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A group of Mundurucu Indians carrying bows and arrows occupied the headquarters of Brazil's Indian affairs bureau on Monday. The Indians from the Amazon Basin are demonstrating against violations of indigenous rights and calling for the suspension of the huge Belo Monte hydroelectric project, on the Xingu, Teles Pires and Tapajos rivers, which is aimed at feeding Brazil's fast-growing demand for

electricity.

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[The story of the Owens Valley Water War is usually told in the past tense, but it still unfolds today, a century later. And a forthcoming video series intends to bring us all up to speed.](#)

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Molli Jane White and Frankie Joe Myers, Eureka Times Standardtimes-standard.com/

The Klamath Restoration Agreements, like most things Klamath, have been the subject of much controversy. As people who have been taught that it is our responsibility to protect and manage our river as our ancestors did before us, we want to challenge Hoopa's misrepresentations of the agreements that we believe will lead to dam removal and restoration of the Klamath River and fisheries.

GOP SENATORS WARN REID THAT YUCCA MOUNTAIN COULD BE RESURRECTED

WASHINGTON — Aiming where it hurts, Senate Republicans warned Sen. Harry Reid on Tuesday that efforts to curb the filibuster could boomerang on him and lead to the resurrection of the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste project in Nevada.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz17407638>

Fracking fuels water fights in nation's dry spots GARANCE BURKE, Associated Press

The latest domestic energy boom is sweeping through some of the nation's driest pockets, drawing millions of gallons of water to unlock oil and gas reserves from beneath the Earth's surface.

Satellites tracking changes in water supplies across the U.S. Desert Sun

Scientists and government officials have been warning that California faces drier times in the years ahead due to a projected gap between available water supplies and growing demands for water. And in many areas, water levels in aquifers have already been declining. It's a problem in various parts of the country, particularly in the southern half of the United States, as shown by data published this week in the journal [Science](#).

Boston Children's Hospital Finds Root Cause of Diabetes - Boston Magazine

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[Boston Children's hospital announced today they have found the root cause of type 1 diabetes and are closer than ever to a type 1 diabetes cure.](#)

Genetically Modified Grass Begins Releasing Cyanide, Kills Texas Cattle

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[When a herd of cattle suddenly died in Central Texas investigators were dispatched to the scene to investigate and now preliminary test results are blaming the](#)

D. Simon Jackson :: Founder and Executive Director

Spirit Bear Youth Coalition

From sending the proceeds of a lemonade stand to the World Wildlife Fund to help protect Alaska's Kodiak bears at the age of seven, to organizing his grade five and six classes in a letter writing campaign to ban lead shot for waterfowl hunting, thus protecting bald eagles, Simon Jackson has always believed in the power of one. At the age of 13, he heard about North America's rarest bear - the white Kermode or spirit bear - and the plans to develop their last intact habitat on British Columbia's central coast. He knew he had to help.

Jackson founded the Spirit Bear Youth Coalition - one of the world's first all youth-run organizations and the first involved in this issue - with the hope of creating a new type of environmental advocacy group.

From a student in Morocco to Prince William - the issue that was once was a middle school letter writing campaign quickly developed into a broad-based global issue. As letters of support from students around the world mounted, Statistics Canada recognized the issue as the most supported conservation initiative in Canadian history and Time Magazine declared it the most important environmental issue facing the world in 1999.

On April 4th, 2001, at the age of 18, Jackson's Youth Coalition helped create an historic land-use agreement with logging companies, First Nations, all levels of government, and environmental groups to create a framework for sustainability - economically, socially, and environmentally - on the BC coast. The agreement helped protect half and defer development in the other half of the spirit bear's last intact habitat and went on to look at the entire BC coast. It resulted in the largest land protection measure in the history of North America.

Jackson and the Youth Coalition are still working with the framework of the April 4th agreement to help the Kitasoo First Nation and the BC government protect the remaining unprotected half of the spirit bear's last intact ecosystem. In order to help facilitate this challenge, Jackson was instrumental in reassembling the same team responsible for Lion King and other major animated classics of recent memory under the umbrella of Helade Productions - a company Jackson co-founded. After years of work, Helade Productions is now in full production of The Spirit Bear - the first major Hollywood animated movie made for the specific purpose of saving its namesake. When the full-length CGI movie is released into theatres worldwide in the spring of 2008, a portion of every ticket sold will go directly back toward helping save the spirit bear by investing in the economic potential of isolated coastal communities, thus saving the spirit bear.

