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## [Flint, Standing Rock Prove the Impact of Environmental Issues on Communities of Color](#)

**Cristina López G., Media Matters:** While the dangers in Flint and Standing Rock eventually became major stories in 2016, they were not the only ones worthy of attention, and there are other environmental crises hurting communities of color that still need the support of media to amplify a harsh reality. [Read the Article](#)

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### **Commentary: A case for defunding Dakota Access Pipeline**

Scores of protesters gather in front of Citibank on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016, along Third and Hetherton Streets in San Rafael, Calif., protesting the administration's position on the Dakota pipeline. (Robert Tong/Marin Independent Journal)

By [Paul and Annie Rockwell](#)      [January 6, 2017 at 4:00 pm](#)

In response to appeals by indigenous tribes at Standing Rock in North Dakota, the Bank of Norway cancelled its financial backing of the Dakota Access Pipeline. In expectation of a showdown between water protectors and the Trump administration, the divestment movement is gaining momentum. Informational pickets went up last week in front of Wells Fargo, Citibank and other banks in the Bay Area.

The case for bank divestment is strong. The militarized violence against unarmed, prayerful water protectors has caused an international outcry. And Sunoco, the company that will operate the pipeline, has the worst oil spill record in the business.

One issue deserves special consideration from financial institutions — indigenous sovereignty and the rule of law.

On Nov. 22, Forbes magazine published a commentary which called attention to the “combustible mix” of Native-American determination and the intransigence of Energy Transfer Partners. Forbes focused on the legal rights of indigenous tribes.

“The pipeline goes through the drinking water, traditional sites, and traditional lands of the Standing Rock Tribe, leading to an increasingly contentious conflict. ... Free, prior and informed consent is required under the U.N. Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, to which the U.S. is a signatory.” Forbes reiterates: The pipeline project “confronts the legitimate rights of indigenous peoples over whose land these pipelines must traverse.”

Make no mistake. The Sioux are defending their homeland. As Forbes writes: “The Standing Rock time frame is basically forever. This land has belonged to the tribe for generations. And they feel a deep economical, cultural and spiritual responsibility to the environmental consequences of pipelines.”

After mentioning the use of dogs, pepper spray, rubber bullets against the encampment, Forbes chastises Energy Transfer Partners for its obstinacy: “From the beginning Energy Transfer Partners disregarded the tribes’ concerns about sacred lands and water. Its behavior got so bad that even the industry newsletter, North American Energy News, states that

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## Nez Perce Tribe severs ties with bank over pipeline issue

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The Nez Perce Tribe has taken a business approach in its support of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's efforts to halt construction of the Dakota Access Oil Pipeline through tribal lands.

In a news release issued shortly before 5 p.m. Friday, the tribe announced it has severed its ties with Wells Fargo bank and no longer uses its "banking or investment services because of its financial dealings with the companies constructing the Dakota Access Pipeline."

Efforts to get a response from Wells Fargo after 5 p.m. Friday were unsuccessful.

"We appreciate the financial services Wells Fargo has provided to the tribe over the last several years," Mary Jane Miles, Nez Perce Tribal

Executive Committee chairwoman, said in the release. "However, the investment policies of Wells Fargo that have supported the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline across the aboriginal lands of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe are inconsistent with the views and policies of the Nez Perce Tribe. The tribe cannot continue, at this time, to use the services of a company that supports projects that do not acknowledge or take into account the impacts to tribal lands and resources."

The Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee reached the decision to cut its banking relations with Wells Fargo on Dec. 13, according to the news release. A call to the tribe Friday for additional information, including the timing of the news release, was not returned.

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instead of trying really hard not to make more enemies and use a commonsense approach to resolving conflict, the exact opposite approach was used by the company and its supporters. From the beginning everyone on the industry side has played hardball. One would think that by now pipeline companies have learned the lesson that their social license to operate is critical."

In short, the construction of the pipeline, currently funded by 15 banks, never received prior, informed consent of the Sioux Tribe the Oceti and Sakowin at Standing Rock. Not just a "social license." A legal license.

The Forbes commentary, based on the Fort Laramie Treaties of 1851 and 1868, is morally and legally solid. Both treaties recognized the tribes of the Northern plains as sovereign nations. The treaties also commit the U.S. "to protect aforesaid Indian nations against the commission of all depredations by the people of the said United States, after the ratification of this treaty."

