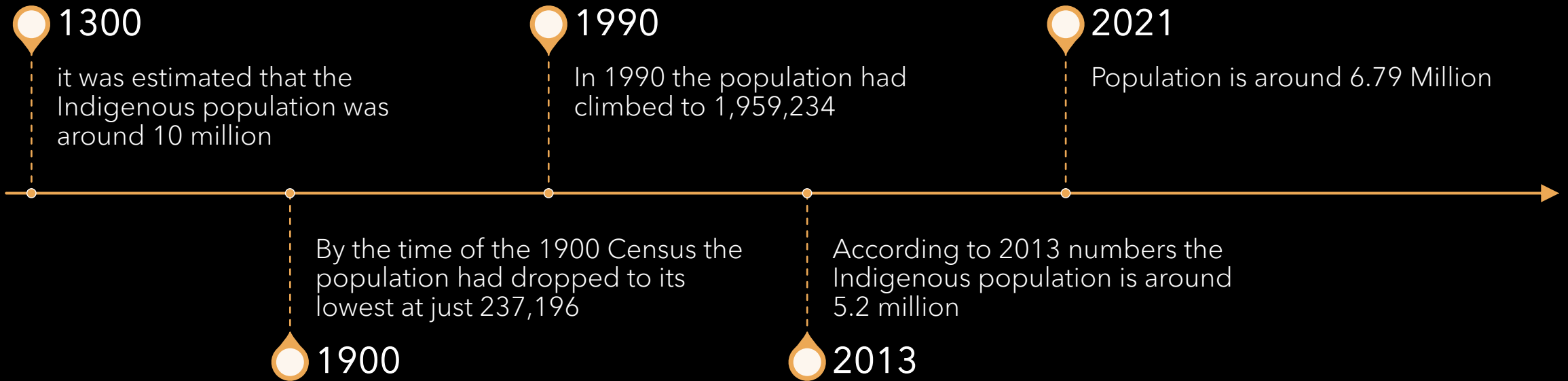
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The Indigenous Population



“THE ONLY
GOOD
INDIAN IS
A DEAD
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Land Claims by Tribe



**NATIVE AMERICAN
- LANDS -**

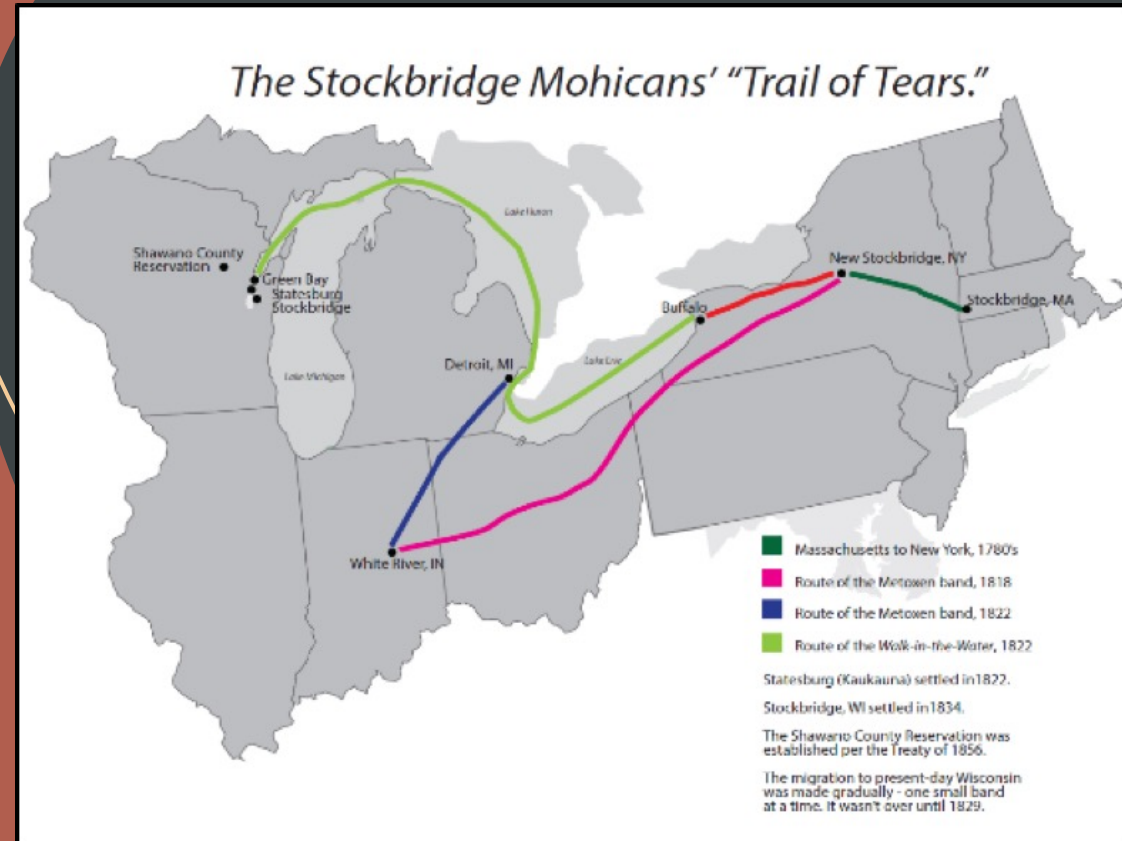
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Indigenous Nation of New York

- The Haudenosaunee
 - Cayuga
 - Mohawk
 - Oneida
 - Seneca
 - Onondaga
 - Tuscarora
- Mohican
- Lenape
- Shinnecock

The Muh he con ne ok

- The Peoples of the Water that are Never Still
- Closely aligned with the Lenape
- Stockbridge, MA



Boarding schools

- Formed in the late 1800's and carried into the 1900's
- The point of the schools was assimilation
- Children were forcibly taken from their homes and sent to these schools





Indian adoption project

- The project launched in 1958
- The project was funded through the Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Most of the time the removal was unneeded, and children were needlessly taken



Indian child welfare act

- The crisis of children being taken was greatly affecting Native Nations and their communities
- In response to this crisis the Indian Child Welfare Act was introduced into Congress
- Research identified 4 major reasons that children were being taken from their homes
- There was much opposition to ICWA and it narrowly passed



The challenges to ICWA

There have been numerous threats to ICWA over the years

Texas is asking the courts to throw the law out

Brackeen v. Haaland

The American Indian Movement (A.I.M)

- Founded in 1968
- The group addressed many different issues in the Native American Community
- Urban Indian issues
- Organized mass protests



AIM Occupations



- Occupation of Alcatraz
- Occupation of Wounded Knee
- Trail of Broken Treaties
- Occupation of Mount Rushmore

The Gabby Petito Case and MMIW

- In July of 2021 Gabby and her fiancé, Brian Laundrie started out on a cross country #VanLife road trip
- She was reported missing on September 11, 2021
- The Nation was captivated with her disappearance
- Her remains were found September 19th
- This was only 8 days later



Missing white woman syndrome

- Term was coined in 2004 by the lat Gwen Ifill
- There is historical evidence for this dating back to the lost colony of Roanoke
- Pochantas was the first documented, but she wasn't the last
- 'Birth of A Nation"





Some statistics that we know

- 4 in 5 Native women have experienced violence
- 1 in 2 Native women have experienced sexual violence
- On some reservations women are murdered at a rate that is 10 times higher than the nation average
- Between 2005 and 2009 US Attorneys declined to prosecute 67% of crimes that involved sexual abuse or sexual violence



WHAT IS THE NOT INVISIBLE ACT?

Background

The Not Invisible Act (NIA) became law on October 10, 2020. The Not Invisible Act complements Savanna's Act, with its purpose to identify and combat violent crime within Indian lands and against Indians through the creation of a joint commission.



Current policy and Legislation

- Savanna's Act-October 2020
- Not Invisible Act-October 2020
- Survive Act- not yet passed
- Policy is not a one size fits all
- The community needs to be heard when trying to solve this problem



Land Back Movement

- Dismantle – white supremacy structures that forcefully removed us from our Lands and continue to keep our Peoples in oppression.
 - a. Bureau of Land Management, National Parks Service
- Defund – white supremacy and the mechanisms and systems that enforce it and disconnect us from stewardship of the Land.
 - a. Police, military industrial complex, Border Patrol, ICE
- Return – All public lands back into Indigenous hands.
- Consent – Moving us out of an era of consultation and into a new era of policy around Free and Prior Informed Consent.

Recommended Reading and Documentaries

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

Lakota Woman by Mary Crow Dog

Murder in Big Horn

Landback.org

NICWA

The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee by David Treuer

Revolutionary Left Podcast- American Indian Movement