Today, Jackson remains the full-time volunteer Executive Director of the Spirit Bear Youth Coalition which is backed by, among others, Dr. Jane Goodall, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., J.K. Rowling, Nickelback, and Kevin Richardson of the Backstreet Boys. It is the largest youth-led environmental organization in the world with a network of more than 6 million in every province in Canada and 64 countries worldwide.

Jackson has received several honors for his work to save the spirit bear, including a being awarded a YTV Achievement Award, being selected as one of the top 25 Up and Comers by MacLean's Magazine, receiving one of 20 full scholarships worth \$50,000 for community service from TD Canada Trust, and, most notably, being honored as one of Time Magazine's sixty Heroes for the Planet - one of only six young people selected from around the world. His life's work is now the inspiration for a movie of the week - CTV's Spirit Bear: The Simon Jackson Story will be airing this fall on CTV and is already airing on HBO and the Disney Channel around the world.

Jackson, aside from his duties with the Youth Coalition, is the Executive Producer and Spokesperson for The Spirit Bear. Jackson is one of the founding members and Chairman of a new organization - PACT (Partnerships: Adults and Children Together). PACT is the Youth

Coalition's legacy partner - aiming to make young people partners in decision making processes across Canada and around the world. Additionally, Jackson volunteers on the board of directors or acts as an advisor to 17 organizations - all-relating to environmental stewardship or youth participation, including the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada (Vice President/Chair), FORED BC (Chairman), Dream Now (board member), Global Youth Fund (board member), OneGlobalTribe (board member), the Institute for Youth Research on Public Policy (board member), the International Institute for Child Rights and Development (board member). In his for-profit capacity, Jackson is the founder and Principal of Jackson Strategies, a Vancouver-based strategic planning and communications consulting firm, a motivational speaker, a commentator, and a photographer.

While enrolled in Political Science at the prestigious Trinity College at the University of Toronto, Jackson has deferred his studies indefinitely to complete his mission - the guaranteed survival of our spirit bear.

Extract from **“Fighting our classrooms and human beings inside them”**

That includes arts programs. “Imagination is not a state,” said William Blake, “it is the human existence itself.”

The purpose of education is to help us fully realize and express our identities, and to enable us to exercise our freedoms wisely. Anything less means we are a society that is neither fully human nor fully free.

It's time to declare our unequivocal support for education that draws on the best of us, in a humane and just way. It's time to reject the cynical values that choose profits over people – especially the youngest people among us.

It's time to declare that each and every one of our nation's children possesses a rare and precious quality, whether their schools are in the Hamptons or Harlem, Northampton or the Navajo Nation, Arcadia or Appalachia.

It's time to declare that each is, fully and profoundly and beautifully, human.

(You can sign the Declaration [here](#).)

<http://www.nationofchange.org/fighting-our-classrooms-and-human-beings-inside-them-1371390186>

The State of Our Bridges : Transportation for America

URL: <http://t4america.org/resources/bridges/>

Enter United States place name and find condition (good condition or structurally deficient) of highway/automobile bridges within 10 miles. Bridge condition data available by state and county, as well. Data are from the U.S. Federal Highway Administration's National Bridge Inventory.

[Report Confirms Coal Companies Receive Massive U.S. Taxpayer Subsidies for](#)

[Mining on Public Lands](#)

Sierra Club, News Report: Yesterday, the Department of Interior's (DOI) Office of the Inspector General released a report confirming U.S. coal companies receive massive subsidies from U.S. taxpayers for mining leases on public lands. The Inspector General's findings come on the heels of the Institute for Energy Economics & Financial Analysis 2012 report which revealed that the current Bureau of Land Management (BLM) leasing program cuts U.S. taxpayers out of billions of dollars in revenue.

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An important discussion:

Do you accept sexual exploitation, stereo types of aboriginal men and women?