In other words, the tribes at Standing Rock are not mere stakeholders among many. They are nations. (It is true that the U.S. offered \$1 billion to convince tribes to relinquish their sovereignty. But the proud Native

peoples of North and South Dakota refused the bribe.) The treaties have never been abrogated. Nor is the U.S. Constitution ambiguous: "All treaties are part of the supreme law of the land."

Even the United Nations became involved in Standing Rock three months ago. On Sept. 2, the U.N. Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues agreed with the Standing Rock Tribe, along with 200 supporting tribes, that the pipeline was approved in violation of international principles of law. According to provisions of the U.N. Declaration on Indigenous Rights, extractive industries must not operate on indigenous lands or territories without obtaining free, prior and informed consent. This includes the right to say no to extraction or exploration."

The rule of law, including respect for the Constitution and the Fort Laramie treaties, is a precondition to banking and economic stability. Yet the pending crisis would not be possible without current investments and funding from lenders and international financial institutions.

That is why the crisis at Standing Rock is far from over. Many believe a tragedy is in the making at Standing Rock. However our banks have the power to prevent it by ending their financial support from the Dakota Access Pipeline.

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## **GrantStation**

### ***National Funding***

Support for Community Public Health Leaders

#### **[Kresge Foundation: Emerging Leaders in Public Health](#)**

The Kresge Foundation's Emerging Leaders in Public Health (ELPH) initiative equips local public health officers with knowledge and skills to transform the role of public health in their communities. Selected pairs of public health leaders embark on the 18-month, action-oriented experience to undertake projects designed to enhance organizational and leadership competencies in business, planning, and public health systems development. In addition to receiving leadership coaching, each team receives a grant up to \$125,000 to develop and implement a transformative concept designed to deliver a new model of public health for the local community. The first step in the application process is to submit the Statement of Interest Form. Applicants will then receive an email with a unique link to begin the application process, with a deadline of February 6, 2017. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the initiative and to download the ELPH application packet.

Communities Addressing Acts of Hate Funded

#### **[Open Society Foundations: Communities Against Hate](#)**

The Open Society Foundations work to build vibrant and tolerant democracies whose governments are accountable and open to the participation of all people. The Foundations' Communities Against Hate initiative aims to support, protect, and empower those who are targets of hateful acts and rhetoric. This initiative is designed to bolster communities' ability to resist the spread of hate and strengthen protections for their most vulnerable neighbors. Grants will be provided for a wide range of programs, including legal, social services, and mental health supports such as those related to posttraumatic stress; the protection of vulnerable nonprofit staff and organizational assets (e.g., data and communications security); efforts to work collaboratively across communities; collection of hate-incident data to further effectiveness in response and promote awareness of the issue; litigation; and public education and training programs. The application deadline is February 15, 2017. Visit the Foundations' website to download the guidelines for the Communities Against Hate initiative.

Grants Offer Children's Books to Rural Libraries

#### **[The Pilcrow Foundation: Children's Book Project](#)**

The mission of the Pilcrow Foundation is to provide new, quality, hardcover children's books to



rural public libraries across the United States. The Foundation's Children's Book Project supports libraries located in a rural area within the 50 United States that have a limited operating budget and an active children's department. Through the program, a library's local sponsors can contribute from \$200 to \$400, which the Foundation matches on a 2-to-1 ratio. Thus, a library can receive up to \$1,200 worth of children's books. The Foundation provides a list of over 500 quality hardcover children's books from which grant recipients can select books best suited for their community. The Foundation accepts applications from independent rural public libraries and Native American Tribal libraries as well as libraries that are part of a county, regional, or cooperative system. The application deadlines are March 1, May 1, and October 1, annually. Visit the Foundation's website for more information about the Children's Book Project.

#### Pet Shelter and Adoption Organizations Supported

##### **Petco Foundation: Sheltering and Adoptions Grants**

The Petco Foundation's Animal Sheltering and Pet Adoptions grants are provided to animal welfare organizations performing sheltering and adoptions. Nonprofit animal shelters and foster-based rescue organizations, as well as municipal animal shelters are eligible to apply. The first application cycle of 2017 will be open from January 1 through February 15. Visit the Petco Foundation's website for additional information and to download the Sheltering and Adoption Grant Instructions.

