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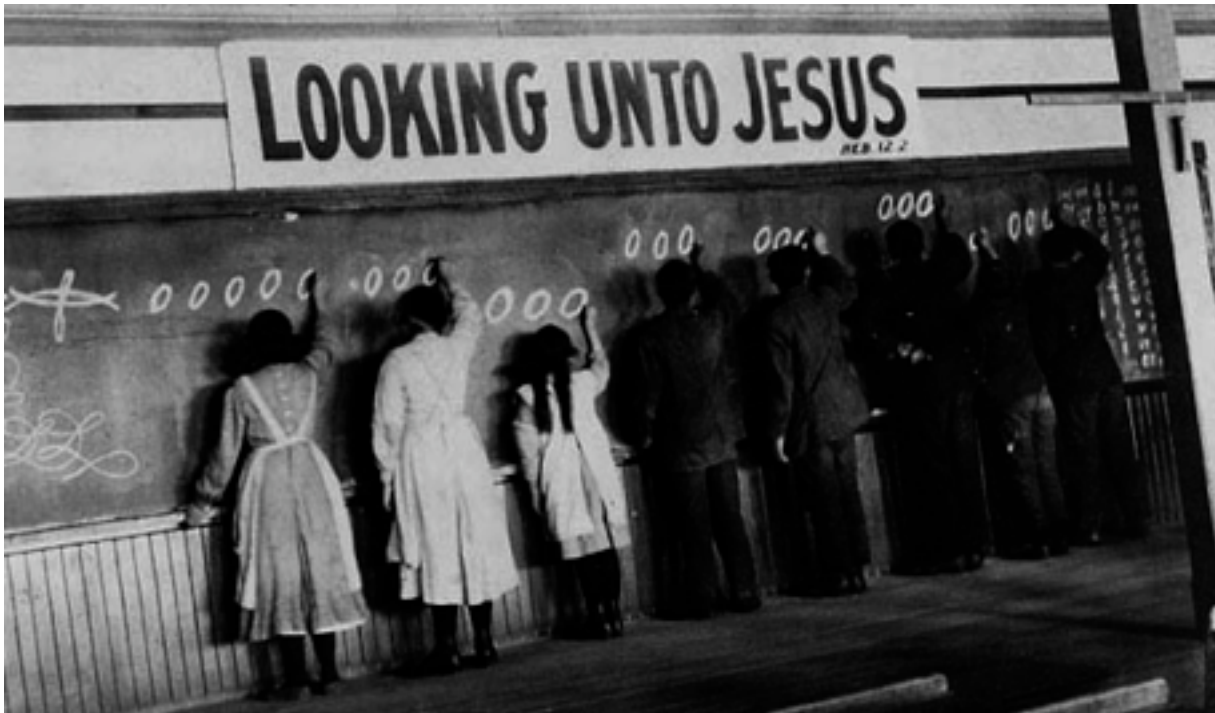
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What does it mean that ["Deb Haaland's great-grandfather was taken from family and sent to boarding school?"](#)

Haaland connected with voters in New Mexico by linking her tribal background to her progressive campaign, [The New York Times](#) reports. A case in point -- her great-grandfather was taken from his family at the [Pueblo of Laguna](#) and was sent hundreds of miles away to the infamous Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania, whose founder's motto was ["Kill the Indian .. and save the man."](#)

"It was shameful and inhumane then to separate families and it's shameful and inhumane now," Haaland told reporter [Simon Romero](#) , drawing a parallel between her family's experience and that of immigrant children who are affected by the Trump administration's harsh policies.



Let's answer what is means by answering another question: what happened inside of the walls of the Indian Boarding School that was to the right here?

Let's look to history for some feasible answers.

RICHARD PRATT -- "KILL THE INDIAN, SAVE THE MAN"

[The Social Welfare Forum: Official Proceedings \[of The\] Annual Forum](#)

As we have taken into our national family seven millions of Negroes, and as we receive foreigners at the rate of more than five hundred thousand a year, and assimilate them, it would seem that the time may have arrived when we can very properly make at least the attempt to assimilate our two hundred and fifty thousand Indians, using this proven potent line, and see if that will not end this vexed question and remove them from public attention, **where they occupy so much more space than they are entitled to either by numbers or worth.**

Children are educated to become responsible and free thinking adults in the future; however, those were not [Elazor Wheelock's goals when he began Dartmouth College in 1769](#). To the contrary of genuine educational goals, Indian Boarding Schools used forced assimilation and cultural destruction with a [military regimen](#) to "at least the attempt to assimilate our two hundred and fifty thousand Indians."

Indian boarding schools usually imitated military life. Children were forced to cut their hair, wear uniforms, and march in formations. Rules were very strict and discipline was often harsh when rules were broken.

Just how did the "schools" come into reality? Christian denominations were given power to build them on reservations as the result of Ulysses S. Grant's "peace policy."

[Source](#) The policy pursued toward the Indians has resulted favorably, so far as can be judged from the limited time during which it has been in operation. Through the exertions of the various societies of Christians to whom has been entrusted the execution of the policy, and the board of commissioners authorized by the law of April 10, 1869, many tribes of Indians have been induced to settle upon reservations, to cultivate the soil, to perform productive labor of various kinds, and to partially accept civilization. **They are being cared for in such a way, it is hoped, as to induce those still pursuing their old habits of life to embrace the only opportunity which is left them to avoid extermination.**

I recommend liberal appropriations to carry out the **Indian peace policy**, not only because it is humane, Christian like, and economical, but because it is right.

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Those Christian denominations also had leverage with the B.I.A., yet only in terms of carrying out the “peace policy” on reservations.

Now that the general historical context has been set with specifics, what were the means to the “cultural destruction and forced assimilation?” Clearly put, it’s categorized into the following: physical abuse, mental abuse, emotional abuse, spiritual abuse, sexual abuse, willful negligence resulting in illness and death; and murder. Ironically, [Friends of the American Indian and Thomas Morgan](#) believed those were merely the lesser evils.

[Source](#) The choices seemed simple and stark to the reformer movement — **either kill all the Indians or assimilate them into white civilization through education**

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[Source](#) "We must either fight Indians, feed them, or else educate them. To fight them is cruel, to feed them is wasteful, while to educate them is humane, economic, and Christian."

Some examples of extremely poor sanitation conditions, dietary deficiency, extraordinary abuse, death in the Indian Boarding Schools; and overall context preceding Indian Boarding Schools are:

extremely poor sanitation conditions ([pg.13](#)),



They are in themselves reasonably satisfactory, but they shut off light and air from the inside rooms, which are still filled with beds beyond their capacity. The toilet facilities have in many cases not been increased proportionately to the increase in pupils, and they are fairly frequently not properly maintained or conveniently located. The supply of soap and towels has been inadequate.

[THE PROBLEM OF INDIAN ADMINISTRATION Report of a Survey made at the request of Honorable Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior, and submitted to him, February 21, 1928. Pg.3](#)

The survey staff finds itself obliged to say frankly and unequivocally that the provisions for the care of the Indian children in boarding schools are grossly inadequate. The outstanding deficiency is in the diet furnished the Indian children, many of whom are below normal health. The diet is deficient in quantity, quality, and variety. The effort has been made to feed the children on a per capita of eleven cents a day, plus what can be produced on the schoolfarm, including the dairy.

extraordinary abuse, cultural genocide,

[Source](#) When they got to Carlisle, the students were extremely homesick. Their long hair was cut. One boarding school student, Lone Wolf of the Blackfoot tribe, remembered: "[Long hair] was the pride of all Indians. The boys, one by one, would break down and cry when they saw their braids thrown on the floor. All of the buckskin clothes had to go and we had to put on the clothes of the White Man. If we thought the days were bad, the nights were much worse. This is when the loneliness set in, for it was when we knew that we were all alone. **Many boys ran away from the school because the treatment was so bad, but most of them were caught and brought back by the police.**"