When I think of this discussion I can only speak from a woman's point of view and my experience and the stories men have told me about their experiences.

Growing up in a dysfunctional family and being abused young I never felt I was special in anyway and at times only thought of myself as a physical being, only getting any type of affection through dysfunctional abuse. Women were not treated with respect in my family or even community and it seemed acceptable. As a teenager I acted out physically but never understood why? men would never approach me for me but my body and beauty, and if they did I probably wouldn't know what respect was anyway. It made me feel funny that there were jokes on the bus where my own native people would laugh with others calling me a squaw and it wasn't a princess kind of way.

A family member even said I would never go with an aboriginal woman they have too many problems and issues and are messed up! I was like omg I am aboriginal and you are my family???????????? Non native men would come to the reserve with booze and drugs and money and think it was easy pickings and our aboriginal men did nothing!

It was publicly acceptable to call a woman squaw not sure how to spell it? it always made me feel ugly, I remember at a party that a non native came and brought all his money booze and drugs, we were all at the fire and heard he was trying to get with all my cousins and sisters and me as well, I said to him across the fire you think you can come here like that and try to sleep and use all the women around here? right in front of the whole party? he didn't say anything but "I am like family here and have known this family for years!" my response was so that gives you the right to think you can mess around with all the women? He got mad and said fluff you Nadine and took off. After that people at the party didn't know what to say to me, it was quiet and then a man came up to me and said thank you Nadine! and as resilient as we are as aboriginals we made some jokes and just laughed about it lol but we knew deep down what was going on.

[Richard T.](#) • Nadine, I have heard many stories like yours from Native women in the Southwestern United States, Oklahoma and the First Nations of Canada. It appears that the

primary means that the English-speaking "locals" and Spanish Empire, in general, subjugated indigenous peoples was to convince them that they were inferior. The Spanish were far worse about this than the original British colonists. However, over time the subsequent generations of colonists in what is now Canada and the United States started treating indigenous peoples as sub-human.

It is interesting that I come out of a mirror image background of racial prejudice. Creek Indian women could always be elected to any political office except those involving command of military forces in war time. We average about 5% higher on IQ tests than white Americans. My grandparents constantly reminded me that the whites were an intellectually inferior, violent, cowardly, immoral race that we call sikuya . . . the word means "excrement." Southern white trash girls were supposedly all mentally retarded sluts who got pregnant out of wedlock at 14 or 15. My grandmother constantly warned me to avoid dating them, because, she said, "When you exchange bodily fluids with them, some of their demonic souls will come over into your soul." Being taught in childhood that we were an intellectually and physically superior to whites, we naturally excelled in the classroom and sports field . . . because that is what we were taught was natural.

In the old days, the Southern white planters hated the Creek Indians because we wouldn't bow our heads and say "Yassa Massa" and also helped African slaves to escape. Georgians could never break our spirit, so they just created a false history in the official textbooks.

As you can see, this "superiority" complex came from attitudes taught in early childhood - and also because we averaged a foot taller than Europeans. I think the "inferiority complex" that plagues the First Nations of Canada and the western Indians of the United States is also the result of self-concepts taught in early childhood. As the young Native people mature they act out the self images that they were taught as toddlers.

I thought I had gotten rid of my racist attitudes toward white Southerners until wealthy Republicans began manipulating them in order to gain national political power. Their dysfunctional violence, ignorance and blind obedience to authority figures was rewarded as being "American Christian values." The ugly head of fascism was able to almost conquer the United States as a result. What I TRY to do now is just treat whites as individuals and not blame all for the sins of some. That is probably what you will have to do in order to continue healing from the scars of your childhood - both Native persons and those persons of other ethnic backgrounds are unique individuals who should only be held accountable for their own actions.

[Richard T.](#) • Perhaps I should explain my grandmother's extreme hatred of Southern whites. When she was 12, her 16 year old sister was gang-raped by a group of KKKers and hung from a tree on the edge of their community. This was done at the behest of a wealthy white landowner, who wanted the fertile bottom land of the Creek yeoman farmers there. This was a symbolic act to scare away Creek families that was done repeatedly throughout the 1800s and first part of the 20th century in Georgia - but left out of the textbooks. The whites were afraid of Creek males - still are - but would brutalize pretty teenage Creek girls to drive their families off the land. The movie, "True Women" starring Angela Jolie as a Creek girl in west-central Georgia accurately included such a rape-lynching.

[Nadine S.](#) • omg need to take my time to read through carefully and enjoy thank you so much for responding Riohard its good to see there are strong real people out there discussion and truth are apart of healing. hugs and light!

[Nadine S.](#) • I heard horrible stories of non natives coming to the reserves with their friends and getting the parents so drunk that they raped the kids male and females all weekend. Its so sad and one of the woman today that went through it talked about it freely and it astonished me she still had her spirit in tacked and is a very loving caring human being wow I thought to myself and I thought I had it bad. Many horrifying stories out there.

[Joelyn F.](#) • chi miigwetch to you both for sharing this discussion. I honour you both for the difficult truths you strive to highlight - and especially for placing such importance on the need for individual and collective healing, healing that must be accomplished with self-awareness. I feel that there is definitely a strong component of this challenge that is learned behaviour based. The key is education and the path towards education has to be taken step by step. We cannot begin our journey with an attitude of hate. Anger and Hate are like forests of emotions and thought that we all have to get through before we can even begin to safely educate others.

I feel that education is accomplished largely by living the values you profess to believe; in our indigenous ways this meant bringing ourselves into harmonious synchronous relationship with the world we inhabited and by doing so our energy and effort would make Creator happy - every nation has its own walk but in the end we are all going to the same place. Conversely, in european and roman histories their path included laws that designated women to the role of property. In Canada it was legal for a man to hit his wife as long as the rod was no bigger than the circumference of his thumb (I think this changed in the 1930's when the law was changed regarding women in Canada, but my understanding is that native women were covered under the indian act which had a different effect on us native women), in england at one time (about the same time that they were first colonizing north america / turtle island) women were not allowed to inherit property, they were not "person's under the law". Our society is created by these histories. The same attitudes informed Canadian legislation around the time of confederation when the british north american act stated that the policy to indians was to assimilate them - or elevate them to a state of person and citizen-hood. This resulted in residential schools who were guided to "kill the indian in the child".

Every first nations family has been affected and are carrying generations of hurt and pain, but these kinds of stories are far too common. If we are ever to see a change in attitudes between native and non-natives, we need to move forward; we need to acknowledge the injustices, but move forward and not let the injustices hold us back from being what we know we really are. I feel that we each need to have courage and stay focused on the truth, we heal by recalling that we are each vitally needed for our communities and we show our own commitment to love by attending to our own healing, then those of our family that need us. Maybe someday we will develop wisdom. Until then - I feel that sharing stories and experience helps us in our healing and learning path.

I am grateful for this learning you have provided. I hope my thoughts and my words are received in a good way. Peace to you

[Joelyn F.](#) • one time I had a chance to hear a lady speak and a forum on human trafficking. at that forum I was introduced to some research I had not seen before and it caused me to look at the issue of violence against native women in a totally different way and opened my mind to the historical influence on current realities and why its so easy for violence against native women and children has become so normalized in our social mind set: <http://prostitutionresearch.com/topic/racism-colonialism/> and one article in particular: <http://www.prostitutionresearch.com/Farley%20et%20al%20Prostitution%20in%20Vancouver.pdf>

[Caroline F.](#) • Thank you all of you for being so open and BLUNT about what happened to the ancestors, how they were treated by different cultures, and why the attitudes still remain the same against each other. This is the core of the problems plaguing today, everyone is affected.... NOW...how can we ALL work together to eradicate these issues? Not to erase the history, no, never, but to be able to say, remember when this happened? and now...remember when we worked together many years ago to make those positive changes, and now, we are able to have respect, if nothing else, tolerance towards others that we may not agree with. hate is such a power grabber, life destroyer. I come from Germany (naturalized)...My own family throughout time have suffered terribly in similar situations as the native people have here in the US. Our thoughts were different than others,, being Germane, fleeing eastern germany after the russians took a sector after WWII, my own grandmother, in front of my mother...raped repeatedly trying to go to freedom. all power controlled, all hatred for someone else thought to be inferior. I truly do not believe any one of us, man, woman, child, 2 spirited, mentally or physically challenged are inferior in any way, we are all merely...different. We all have something to contribute, like a field of wild flowers, or a recipe with different ingredients. I have traveled to many places, even russia, found the people there wonderful...yet attitudes are different. Those, no matter where will have a very deep rooted hatred towards others who come from anywhere else, even from the next village. I say, very strongly, never to forget what happened in our histories, yes, even native oiyate, but let us let go of the stereo typing that is negative, evil, and let us begin the process of healing, especially within our own selves. For those who wish to stay in that darkness, have that tolerance they do not want to change, but as the example given of that jerk who thought he had dibs on the women because he knew them for years or their family, do say something to him/her. Call them out on their behavior. because some are just so ignorant in their ways, they really don't know better, as they are taught by those around them. To say nothing is not any better, it's letting people continue to suppress you...Some people will change and see they were misguided. Yes, even of the racists follow blindly as they know only ONE side. Turn the the tables, paint the picture to the guy with the drugs and booze (as an example) what if someone, anyone, not just n8v men went to the white women in his family and did the same???? People sadly still have the mind set "this can't happen to me". Thinking inside their protected little box..... Start thinking outside your own box.....It's a very healthy, positive journey....Something very important that will continue with your children and grandchildren. The next generations can only have a better, positive, healthier future by what we ALL do for them NOW. do not accept ANY exploitation, in any form. When you do, you are accepting defeat. Be part of that change, speak out against it....with each act against your own self, a great start. Mitakuye Oyasin

[FNIC.](#) • Did not grow up on the reserve myself, when I went back at 19 after going through hell in a a white adoption home then foster,group homes and the street getting treated like (pick

your word), hoping it was going to be better at HOME, I witnessed what you are talking about then and still at 49, I'm FRACKEN fed up with how we treat our own woman we should be LOVING & RESPECTING & PROTECTING woman of the North America First Nations, WAKE THE FRACK UP First Nations of North America. Go back to the day when we as warriors would do just that ! to death if need be. Stop the the all the crap we do to our own and treat each other with LOVE & RESPECT.

[Nadine S.](#) • I see alot more aboriginal men standing up it makes me so proud and honored to see that happened as i was never protected. Carolyn thank you so much for your story I enjoyed reading, maybe this is were everything changes as we all share the impacts of genocide on all cultures and stop it from happening again end the cycle of abuse. Thank you so much for sharing people I son love to hear the good and the bad and the ugly how are we too now how to change something we dont know about?

[Caroline F.](#) • thank you nadine. I have heard many stories about how the native men treated their women well, when euro settlers were taken in raids, esp. here in the northeastern areas, their releases were negotiated, and the settlers refused to go back to their old ways. It was not merely having become used to their new environment, it was how they were treated by the native peoples. The abuses came from the settlers, the drugs and alcohol came from the settlers as well. I myself, sooo much want to see the the people go back to their ways of respect for one another. To be proud of who they are and not buried under so much evil. My partner is Dakota, from the Sioux Valley Dakota reserve, and he is a proud, wonderful warrior. My past relationships were abusive, and now, i have someone who respects me, as I respect him, and seems like everything else falls into a very positive place. THIS is what I want to see for everyone. That pride I see is very powerful and is felt by the people around us. He knows who he is and no one can take that away. He was taken from his reserve when he was 3, lived in countless foster homes, adopted 2x, last one at age 9. these were very, very difficult times, he should have never survived them, but he did. He was fortunate to have a great man who became his dad, and taught him values of the white society, but this father also knew his son needed to be with his people. Long story short, my partner reconnected with his biological family on the reserve. He has made the best of both worlds.

[Solo G.](#) • I think a lot of our homes and a lot of us was raised dysfunctionally with a lot of physical, mental, emotional, social and even spiritual abuse. As many of you know, a lot of us grew up in alcohol related and abusive homes, and along with it, was sexual and the different abuses I mentioned above. Besides the alcohol and abusive marriages and homes, were the drug & alcohol single parent households which, most of the time, was an open door invitation, a place to shack-up or place of multiple partners. I am surprised today of how many young boys and girls were molested and/or abused. Not only that but of how many young men and women carried the abuse, alcoholism and drug addiction into their own relationships. There was a lot of abuse and a lot of pain and hurt. A lot of our people think it is normal behavior or how things are supposed to be, but they are far from it. We need a lot of healing and proper guidance and direction.