### ***Regional Funding***

#### Funds for Economic Mobility Initiatives in Bank Communities

##### **Bank of America Charitable Foundation**

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation works to create economically vibrant communities that are better places in which to live and do business. Grants are provided to nonprofit organizations that serve [specific states and regions](#). In 2017, the Foundation will issue two requests for proposals that address the following focus areas: The Economic Mobility Focused on the Needs of Individuals and Families category provides support for workforce development and education as well as addressing basic needs. Applications will be accepted from January 30 through February 24, 2017. The Economic Mobility by Addressing Community Development Needs category provides support for affordable housing, community revitalization, arts, and the environment. Applications will be accepted from May 8 through June 2, 2017. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the funding priorities and application procedure.

#### Grants Promote Land Preservation in the Southeast

##### **Open Space Institute: Southeast Resilient Landscapes Fund**

The Open Space Institute (OSI) protects scenic, natural, and historic landscapes to provide public enjoyment, conserve habitat and working lands, and sustain communities. OSI's Southeast Resilient Landscapes Fund provides support to land protection projects within three selected regions of the Southeast: the Southern Cumberlands in Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee; the Southern Blue Ridge in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee; and the Greater Pee Dee River in North Carolina and South Carolina. Funded projects must demonstrate the use of Resilient Landscape concepts. Grants may be used to acquire permanent conservation easements and fee interest in land. OSI will give strong preference to projects with a 5:1 or greater financial

match. The application deadline is January 25, 2017. Visit the OSI website to learn more about the Southeast Resilient Landscapes Fund guidelines.

#### Support for Northwest Organizations Engaged in Progressive Social Change

##### **Social Justice Fund Northwest**

Social Justice Fund Northwest is a member-funded foundation working to strengthen grassroots efforts in the broad-based movement for progressive, systemic social change throughout Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. The Fund's primary grantmaking focus is to support organizations that are community-based, and that use community organizing to achieve their goals. The Fund will be accepting applications in the following grant programs in 2017: Building Grassroots Power Grant: Leadership Development, Momentum Grants, Environmental Justice Grants, Immigration Justice Grants, and Economic Justice Grants. The application deadlines vary by grant category. Nonprofit organizations and tribal governments are eligible to apply. Organizations that are not incorporated or fiscally sponsored may also be eligible to apply after consulting with the Fund's staff. Visit the Fund's website to learn more about the grant programs and to download the Grant Guidelines.

#### Pre-K-12 Projects in Company Communities Funded

##### **American Electric Power: Teacher Vision Grants**

American Electric Power's Teacher Vision Grants program supports pre-K-12 educators who live or teach in the communities the company serves in Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. Any project that has an academic focus and a goal to improve student achievement will be considered; however, emphasis will be given to projects that address science, mathematics, technology, electrical safety, the balanced study of energy and the environment, and energy efficiency. Projects that incorporate matching funds or community resources, as well as interdisciplinary or team-teaching projects, will be given priority. Grants range from \$100 to \$500. The application deadline is February 24, 2017. Visit the company's website to learn more about the program and to submit an online application.

### ***Federal Funding***

#### Program Supports Sustainability Innovations

##### **Environmental Protection Agency**

The People, Prosperity, and the Planet (P3) Award Program provides support to research, develop, and design solutions to real-world challenges involving sustainability. The application deadline is February 3, 2017.

#### Innovative Art Programs Supported

##### **National Endowment for the Arts**

The Art Works program supports innovative and transformative art programs, including the development or enhancement of new or existing art forms, new approaches to the creation or presentation of art, or new ways of engaging the public with art. The application deadlines are February 16 and July 13, 2017.

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### He Fixes Cracked Spines, Without an Understudy By KIRK JOHNSON

Donald Vass has been mending books in the Seattle area for 26 years, but his craft is a fading one.

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### In Tearful Finale, Michelle Obama Says, 'I Hope I've Made You Proud'

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS

Mrs. Obama delivered an intensely personal message of empowerment through education and said being first lady "has been the greatest honor of my life."