[www.google.com/...](http://www.google.com/):

[Source](#) They were forbidden to practice their religion and were forced to memorize Bible verses and the Lord's Prayer.

extraordinary physical, mental, emotional, sexual, and spiritual abuse;



[Source](#) Rose was strapped for speaking her language. This is a common practice in schools all over the place at the time. **Her open hands were hit with a large thick leather strap, many times.**

I received the strap on several occasions, although not as harshly as Rose did in my story. **I did see many native children whose hands were strapped so long and hard that they were blistered for days, as though they had been burned with fire.**

[Source](#) Indian Boarding School

Abuse – Including Child Molestation In the late 19th century, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (in conjunction with various churches) placed thousands of Native American children into Indian Boarding Schools. At the boarding schools, the children were forced to give up their Indian heritage and were forbidden from speaking their native languages. **They were routinely beaten and sexually abused, and some even died.**

Death in the Indian Boarding Schools is what we'll learn about next. Here is a letter that author and professor of American Studies at the University of Minnesota, Brenda J. Child posted, [Boarding School Seasons: American Indian Families, 1900-1940 \(North American Indian Prose Award Series\) \(Paperback\) by Brenda J. Child](#), that informs a parent of the death of its child from an Indian Boarding School.

“If I were to die tomorrow, would you even care”

[Source](#) (letter is no longer up, this is the old address) *Dear Sir, It is with a feeling of sorrow that I write you telling of the death of your daughter Lizzie. She was sick but a short time and we did not think her so near her end. Last Wednesday I was called away to Minneapolis and I was very much surprised upon my return Saturday evening to find she was dead, as they had given us no information except she*

might live for a number of months. Those that were with her say she did not suffer, but passed away as one asleep. I am very sorry that you could not have seen your daughter alive, for she had grown quite a little and improved very much since you let her come here with me. If we had known she was going to live but so short a time, we would have made a great effort to have gotten you here before she died. So wrote the superintendent of Flandreau Indian School to the father of a student who died of tuberculosis in a government boarding school in 1907. ...**Hundreds of children like Lizzie died at boarding school, never to return to their families and communities.**
"Please remember me when I'm in the grave"



[Unmarked graves shed light on 'America's best kept secret' of abuse towards Native communities.](#)

Small, 56, conducted the survey using ground penetrating radar as part of her master's thesis research at Montana State University.

In the school's historical records, she had found autograph books from the 1890s in which children wrote private messages to each other.

"Please remember me when I'm in the grave," one boy who was re-named Danny Boone by the school staff, had written to a friend.

and lastly, the overall context preceding Indian Boarding Schools.

[\(1\)Kurt Kaltreider, PH.D. " American Indian Prophecies," p.44:](#)

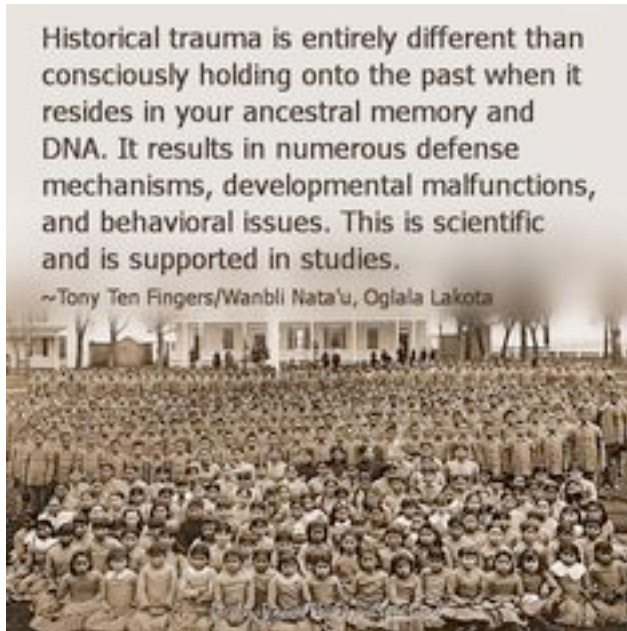
...It is estimated that 100 million Indians from the Caribbean, Central, South, and North America perished at the hands of the European invaders. Sadly, unbelievably, really, much of that wholesale destruction was sanctioned and carried out by the Roman Catholic Church and various Protestant denominations.(1: p.37)

What is just one devastating consequence of all this? Boarding School Intergenerational Trauma, which is being addressed by indigenous people who still suffer from its devastating effects.

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[Source Working to heal the wounds of boarding school United Nations panel hopes to undo the damage caused by U.S. government's Indian boarding school policies](#) By Karen Lynch
"People in Indian country are still becoming aware of the effects of boarding school trauma," said Dr. Eulynda Toledo-Benalli, Dine', currently performing boarding school healing project research with the Navajo people. **"This is something about our history that is not being talked about in a way that encourages healing from its intergenerational trauma..."**
As a panelist, Dr. Toledo-Benalli said the pain she suffered as a second-generation survivor affected not only herself but her children, as well. **"Many times I have said to my children that**

I'm sorry for the way I treat them. This is so, because parents learn parenting skills from their parents. It is said that the oppressed become the oppressors.



As Dr. Toledo-Benalli talked about the painful memories as a survivor, the memory of her father who was “snatched and taken to Colorado, to a place that he did not know even existed. My mother who was herding sheep was also snatched. Additionally, the Wellbriety Movement helps with boarding school intergenerational trauma as well.

Source **The Healing Forest Model**

The unhealed forest (community, left) transforms itself into a healed forest (right) by participating in and utilizing Wellbriety Movement activities, programs, and learning resources. The destructive roots of anger, guilt, shame and fear of the unhealed forest become the four gifts of the Sacred Hoop: Forgiving the Unforgivable, Healing, Unity

and Hope. The wounded trees become healthy trees and the community participates in wellness involvements, such as, sober powwows, tradition, culture and spirituality. These are some of the gifts of the Wellbriety Movement.

Medicine Bluffs

I hope with all my heart that those relatives, known and unknown, who still suffer are able to find the peace and resolution they need for themselves and their loved ones. Peace.

See also [Children Left Behind: The Dark Legacy of Indian Mission Boarding Schools by Tim Giago](#)

[Here is a previous version of this diary. Some of the links no longer work](#), as well as here.

So, “[Deb Haaland's great-grandfather was taken from family and sent to boarding school](#)” means the US learns nothing from history, since “*It was shameful and inhumane then to separate families and it's shameful and inhumane now,*” Haaland told reporter [Simon Romero](#) , drawing a parallel between her family's experience and that of immigrant children who are affected by the Trump administration's harsh policies.

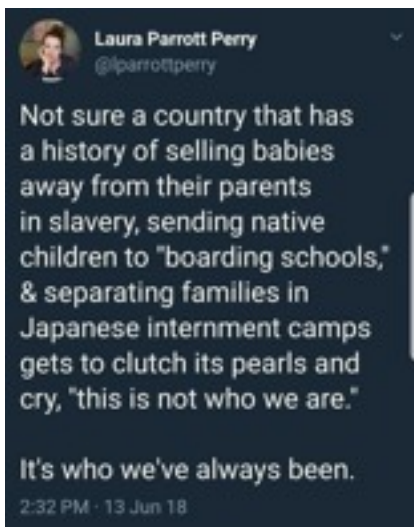
It all happened so fast. The ghetto. The deportation. The sealed cattle car. The fiery altar upon which the history of our people and the future of mankind were meant to be sacrificed.

Elie Wiesel

Mankind, Which, Meant

Read more at: <https://www.brainyquote.com/topics/history> (The main body of this is a repost)

There was a Catholic boarding school in Harbor Springs, MI, Holy Childhood, that has since been demolished. I knew two women who had been sent to school there and neither had anything positive to say about their experiences. They were beaten for speaking their language but persisted in private. One met her future husband there and he made it his mission to preserve the Odawa language. I have heard many horrific stories of abuse-physical, mental, and sexual-and there was never an accounting or justice for these young victims. Bland apologies were given by the bishop at the closing ceremonies prior to the demolition of the school but a spokeswoman for the diocese dismissed claims of sexual abuse and questioned the credibility of individuals who came forward with their stories. Soon there will be no victims left to tell their stories and the history will disappear unless people like you remind us. Both of my friends have passed, but before they were gone they left their bundle with others who will pass on the knowledge. One day I hope to see a truth and reconciliation commission established to deal with our deeply shameful past.



Another "Sound familiar?"

[Lawsuit: Migrant Children Were Given Psychiatric Drugs Against Their Will at Detention Center](#)

Matt Smith and Aura Bogado, Reveal News

Excerpt: "President Donald Trump's zero tolerance policy is creating a zombie army of children forcibly injected with medications that make them dizzy, listless, obese and even incapacitated, according to legal filings that show immigrant children in U.S. custody subdued with powerful psychiatric drugs." [READ MORE](#)

***"Study the past if you would define the future."
– Confucius***

Practice Makes Perfect! Studio Session with Hoop Dancer James Jones

Hoop Dancer James Jones is constantly touring with A Tribe Called Red, but he's also putting in work when not on the road.

Check out this practice session with a little DJ Shub playing in the background!

Follow him on Instagram if you're not already!

And if you want to book him for your next event, check out <http://www.jonesdancer.com/>.

There's less than a week left to speak out against the Keystone XL pipeline! We thought we had defeated the KXL northern leg during the Obama years, but Trump and the oil industry are trying to bring this pipeline back from the dead. Shortly after his inauguration, Trump signed an executive order forcing the "approval" of the pipeline.

This brazen decree is compounded by the Administration's current effort to shortcut the environmental review. After the Nebraska Public Service Commission approved a new route last year, the Administration is trying to limit the environmental review solely to the new route instead of a full review of the entire pipeline. The last full review was in 2014 and it's out of date! This is why **Indigenous Peoples, ranchers, and other communities impacted by the pipeline are demanding an environmental impact statement (EIS) along the entire proposed route.**

We've defeated KXL before, and we can do so again! The State Department is collecting public comments on the environmental impact of the pipeline.

[Submit your comment today in opposition to KXL. The deadline to submit comments is June 25!](#)

We cannot allow Trump to run roughshod over our environment by scrapping environmental reviews. KXL would carry 830,000 barrels of Canadian tar sands every day across the United States down to the Gulf Coast. **And one of the dirtiest sources of oil on the planet, no less!** The annual greenhouse gas emissions made possible by KXL could be equivalent to nearly 40 million cars on the road.

Under Trump, it might seem like fighting for the environment is a constant uphill battle, but the movement against pipelines is powerful. It's been 10 years since the Keystone XL pipeline was first proposed, and major international banks like HSBC have announced they will no longer fund new tar sands projects. More Americans than ever oppose KXL. Back in 2013, 66% of Americans favored the pipeline, but, today, that figure is down to 42% and 48% now oppose the pipeline. ¹ We need to use that momentum!

[It's time for us to act once again! Add your name to defeat the KXL.](#)

Your public comment will help ensure a thorough environmental review — and build the mounting opposition that can stop this pipeline once and for all.

Your voice will also help show polluters — and the banks that fund them — that there is a massive movement determined to stop KXL and all the dirty pipelines no matter Trump's ambitions, from Trans Mountain in western Canada to Line 3 in Minnesota. If you speak out and help power the movement, **we may defeat KXL for good!**



[Demand a full environmental review for KXL and an end to the pipeline!](#)

Thanks for all you do, Khelil Bouarrouj
Online Campaigner, Greenpeace USA
(*click to enlarge note under child*)

P.S. Trump and the oil industry want to fast-track the Keystone XL pipeline. [Submit your comment demanding a full environmental review before the June 25 deadline!](#)

[1] <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2017/02/21/public-divided-over-keystone-xl-dakota-pipelines-democrats-turn-decisively-against-keystone/>

Jeff Sessions will be in Reno next week, and we'll be there to greet him. [Can you join us?](#)

As a US Senator, Jeff Sessions was one of the most anti-immigrant member of Congress. Now, as US Attorney General under Trump, he is able to implement cruel, and inhumane immigration policies. [Sessions will speak at the National Association of School Resources Officers at 9:00am on Monday, June 25 at the Peppermill in Reno.](#) It is crucial we show the country that Nevada rejects Sessions' policies of the forced separation of asylum-seeking immigrant children from their parents at the border, intensifying mass incarceration, and his attacks on the LGBT community, women, and voting rights.

Please join community members this Monday, June 25th, at 8:00am at the Pepper Mill (2707 S Virginia Street, 89502) to stand together and reject Jeff Sessions.

– “On a stage in San Francisco, IBM’s Project Debater spoke, listened and rebutted a human’s arguments in what was described as a groundbreaking display of artificial intelligence .” (BBC)

Donna Cossette

Wow, that was the rudest BLM meeting if been to in a long time. Get ready tribe for some aggressive salvage archaeology, cause the time is NOW! Len George, Steve Austin Jon Pishion Laura Jean Lawson Ijames, Joey Allen, Rochanne Capucci Downs.



[Donna Cossette https://www.blm.gov/.../blm-seeks-public-input-proposed...](https://www.blm.gov/.../blm-seeks-public-input-proposed...)'s-fallon-range-training-complex

Native Nations - Maori (Aotearoa, NZ) and Navajo (Dine') **uniting cultures in their very own traditional wedding ceremony** in New Mexico. Incl. footage at the Gathering of Nations Stage 49 with Native American backing band STRIKE.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g31fLWUQVi4>

Trump's New Oceans Policy Washes Away Obama's Emphasis on Conservation and Climate *David Malakoff, Science Magazine*

Malakoff writes: "Marine conservation and addressing climate change are out. Jobs and national security are in. That's just one message sent by a new executive order detailing a revised U.S. oceans policy released today by President Donald Trump." [READ MORE](#)

“Take time to deliberate, but when the time for action comes, stop thinking and go in.” – Napoléon Bonaparte

“A good plan, violently executed now, is better than a perfect plan next week.” – George S Patton

Water Shorts - some depressing, but you'll love the last one. sdc

Report Finds Industrial Chemicals in Water Supply More Toxic Than Thought

By Ellen Knickmeyer, Associated Press, 6/20/18

A family of industrial chemicals turning up in public water supplies around the country is even more toxic than previously thought, threatening human health at concentrations seven to 10 times lower than once realized, according to a government report released Wednesday.

Water Use Across the United States Declines to Levels Not Seen Since 1970

By USGS, 6/19/18

Reductions in water use first observed in 2010 continue, show ongoing effort towards “efficient use of critical water resources.”

California’s forests are choking By News Review, 6/21/18

Sickly trees in the Sierra Nevada are coughing up CO2 – not storing it

A deep dive into groundwater, desalination By Keith van Der Maaten, Capitol Weekly,

Researchers at Stanford University, working with Aqua Geo Frameworks, have deployed an exciting technology, geophysical imaging, that allows a complete three-dimensional mapping of a groundwater basin that is akin to the electromagnetic imaging of the human body.

A Service of Extremes By Stephanie Johnston, PW Magazine, 6/19/18

Reflections on technology’s impact on potable water utilities and the men and women who manage and operate them.

City of San Diego receives national award for using recycled water to make beer

By KUSI, 6/20/18

The beer used 100% advanced-treated recycled water from the city’s pure water demonstration facility. A tasting event was held last year and nearly 250 community leaders attended the event.