[Nadine S.](#) • My hands up to you Solo!

[Joelyn F.](#) • so good to hear a First Nations man stand up and make such a statement. I agree - and chi miigwetch to you for your words! Peace brother

[Joelyn F.](#) • Couldn't keep this discussion from my mind overnight - just wanted to say - thank you all my human brothers and sisters for living - for thriving - for speaking up - and for reminding us all that we are all of us the same :) peace everyone and have a wonderful day

[Nadine S.](#) • I would like to hear more from the mens side my dad finally came out with abuse from residential he told me a bit about it but know it was so painful for him, I believe it happened to my step father as well who passes away 6 years ago. He talked about what he got out of it was money, smokes, food, booze and more there was other boys apart of this secret group. My dad was a foster child with no home and no love, his mother was beaten by his father so bad she got brain damaged ended up in mental institution, lost the kids house was taken band didnt help out, grandma died on skidrow.

[Jose R.](#) • Annie Humphrey in her album "Heron Smiled" there was is a song called "Falling Down and Falling Apart," to me says it all. Jose

[Walter R.](#) • I want to THANK everyone for their stories and input into this discussion. It blows my mind to know that these and other atrocities where put upon the First Nations people. What is interesting to me, to know, is that it is not an American or Canadian issue, it is a World issue that affects many cultures. It is sad to know that we do not hear more about these issues in the media (only a touch here and there), especially the First Nations people. I did not know this was such a big issue for them. I have heard more about the alcohol & drug, and dysfunction, but nothing about the prostitution & cycle of abuse that the First Nations women have endured. I am so thankful that the First Nations people I know do not appear to be caught up in these issues, they hold to the TRUTH of joy and LOVE of their families. I may be one of the few whites who honor the First Nations culture....and try to live the traditions of honoring all LIFE forms.

Mitakuye Oyasin Grandfather Otter
I honor the creator's spirit of LOVE that expresses through you all.

[Nadine S.](#) • Walter I thank you so much for the kind words and do understand that yes its a world problem and is probably still happening to aboriginals in other countries as North America was considered the new world for many but it has been forgotten people did exist and live in North America long before it became someone else is home, I feel like a stranger in my own country at times and feel people that are so educated and know history still say well get over it North American Indians its been years now! its a world problem, well tell me what is being done globally about it? Its kind of like a slap in the face by my abuser that abused me as child, then when i went to court he had all the excuses, why it was done or how come he became an abuser and that its not his fault it happens all the time and to him too! so its kind of ok I guess right it happened before and is still happening, as the person who has suffered I was torn to pieces ripped apart and thrown to a society that even punished me more for standing up for myself and my abuse that caused so much damage, is that what is happening now everyone just pointing fingers look how messed up those Indians are and lying to themselves like they dont know why?. Or when racism is brought up and people say there is no such thing like come on that's just



ignorant. When i enter someone else home i have respect, lets not minimize the damage that has been done tell the truth and when we speak of North American Genocide, Assimilation and Colonization lets speak of that, and deal with that first my life has been minimized enough as an aboriginal woman. We have just got our human rights on reserve not many years ago? I walk for me and all those struggling I am with you! K. B.

K. B. S. • K. B. Schaller • Nadine: Sharing your story could not have been easy. We all have our horror stories in one way or the other. When I hear of some of the atrocities perpetrated against Native Peoples based on Euro greed and sense of entitlement to anything they wanted makes me shudder.

Many like to hide behind the historical excuse that they brought the Christian faith to the continent, and most could not have been poorer examples of it. Too many of them set themselves up as standards for Indian people to follow, rather than what the Scriptures taught. They preached with words, but their actions were in direct opposition to what they spoke.

That being said, when a people lose all fear of Creator God, and believe there is no day of reckoning, they will do anything. You did the right thing in having the courage to stand and speak what that predatory man needed to hear, rather what he wanted to hear. Thank you again for your story.