

**Journal #6168** from sdc 1.29.26

*Political magic*

*National park signs related to Native Americans, climate change to be removed*

*Original Journals of Lewis and Clark Expedition 1804-06*

*The Trump administration has secretly rewritten nuclear safety rules*

*Sea Change: Unlikely Allies and a Success Story of Oceanic Proportions*

*AICLS 2026 Young Advocates Cohort Application*

*Hateful spending never works*

*Scholarships and other educational opportunities*

*Be a White House Intern*

*Christi Walker Carpenter*



## National park signs related to Native Americans, climate change to be removed

### [Erasure of History and Science Spreads At National Parks ..](#)

#### [National Parks Conservation Association](#)

<https://www.npca.org > articles > 11292-erasure-of-hist...>

This dangerous campaign to erase history and science is a tremendous insult to the national parks we know and love.

### [US national parks told to remove signs on mistreatment of ...](#)

#### [Reuters](#) <https://www.reuters.com > world > us-national-parks-tol...>

[U.S. officials this month ordered \*national parks\* to remove dozens of \*signs\* and displays related to the mistreatment of \*Native Americans\* by ...](#)

### [Trump Administration Orders Removal of More Signage on ...](#)

#### [Sierra Club](#) <https://www.sierraclub.org > press-releases > 2026/01 > tr...>

[The Trump Administration has ordered the removal of more interpretive \*signage\* referencing climate change and \*Native American\* history at ...](#)

## And AI chimed in: AI Overview

As of January 2026, the Trump administration has ordered the removal or editing of national park signs detailing the violent removal of Indigenous tribes from, and mistreatment of Native Americans at, parks like the Grand Canyon, Glacier, and Yellowstone. These actions aim to remove content deemed to "disparage Americans" and sanitize history.

## Current Status of Native American Information in Parks

- **Sign Removal:** Following a 2025 executive order, many signs detailing Native American history, particularly regarding conflict and forced removal, are being taken down.
- **Affected Parks:** Iconic locations targeted for these removals include Glacier, Grand Canyon, Zion, Big Bend, and Yellowstone National Parks.
- **Content Focus:** Signs being removed often describe how national parks were established on land from which the U.S. military forcibly removed Native tribes.
- **Previous Efforts:** Prior to the 2025–2026 removals, some parks, such as Craters of the Moon National Monument, worked with tribes to install interpretive signs about Indigenous history and culture.

## Contextual Changes

- **Directive:** The removals are part of a broader directive aimed at revising how American history is presented, focusing on a more positive, non-critical narrative.
- **Opposition:** The Sierra Club and [National Parks Conservation Association](#) have criticized these actions as a "whitewash" of history and a restriction of accurate, scholarly information.
- **Alternative Info:** Some, though few, remaining signs may reflect collaborative efforts with local tribes, notes the [National Park Service](#).

National Parks are currently undergoing significant changes to their educational signage regarding Native American history. Recent directives from the **Trump Administration** have initiated a widespread "review" and removal of interpretive signs that discuss the mistreatment of Indigenous peoples.

#### Current Status of Signage

- **Removal Orders:** In January 2026, the administration ordered the removal of signs in at least 17 parks, including [Grand Canyon](#), [Glacier](#), [Big Bend](#), and [Zion](#).
- **Content Targeted:** Signage detailing how settlers exploited land for mining or pushed tribes off their land has been removed to align with "shared national values" and "patriotic values".
- **Reporting Signs:** New signs have been posted asking visitors to report any informational materials that are "negative about either past or living Americans".

#### Examples of Affected Sites



##### [Grand Canyon National Park](#)

Staff removed exhibits that mentioned the forced removal of tribes and the exploitation of land by settlers.



##### [Acadia National Park](#)

##### [National park](#)

##### [OpenMaine](#)

Signs regarding Indigenous history and its intersection with environmental changes were removed as early as late 2025.



### [Castillo de San Marcos National Monument](#)

[Closed 11 S Castillo Dr](#)

Exhibits discussing the imprisonment of Native Americans by the U.S. government have been flagged for review or removal.



### [Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Historical landmark](#)

[Closed 55411 County Rd W](#)

Existing interpretive materials are undergoing an extensive review to ensure they emphasize "the greatness of American achievements".

### **Where to Find Accurate Information**

Because physical signs are being removed, advocacy groups recommend alternative digital and community resources:

- **National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA):** Provides detailed case studies on [Tribal Co-Management](#) and historical context that may no longer be visible on-site.
- **ExploreHere App:** An archive where users can submit photos of original signs to preserve historical narratives before they are altered.
- **Tribal Government Websites:** Many tribes, such as the Blackfoot Nation (Glacier ) or Navajo Nation ([Grand Canyon](#) ), provide their own historical perspectives and visitor information.

Are you looking for information on a **specific National Park**, or would you like to see a list of **tribal-led tours** nearby?

**National park signs related to Native Americans, climate change to be removed**  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2026/01/27/national-parks-signs-censorship/>

## [Original journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1804-1806](#)

### [The University of Virginia](#)

<https://xtf.lib.virginia.edu> > [xtf](#) > [view](#) > [uvaBook](#) > [tei](#)

Original journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1804-1806 Lewis Meriwether 1774-1809 University of Virginia Library, Modern English collection ...

<https://currently.att.yahoo.com/creators/lifestyle/story/from-a-factory-job-to-a-900-million-business-deal-khaby-lames-rise-is-almost-unreal-200409383.html>

**His story inspires us not to let obstacles stand in the way of pursuing our dreams. Trying is the first step to success, and every failure is an opportunity to learn and grow. Keep moving forward, believe in yourself, and surround yourself with positive influences. