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**Who Was Charles Curtis, the First Vice President of Color?**

**A member of the Kaw Nation, Curtis served under Herbert Hoover, but he left a troubling legacy on Native American issues**

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## How a New Law Will Impact the U.S. Antiquities Trade

*In the name of cracking down on money laundering, a new law passed by Congress will increase federal oversight of the art market and limit secrecy*

*Lawmakers voted to pass the National Defense Authorization Act for 2021 (NDAA), which includes legislation that will change how the antiquities market in the US is regulated.*  
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By [Nora McGreevy](#) [smithsonianmag.com](#) January 11, 2021 8:00AM

Major changes for the antiquities trade are on the horizon for the U.S. in 2021, all in the name of cracking down on money laundering and creating more federal oversight over a market that's historically been underregulated.

At the start of the year, both the House of Representatives and the Senate [overrode](#) President Trump's veto to pass the [National Defense Authorization Act](#) for 2021 (NDAA). Included in this bill is a law that will increase federal oversight of the antiquities market, making it more difficult for buyers and sellers to conduct their operations in secrecy, reports Zachary Small for the [New York Times](#).

The new legislation will extend the 1970 [Bank Secrecy Act](#), which tightened federal restrictions on financial transactions, to apply to antiquities dealers. Now, dealers will have to reckon with a number of anti-money laundering protocols, including a rule that requires the "ultimate beneficial owner" of a limited liability company to register with the federal government. This rule means that it will become more difficult for art buyers and sellers to obscure their identities through offshore entities and shell companies, reports Eileen Kinsella for [artnet News](#).

"Long considered but only now passed, the bill is a significant step into regulating the U.S. art and antiquities market," lawyer and art law specialist [Nicholas M. O'Donnell](#) notes in an analysis for [Art Law Report](#).

The new law also directs the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), a bureau within the Treasury Department, to conduct a study of money laundering in the art market in the next year. The FinCEN study will explain exactly how the new law will work and answer a number of outstanding questions about further regulations: for instance, the organization will need to define who exactly constitutes an "antiquities dealer," O'Donnell writes.

Regulators have long feared that the opaque U.S. art market provides "fertile ground for money laundering and other illicit activities," in part because buyers and sellers are rarely identified, Small writes for the *Times*. More broadly, many have called for stricter regulation of the international art market, as conflict in countries such as Syria and Iraq has contributed to a growing black market for looted cultural heritage artifacts worldwide.

"The proposed legislation will begin to close a major loophole," Tess Davis, the executive director of the nonprofit [Antiquities Coalition](#), tells the *Times*.

She adds that pawnbrokers fall under the purview of Bank Secrecy Act, but major auction houses such as Christie's and Sotheby's do not: "Why should the rules be stricter for a mom-and-pop business hawking stereos in Milwaukee than a billion-dollar auction house in Manhattan?"

Senate members have long criticized the U.S. antiquities market, O'Donnell notes. Last summer, Congressional investigators wrote a report that detailed how Russian oligarchs were able to evade U.S. sanctions and buy art using shell companies and an intermediary, as Graham Bowley then reported for the [New York Times](#). In the report, the Senate labeled the art market the "largest legal unregulated market in the United States."

However, many in the art world argue that accusations of money-laundering in the antiquities trade are overblown. "Virtually all transactions of high-dollar amounts in the ancient art business are handled through financial institutions and instruments already covered by the Bank Secrecy Act," Randall A. Hixenbaugh, the president of the [American Council for the Preservation of Cultural Property](#), tells the *Times*. "Criminals seeking to launder ill-gotten funds could hardly pick a worse commodity than antiquities."

Many antiquities dealers have opposed the new regulations. Some continue to call for reduced or scaled regulations, arguing that the financial and logistical burdens of federal oversight will place undue stress on small businesses, as the Art Dealers Association of America (ADAA) notes in a statement accessed by *artnet News*.

"The new regulations raise questions about the cost benefit balance of compliance," writes O'Donnell.

