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## **The Kids Are All Right (and These Surprising Statistics Prove It)**

Americans under 25 are bringing a new era of tolerance, education, and vastly improved behaviors while older folks are acting worse. That isn't starry-eyed idealism. It's hard numbers. [yesmagazine.org/people-power/t... https://t.co/N3gzQXmwEj](https://t.co/N3gzQXmwEj) via @yesmagazine

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## **Blood Quantum and the Future of Native Nations The Great Vanishing Act**

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### **Overview**

The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 was the US government's attempt to define who "Indians" were. Among the criteria the act set was a blood quantum, which declared that "Indians" were "all other persons of one-half or more Indian blood". Today, many tribes wrestle with the legacy of blood quantum and "Indian" identity, as they work to manage tribal enrollment and social services. As the bloodlines grow increasingly diluted, within a few generation, recognized tribes might legally disappear. Through essays, personal stories, case studies, satire, and poetry, *The Great Vanishing Act* brings together writers from around the world to explore the biological and cultural metaphor of blood quantum, the most critical issue facing Indigenous populations in the twenty-first century.

**Author Biography** Norbert S. Hill is an enrolled citizen of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and has recently retired as Area Director of Education and Training for the Nation. Hill's previous appointment was Vice President of the College of Menominee Nation for their Green Bay campus. Hill served as the executive director of the American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) in New Mexico, a nonprofit organization providing funding for American Indians and Alaska Natives to pursue graduate and professional degrees. Previous positions include: the executive director of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, assistant dean of students at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, and director of the American Indian Educational Opportunity Program at the University of Colorado, Boulder. He founded *Winds of Change* and *The American Indian Graduate*, magazine, publications of AISES and AIGC respectively. Hill holds two honorary doctorates from Clarkson University (1996) and Cumberland College (1994). He resides on the Oneida reservation with his wife. Kathleen Ratteree has worked with the Oneida Nation Trust and Enrollment Committee since 2013. She has served as Project Manager for Sustain Oneida, a group that facilitates constructive community dialogue on tribal enrollment criteria. Over the past three years she has written a series of articles for the Oneida tribal newspaper, *The Kalihwisaks*, on identity, citizenship, blood quantum, demographics, sovereignty, and tribal governance. The articles have helped raise awareness of enrollment issues and population trends. They have also encouraged community engagement in the issues of membership/citizenship. Kathleen holds a Master of Science in medical anthropology, a Master of Public Health and a certificate of Global Health from the University of Madison-Wisconsin. Kathleen lives near Green Bay, WI with her husband, two young children, a 100-pound dog, twelve chickens, and various wildlife.

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**By Norbert S. Hill, Jr., By Kathleen Ratteree Paperback, \$21.95 (US \$21.95) (CA \$29.95)**

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## Nevada Indian Territory

NUMU MOMOKO'NE  
KWA'SUPU NANUGANA  
INDIAN WOMEN'S BUCKSKIN DANCE  
JULY 20, 2012



SACRED VISIONS POW WOW  
Wadsworth, NV.

Attire:  
Cloth or Buckskin may be worn.  
Paiute Beaded collars may be worn.  
Moccasins must be worn.

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By the end of the Saturday afternoon session.

All contestants will receive a gift. Winners will be awarded cash and prizes.

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Don't miss the "**Indian Women's Buckskin Dance**" on **July 20th**, at Wadsworth, Nevada. It's all a part of Sacred Visions Powwow: <http://sacredvisionspowwow.com/>  
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[Video: Gold Nuggets Being Found In Rivers After Oroville Dam Crisis SFist](#)

One exciting side effect of the *Oroville Dam* spillway crisis this winter has been a new — albeit modest — gold rush along the rivers that the spillway fed into, like ...

[Flooding brings second gold rush to California](#)

KCCI Des Moines Following a wet winter, gold has resurfaced along the banks of *California* rivers, and .... if those same protections would save the robot from any *water*

## [Aging infrastructure: how municipalities can make smart upgrades ... American City & County \(blog\)](#)

Most community *water* and wastewater infrastructure is hidden underground and ... Paul Marshall is the *California* region sector lead for *water* resources at MWH

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## [How UV light eradicates aquatic weeds in Lake Tahoe](#)

KCRA Sacramento

They're changing the *water* quality," said Nicole Cartwright, invasive species projects manager ... The *California* Tahoe Conservancy steppe

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### **Siskiyou supervisors, Yurok Tribe talk salmon, collaborative efforts** Siskiyou Daily News

Representatives from *California's* Yurok Tribe speak with the Siskiyou County ... of the ways that

Siskiyou County and its *water* users have

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### **Tahoe Keys Marina without running water as dispute over bills ..**

Tahoe Daily Tribune

Tahoe Keys Marina without running *water* as dispute over bills continues ... Three months later the marina illegally graded land on a *Califo*

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### **Transforming Borders with Smart Technologies**

At 10:00 am PDT on July 26th, Meeting of the Minds will host a live webinar featuring Steph Stoppenhagen from Black & Veatch, Jim O'Gara from Deloitte Advisory, and Marisa Walker from Arizona Commerce Authority.

### **Register**

#### **Program**

Black & Veatch and Deloitte are teaming to transform and optimize U.S. border regions with smart technologies to boost security, management and efficiency in the movement of people and goods across our borders, as well as enhance connectivity and economic development in the nearby communities which, in many cases, are underserved.

This webinar will discuss the collaboration needed to define the business plans and financing models to achieve smart connected borders, including tackling new procurement issues and ensuring program sustainability that will drive long term gains across the country. Considerations related to infrastructure engineering and deployment, as well as technology integration, also will be addressed.

Arizona is leading the charge to transform border operations with smart technologies and will be the first smart connected border pilot location. Marisa Walker of the Arizona



Commerce Authority will discuss what sparked the state's eagerness to pursue this project and how it will benefit the citizens of Arizona and cross-border relations with Mexico.

As the smart technology pilots are about to commence in Arizona, learn how more pilots will evolve and how the project will be easily scalable and replicable in multiple border regions around the country.

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### **Spills, Fines and Route Disputes Plague Rover Pipeline**

[https://www.ecowatch.com/rover-pipeline-spills-2461415286.html?utm\\_source=EcoWatch+List&utm\\_campaign=2483f89baf-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_49c7d43dc9-2483f89baf-85895669](https://www.ecowatch.com/rover-pipeline-spills-2461415286.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=2483f89baf-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-2483f89baf-85895669)

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### **Northland College Becomes 747th Institution to Divest from Fossil Fuels**

[https://www.ecowatch.com/northland-college-divests-2462066881.html?utm\\_source=EcoWatch+List&utm\\_campaign=95535f50e6-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_49c7d43dc9-95535f50e6-85895669](https://www.ecowatch.com/northland-college-divests-2462066881.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=95535f50e6-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-95535f50e6-85895669)

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### **A 9-Year-Old Tripped, Fell and Discovered a Million-Year-Old Fossil**

By JACEY FORTIN

Jude Sparks was playing with his brothers in New Mexico when he stumbled over the fossilized tusk of a Stegomastodon, a prehistoric, elephantine creature.

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### **De Blasio, With 'Cultural Plan,' Proposes Linking Money to Diversity**

By ROBIN POGREBIN

The Metropolitan Museum of Art and other major institutions escape city budget cuts, while smaller arts groups outside Manhattan may receive new resources.

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### **Amid Missing Paperwork, Tens of Thousands Might Have Student Debt Erased**

*Democracy Now!*

Excerpt: "Tens of thousands of people may have their student debt erased, as private creditors are realizing they don't actually have the paperwork required to prove they own the loans."

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### **Federal Appeals Court Rules EPA Does Not Have to Ban Harmful Pesticide**

*Ayana Byrd, Colorlines*

Byrd writes: "The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit dismissed an appeal of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision not to ban the pesticide chlorpyrifos yesterday (July 18)." [READ MORE](#)

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## #SocialMediaMajor? - PA School to Begin Offering a Major in Social Media

by Susan Dutca

What if your college course load included "Instagram 101" or "History of Facebook 202"? Have you ever wanted to major in social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram? Well, you can this upcoming fall if you are a student at [Kutztown University](#), pursuing a bachelor's degree in Social Media Theory and Strategy.

Though not the first of its kind, Kutztown's new "cutting-edge program" will help prepare students for careers in the corporate and non-profit realms since "social media is intricately woven into our economic, civic and social lives," according to one Associate Professor of English. "Those who don't become adept at producing and analyzing it are increasingly at risk."

Earning a social media major isn't just about knowing how to tweet or create the perfect Instagram hashtag. Students "gain theoretical and professional knowledge that will enable them to understand the key issues and challenges within social media." This could include designing websites, creating creative and meaningful content, understanding and knowing online data analytics, SEO, and other marketing tactics.

There are other colleges and universities that currently offer certificate degrees in social media and other marketing and digital media programs offer a focus in social media. Since February 13th of this year, jobs that include "social media" involvement have increased by 37 percent. Employers are willing to offer competitive salaries for those who are savvy in social media, as the job is in high demand. One digital marketing account manager states that "this major would not only benefit students, but would benefit companies...primarily because the major is a rarity and would provide a much more appealing skill-set on a resume that current majors are unable to provide."

Schools that offer similar social media degrees and programs include the [University of Southern California](#), [Rutgers University-New Brunswick](#), [University of Florida's College of Journalism and Communications](#), [Newberry College](#), [Pratt Institute](#), [St. Philip's College-Southwest Campus](#), [Austin Community College](#), [DePaul University](#), and more!

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**Scholarships**      *(You'll have to google them. sdc)*

### [The H.O.P.E. Scholarship](#)

**Scholarship Application Deadline: August 1, 2017**

**Maximum Scholarship Award: \$1,000**

### [Spirit Button Academic Scholarship](#)

**Scholarship Application Deadline: August 1, 2017**

**Maximum Scholarship Award: \$2,000**

**NeW Young Women's Essay Contest**

**Scholarship Application Deadline:** August 1, 2017

**Maximum Scholarship Award:** \$1,000

**Calvin L. Carrithers Aviation Scholarship**

**Scholarship Application Deadline:** August 14, 2017

**Maximum Scholarship Award:** \$1,000

**The California Federation of Republican Women's President Ronald Reagan Scholarship**

**Scholarship Application Deadline:** August 15, 2017

**Maximum Scholarship Award:** \$2,000

**American Fire Sprinkler Association Second Chance Scholarship**

**Scholarship Application Deadline:** August 29, 2017

**Maximum Scholarship Award:** \$1,000

**WHS' NEXTGen Border Security Contest**

**Scholarship Application Deadline:** August 30, 2017

**Maximum Scholarship Award:** \$2,500

**Vectorworks Design Scholarship**

**Scholarship Application Deadline:** August 31, 2017

**Maximum Scholarship Award:** \$10,000

**Joseph A. Levendusky Memorial Scholarship**

**Scholarship Application Deadline:** August 31, 2017

**Maximum Scholarship Award:** \$7,000

**The Zale Parry Scholarship**

**Scholarship Application Deadline:** August 31, 2017

**Maximum Scholarship Award:** \$6,500

**The Mario Cugia Italian Studies Scholarship Program**

**Scholarship Application Deadline:** August 31, 2017

**Maximum Scholarship Award:** \$6,500

## **CHASA Scholarship for Childhood Stroke Survivors**

**Scholarship Application Deadline:** August 31, 2017

**Maximum Scholarship Award:** \$3,000

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(Repeating)

## **CSU to Admit All Qualified Students by Susan Dutca**

Due to a new budget deal, all qualified students will soon be admitted into one of the 23 campuses at California State University. With some of the more competitive schools only accepting 30-34

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## **Here's why pipeline companies almost always get their way. MANOLA SECAIRA**

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## **Pruitt pretty much just confirmed he's out to dismantle the EPA** **REBECCA LEBER**

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## **Hosting Opportunity for High School Students from Algeria**

We are in the final stretch to find home hosts for the 2017 Algerian Youth Leadership Program and still need homes for 4 more English-speaking Algerian high school students. Could you or your family open your home to a student for 12 days August 8-20, 2017? This is truly an amazing cultural experience for all involved!

All you need is a spare bed, to provide some meals and transportation (we provide all transportation during the work day and can work with you to get your student to and from UNR as needed), and an open heart. Please see the details below and contact Stacy Kinion at 775.784.7515 ext. 226 or [skinion@nnic.org](mailto:skinion@nnic.org) or visit <https://www.unr.edu/nnic/programs/aylp> to find out how you can help welcome an international visitor to our community!

Please also pass this information on to other families and individuals that you think may be interested!

### **Pertinent Home Host Information:**

- Participants speak English
- Participants are 15-17 year old
- Participants will be taking part in Leadership and Civic Engagement seminars on the UNR campus during the weekdays
- An individual (we welcome hosts or couples without children in the home-our priority is not the structure of your family, but that you will provide a loving, open environment) or family can host up to two students at a time
- Host Families will be provided with a supply of food for certain dietary needs
- Hosts can join in on fun cultural activities such as BBQs, Aces baseball, bowling and an Algerian Culture Night to get to know other hosts and program participants (and become more familiar with Algerian food and culture!)
- Each host will receive an orientation to the culture of Algeria and to hosting prior to the beginning of the program



**Hosts provide:**

- Daily transportation to and from UNR - from there, we will provide transportation to all daily activities! There are 3 evening cultural activities and one early start day that may have a pick-up/drop-off location different than UNR and that will be a different time than normal-we would be glad to arrange transportation for those events if necessary. We would also be glad to help arrange carpooling with other hosts.
- Breakfast and some weekday dinners (we provide dinners to participants on cultural activity evenings and to participants and host families for our opening and closing events), as well as meals on the weekend. Students are free on the weekend to enjoy time with you and your family.
- A bed for the student(s) in their own or a shared bedroom (participants can share a room with a person of the same gender, as long as they have their own bed)