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### Centuries of New York History Prepare for a Move

By RICK ROJAS

Caked in dust and dating back to 1674, the written records of a growing city are headed to new homes, to be preserved and made accessible to researchers.

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### **Today's selection -- from *Taming Lust* by Doron S. Ben-Atar and Richard D. Brown.**

In early America, churches were losing members. At Yale, some *students* were even skipping church. Church ministers felt that one reason was the influence of godless Europeans. It followed then that one way to combat the decline in church attendance was to restrict immigration since "Euro-pean immigrants ... were convicts of the worst kind, guilty of murder and rape":

"[New England's] Congregationalists fretted over the growing number of rival churches as well as their own neighbors' declining commitment to Congregational piety. By the 1790s ministers preached to aging and increasingly female audiences. Towns-people -- tending toward 'Nothingarianism' -- skipped services, balked at paying their ministers' salaries fully, and turned to the church only when they needed to baptize children, to marry, and to bury the dead. ...

"When politics and religion combined they nourished explosive rhetoric. Widespread Congregational fears of Christian decline blended with partisan Federalist warnings about the wave of international revolutionary radical-ism. In parlors and law offices in Northampton and Litchfield -- as well as Boston, Hartford, and New Haven -- the New England elite understood par-tisan struggles and the erosion of traditional hierarchy as the consequences of religious apathy and pro-French radicals' anti-Christian crusade. Their rejection of Christ was the core problem. Deist treatises, by Litchfield-born Ethan Allen and the Englishmen Joseph Priestley and Thomas Paine, circu-lated widely and young men, often gentlemen, embraced this dangerous Enlightenment rationalism. Federalists believed Thomas Jefferson, the Republican hero, was a confirmed Deist or even an atheist. At the shrine of orthodox Congregationalism, Yale College, during the presidency of Rever-end Ezra Stiles in the 1780s and early 1790s, students were avidly reading Rousseau and Voltaire more enthusiastically than sacred Christian texts. By 1795, when Yale's trustees appointed the evangelical Northampton native Reverend Timothy Dwight, some students were even skipping church. Establishment leaders saw calamity approaching. ...

"Religious anxiety fed xenophobia. Fears centered on transatlantic rad-icals who threatened to turn the United States into the New World's France -- where Robespierre's Cult of the Supreme Being reigned. In 1797 Congressman Harrison Gray Otis of Massachusetts warned that foreigners coming to America's shore, 'after unfurling the standard of rebellion in their own countries, come hither to revolutionize ours.' Most Euro-pean immigrants, a writer for the *Gazette of the*

*United States* declared, were convicts of the worst kind, guilty of murder, rape, and sodomy. In May 1798, Litchfield's John Allen warned Congress that the new restrictions on foreigners should not merely apply to French citizens, because 'citizens of several other countries are as dangerous.' They possessed 'dispositions equally hostile to this country with the French.' At Litchfield, 1798 Fourth of July orator James Gould who was recently made Tapping Reeve's associate at the law school, told the gathering that the French Revolution has brought forth on the nations of Europe 'evils, which without experience, cannot be known.' Immigration must be checked because *'the fortune of every community must depend upon the character and conduct of its members.'*

"And Senator Uriah Tracy concurred. In Pennsylvania, he claimed, where unworthy European multitudes had been allowed to settle, these people had embraced the Jeffersonians, so as to elect every 'scoundrel who can read and write into office.' Traveling through Pennsylvania, this Litchfield lawyer and politician was disgusted by the 'very many Irishmen, and with a very few exceptions, they are United Irishmen, Free Masons, and the most God--provoking Democrats on this side of Hell.' As for 'the Germans,' he found them 'stupid, ignorant, and ugly, and [they] are to the Irish what negroes at the south are to their drivers.' These immigrants must never flood into New England because they posed political, cultural, and sexual threats. As for the author of *The Rights of Man*, Federalists denounced Paine not only for religious blasphemy and transatlantic revolutionary troublemaking but for being 'a wretch without character ... devoted to the most bestial intoxication.' Picturing events in Europe and in American cities, orthodox ministers of the New England interior believed, as a recent historian of sex put it, that 'sexual toleration grew out of religious toleration.' "

### **Taming Lust: Crimes Against Nature in the Early Republic (Early American Studies)**

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### **The Obama administration just moved to protect some of the most remote areas of Alaska**

The Washington Post

'It's really unlike any other place on the planet,' [Read the full story](#)

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### **[IAIA: Bringing Native Art and Higher Education Together - Indian Country Media Network](#)**

Nearly 4,000 students have graduated from the Institute of American Indian Arts, but no two individuals have had the same experience. [indiancountrymedianetwork.com](#)

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*Older, thicker sea ice formed over years in the Arctic now [makes up just 3 percent of sea ice in the region](#), down from 20 percent in the 1980s, according to researchers at NASA. Instead, younger, thinner ice formed during a single season accounts for the vast majority of the Arctic's ice, making ice-free summers much more likely to occur. Guardian*



[Rafael Vallejo](#)  
[February 12, 2015](#) ·

We do not become healers.  
We came as healers. We are.  
Some of us are still catching up to what we are.  
We do not become storytellers.  
We came as carriers of the stories  
we and our ancestors actually lived. We are.  
Some of us are still catching up to what we are.  
We do not become artists. We came as artists. We are.  
Some of us are still catching up to what we are.  
We do not become writers.. dancers.. musicians.. helpers.. peacemakers. We came as such. We are.



Some of us are still catching  
up to what we are.  
We do not learn to love in this  
sense.  
We came as Love. We are  
Love.  
Some of us are still catching  
up to who we truly are.

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Remembering the Motherlode  
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"This grandmother came to the  
surface!?! Amazing since  
sturgeon are bottom feeders  
and it is extremely rare to see  
one like this. It's as if she  
doesn't like her habitat and  
came to complain. Water  
Protectors, this old timer has  
heard the beat of the drums  
too! ♡"

~A.K., First Nations



### [The curious case of President Wilson's missing Washoe basket](#)

Mystery surrounds a Washoe basket that was sent to Washington, D.C. in 1914. rgj.com

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### [Local Historical Society Reenacts Public Hanging of Native Man, Outrage Follows](#)

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It's bold, it's beautiful and now it's part of his uniform.

After 20 years of service, Rawiri Barriball became the first person to get clearance from the Navy to wear a full-facial Māori tattoo.

"I've always felt I was gonna get it, I just wanted to achieve a few things first and one of them was doing 20 years' [service]."

The decision wasn't just his to be made. Mr Barriball had to apply under navy law to gain approval, it was granted last month. [http://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2017/01/navy-welcomes-first-sailor-with-moko.html#.WHJqQed7\\_hk.facebook](http://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2017/01/navy-welcomes-first-sailor-with-moko.html#.WHJqQed7_hk.facebook)

"I guess with my job being a seaman combat specialist... We're face to face with people that we're trying to help different parts of the world, if they see something as in moko they might be a bit intimidated I guess."

- [Lessons learned after eight years with moko](#)

Even after his 10-hour ink session with his brother to complete his facial tattoo, the Navy combat specialist was already confronted with the stigma around facial tattoos.

"When I left my brother's house, straight away you can see the reaction of people. Even body language, which I was prepared for, but the way people talk to you, it changes."

Rawiri is hoping that his own decision to wear a



facial tattoo will help normalise these types of body art.

"I know there's a bad rap with people having moko... the more people that get it the more it will be accepted.

"It's not something you should be scared of - I'm just like any other human being."

On January 20, Rawiri will return to duty and reveal his new badge of honour.

*Have you, or someone you know, ever been discriminated against in the workplace because of moko? Email [shannonredstall@mediaworks.co.nz](mailto:shannonredstall@mediaworks.co.nz)*

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### **How Native American Women Inspired The Feminist Movement**

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***“If they decide to close us, no doubt about it, we will be reborn, stronger, in greater numbers. This isn’t just about defending nature or land, but the right to participate, the right to work together, the right to protest, the right to speak.” –Esperanza Martinez of Acción Ecológica, a leading environmental organization in Ecuador, on [government attempts to force the organization’s dissolution](#). The group has long been a proponent of water rights, and has recently opposed mining projects in Ecuador. (Guardian)***

*In context: Explore Circle of Blue’s special report about the [water risks of the global mining industry](#).*