"But leave no doubt after last year's Senate report," he adds, "that regulators have the art market in their sights and the market must respond if it wants to have a say in the oversight that is sure to come."

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## **Cultural Property, Art and Antiquities Investigations | ICE**

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## **World Leaders Try to HAC Together Climate Change Solution**

- Scientists have said human activities are driving the sixth mass extinction of life on Earth and are threatening the healthy functioning of ecosystems crucial to human civilization. In response, a group of more than 50 countries across six continents formed a coalition with the [goal of halting destruction of the natural world and slowing extinctions of wildlife](#).
- Members of the High Ambition Coalition (HAC) for Nature and People pledged to protect at least 30% of the planet's land and oceans by 2030. The HAC announcement was made Monday at the One Planet summit in Paris, which also saw pledges to invest

billions of pounds in the Great Green Wall in Africa, and the launch of a new sustainable finance charter called the Terra Carta by Prince Charles.

- But the announcement also brought mocking skepticism from some campaigners who doubted its delivery. Greta Thunberg tweeted: “... Bla bla nature Bla bla important Bla bla ambitious Bla bla green investments...” (Guardian)

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[‘There’s a red flag here’: how an ethanol plant is dangerously polluting a US village](#) (Guardian)

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## **Bored Citizen Researchers Aid The Ever-Expanding Zooniverse**

- With many people now stuck at home and finding themselves with extra time, the pandemic is creating a [huge increase in participation in citizen science](#). That’s where individuals without specialized training collect data out in the world, or perform simple analyses of data online, to help out the professionals.
- Scientists can ask the public to analyze project data on citizen science platforms like Zooniverse and SciStarter. Each project has a discussion forum where participants can pose questions to each other and sometimes to the scientists behind the projects — like crowdsourcing, with the added bonus of friendly connections and a sense of community.
- One climate change project, Rainfall Rescue, involves transcribing historical weather records to understand how weather has changed over the past few centuries. Scientists at Chicago’s Adler Planetarium uploaded a set of 10,000 weather logs to Zooniverse that needed transcribing; the task was completed in a day.
- Snapshot Safari is a Zooniverse project that asks participants to classify animals in images from wildlife cameras. Before the pandemic, daily classifications were about 25,000; then, in the initial lockdown, classifications rose to 200,000 per day. And across all its projects, Zooniverse reported that 200,000 participants contributed more than 5 million classifications of images in one week — the equivalent of 48 years of research. (Vox)

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[We live in a wake-centric world, losing touch with our dreams](#) (Aeon)

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## **Register for an Upcoming Tribal Lead Curriculum Train-the-Trainer Webinar**

On January 13 and February 10, 2021, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST), EPA, in partnership with the National Tribal Toxics Council and National-EPA Tribal Science Council, will host two train-the-trainer webinars with tribal partners on the new tribal lead curriculum - *Lead Awareness in Indian Country: Keeping our Children Healthy!* Developed with over 200 tribes, the curriculum is a robust set of educational tools that provide tribes and other communities with practical, on-the-ground, community-based resources to reduce childhood lead exposure.

The webinar will train community leaders to:

- Understand the purpose of the curriculum and its components;
- Learn key actions to reduce childhood lead exposure;
- Learn how to navigate materials;
- Discuss teaching and outreach strategies; and
- Share and discuss best practices.

Register for either the January 13<sup>th</sup> or the February 10<sup>th</sup> webinars using the following links:



- January 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 PM EST, visit: <https://leadcurriculumtraining.eventbrite.com>
- February 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 PM EST, visit: <https://febleadcurriculumtraining.eventbrite.com>

To learn more about the curriculum, visit <https://www.epa.gov/lead/tribal-lead-curriculum>.

## **Background**

Released in October 2020, the *Lead Awareness in Indian Country: Keeping our Children Healthy!* curriculum is a series of four modules which include lesson plans, worksheets, key messages, presentation slides, and kids activity sheets that community leaders and other instructors can use to improve public awareness of the dangers of lead exposure and to promote preventative actions. The design balances diverse community backgrounds, technical information and localized knowledge to allow instructors an opportunity to plan and deliver unique messages within each structured module. The format establishes a community-based platform where learning and teaching strategies come together to focus on meaningful community engagement.

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## **[The Pandemic Pivot, by John Feffer,](#)**

### **Institute for Policy Studies**

What are the implications of COVID-19 for key global issues? What is the potential for transformative change coming out of this crisis? Answers to these questions can be found in the book entitled *The Pandemic Pivot*, written by John Feffer and put out by the Institute for Policy Studies. Based on a series of discussions with 68 of the world's leading thinkers and activists, this book provides a sobering analysis of the present moment and a hopeful cry on behalf of a global, people-oriented response to it. It offers insight and an actionable framework for what Cindy Wiesner calls "a just transition to a regenerative, anti-racist, feminist economy."

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## **Native America Calling**

Description Native America Calling is a one-hour, call-in program, bringing listeners together for a thought-provoking national conversation about issues specific to Native communities. Each program engages noted guests and experts with callers throughout the United States and is designed to improve the quality of life for Native Americans. Hosted by Tara Gatewood. Call-In Line: 1-800-996-2848. From Native Voice One (NV1).

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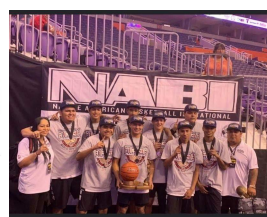
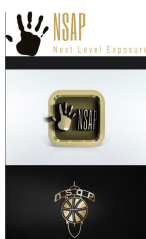
## **Bones Tell the Tale of a Maya Settlement**

A new study tracks how the ancient civilization used animals for food, ritual purposes and even as curiosities

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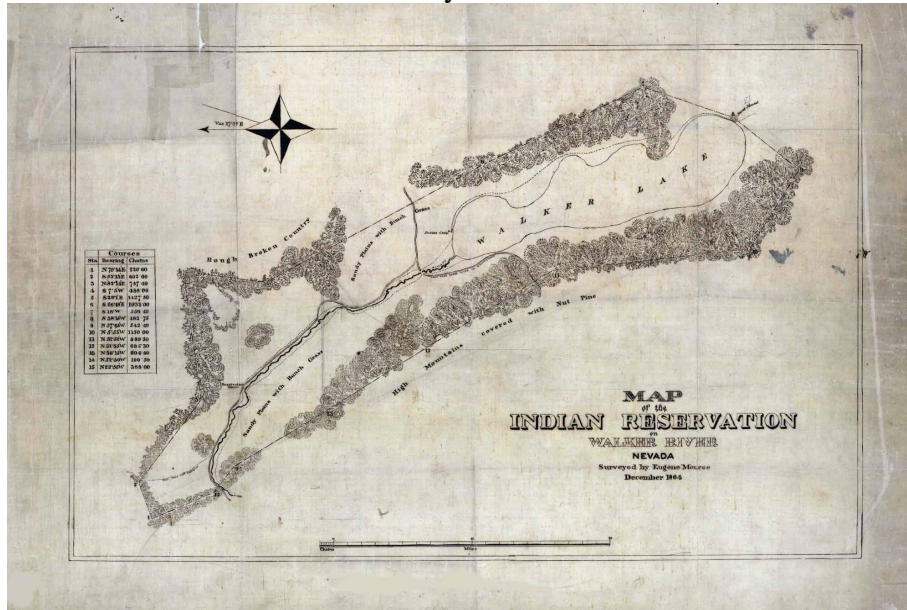
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**The Walker River Paiute Tribe Reservation dated 1864** Today the WRPT does not own the Lake since it was withdrawn by the State of Nevada.



[Ronald Charles](#)

The Colorado River runs right through our home lands and doesn't belong to the tribe.

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### **Munduruku to Anglo American: No Mining on Our Lands!**

Last week, we witnessed **violent white supremacy on full display** in the U.S. capital. It was impossible to ignore the difference in policing: when Indigenous people and Earth defenders organize nonviolently to defend life around the world, they are met with brutal repression and criminalization. Yet, a violent mob of Trump supporters was politely escorted out of the Capitol.

**Dismantling racism is about defending our collective human rights**, and we cannot fully protect the Amazon and our climate without them. **Supporting the long-term struggles of Indigenous peoples** is a fundamental part of this movement.

**Our Indigenous partners endure systemic racism every day.** For example, even though mining is illegal on Indigenous lands in Brazil, the Munduruku are forced to organize to protect their territory against mining giant Anglo American. As recently as November 2020, the company had requested 13 copper prospecting and research permits on their lands, and the lawless Bolsonaro administration is happy to oblige.

**Their struggle must be our struggle too.** We must hold companies that violate Indigenous rights and those that finance them accountable. Together, we must unite against racism in all its forms and grow our solidarity with Indigenous peoples. Today you can learn more about the Munduruku's demand that Anglo American publicly commit to **Moreo** not mine on Indigenous lands.

More: [https://amazonwatch.org/news/2021/0108-munduruku-demand-that-anglo-american-publicly-commit-to-not-mine-on-indigenous-lands?](https://amazonwatch.org/news/2021/0108-munduruku-demand-that-anglo-american-publicly-commit-to-not-mine-on-indigenous-lands?utm_source=Amazon+Watch+Newsletter+and+Updates&utm_campaign=662c26d17b-2019-07-29-bolsonaros_deadly_brazil_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e6f929728b-662c26d17b-342359838&mc_cid=662c26d17b&mc_eid=c8f1ee5572)

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[Running and biking daily with the name of a missing or murdered indigenous woman or child painted in red on their arms - and with the red hand print that has come to represent Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women movement painted on their faces - Colville Tribal member Willi Bessette joined tribal...](#)

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### **EPA FY 20 Environmental Justice Report Highlights Progress in Vulnerable Communities**

EPA has released its [\*Fiscal Year 2020 Environmental Justice Progress Report\*](#) highlighting the agency's progress in advancing environmental justice for minority, low-income, tribal, and indigenous communities across the country.

“The FY 2020 Report demonstrates the tangible improvements that EPA is making across this country to help Environmental Justice communities become healthier.” said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. “Our focus on and commitment to these long neglected communities has improved both the environment and the physical health of countless citizens, and I am proud of that progress.”

The [\*FY 2020 Report\*](#) describes how the Agency is working to promote a cleaner, healthier environment, more effective partnerships, and greater certainty, compliance and effectiveness to meet the needs of vulnerable communities to address disproportionate environmental impacts, health disparities and economic distress. Highlights of this work include the following:

- Provided over \$160 million in grant funding to support low income and minority communities. These grants will clean up brownfield sites in communities with Opportunity Zones, reduce emissions from diesel vehicles and equipment at ports, provide environmental job training to residents of underserved communities, and address challenges faced by communities related to the pandemic.
- Deleted all or part of 27 sites from the National Priorities list for a second consecutive year, to reduce exposure to contaminants.

- Announced a new \$4.3 million grant program, under the Water Infrastructure Improvements of the Nation Act, to help protect children in tribal communities from lead in drinking water by boosting lead testing in schools and childcare centers.
- Finalized rules that will make a meaningful difference to communities by ensuring that more people – particularly lower-income and minority populations – have greater access to newer, cleaner, more affordable cars, and by reducing lead dust-related risks to children in pre-1978 homes and childcare facilities where lead removal activities take place.
- Reclassified 20 communities across the country that now meet air quality standards.

You can read about these and many other accomplishments in the [FY 2020 Report](#). EPA is committed to assisting vulnerable communities to become cleaner, healthier, and more prosperous places to live, work, learn and play. The [FY 2020 Report](#) shows how EPA is collaborating with partners, supporting communities, and ensuring that EJ is integrated into the work of every EPA programs and regional office. EPA is also working to align programs, policies and investments to support economically distressed communities, including those in Opportunity Zones.

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