**Important event dates:**

- Home Host Orientation July 26 at 5:30pm
- Hosting dates are August 8-20, 2017
- The opening BBQ will be August 8th at 6:00pm. Please join us for barbeque and get to know your student and other program hosts before taking your student home that evening.
- Hot August Nights at the GSR Thursday, August 10th (tentative) - you're welcome to join us for a night of classic cars and music (Route 66...The Band will be playing classic rock covers!)
- Cultural Activity with the Youth City Council will be the evening of Monday, August 14th (late pick-up)
- The Aces baseball game will be Tuesday, August 15th at 7:05pm - join us if you can!
- The Reno closing ceremony will be Friday, August 18th at 6:00pm at UNR. Please come watch as the AYLP participants present their final videos and receive their participation certificates.
- Drop-off at UNR mid-morning of Sunday the 20th - from here, the participants will be taken to Tahoe for a week of leadership learning and fun at Zephyr Cove.
- The Algerian Culture Night will be on Friday, August 25th at 6:00pm at Zephyr Cove Presbyterian Conference Center - join for Algerian food and cultural presentations if you can!
- We will have our final night in Reno on Sunday, August 27th - come by and see your student one last time if you wish!

Please contact Stacy Kinion at 775.784.7515 ext. 226 or [skinion@nnic.org](mailto:skinion@nnic.org) with any questions about hosting or the application process!

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**Why This Scientist Just Blew the Whistle on the Trump Administration**

A former senior official at the U.S. Department of the Interior claims the [Trump administration](#) is attempting to push him out of the agency in retaliation for speaking out about [climate change](#).

Joel Clements, who previously handled policy around the impact of climate change on Alaskan communities, filed a whistleblower complaint alleging that his public comments on climate change motivated the U.S. Department of the Interior to reassign him to a position in an accounting office that collects oil and gas royalty checks.

In a [Washington Post op-ed](#), Clements describes the reasoning behind his decision to file a complaint, writing that "silencing civil servants, stifling science, squandering taxpayer money and spurning communities in the face of imminent danger have never made America great."

"Now that I have filed with the Office of Special Counsel, it is my hope that it will do a thorough investigation into the Interior Department's actions," Clements continued. "Our country protects those who seek to inform others about dangers to American lives. The threat to these Alaska Native communities is not theoretical. This is not a policy debate. Retaliation against me for those disclosures is unlawful."

"Let's be honest: The Trump administration didn't think my years of science and policy experience were better suited to accounts receivable. It sidelined me in the hope that I would be quiet or quit. Born and raised in Maine, I was taught to work hard and speak truth to power. Trump and Zinke might kick me out of my office, but they can't keep me from speaking out. They might refuse to respond to the reality of climate change, but their abuse of power cannot go unanswered," Clements concluded.

For deeper dive: **News:** [NPR](#), [Politico Pro](#) **Commentary:** [Washington Post](#), [Joel Clements op-ed](#)  
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### **Coast Guard Makes Dire Warning About Drilling in the Arctic** By Andy Rowell [Greenpeace](#)

For months now America's [climate denying](#) president, [Donald Trump](#), has been manoeuvring to open up the [Arctic](#) to oil drilling, in another act of defiance against his predecessor, Barak Obama.

Back in April, Trump signed an executive order to extend [offshore oil](#) and gas drilling to large parts of the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic [oceans](#).

"We're opening it up ... Today we're unleashing American energy and clearing the way for thousands and thousands of high-paying American energy jobs," [Trump said](#) as he signed the America-First Offshore Energy Strategy.

The executive order instructed the [Interior Department](#) to re-examine policies put into place by Obama, who in one of his last acts as president had restricted offshore drilling in the Atlantic and Arctic until 2022. Obama had banned drilling in both areas, saying they were "simply not right to lease."

As Trump signed the order, his Interior Sec. [Ryan Zinke told reporters](#), "We're going to look at everything. A new administration should look at the policies and make sure the policies are appropriate."

Last month, the White House made [further attempts](#) to overturn the Obama administration's [five-year plan](#) forbidding oil and gas exploration in the Arctic.

[Zinke](#) said in a speech: "There's a consequence when you put 94 percent of our offshore off limits. There's a consequence of not harvesting trees. There's a consequence of not using some of our public lands for creation of wealth and jobs."

Then earlier this month, the Trump administration granted Italian oil company Eni the right to drill exploratory wells off the coast of Alaska. As [InsideClimate News](#) reported, "Eni's leases were exempt from Obama's ban because the leases are not new."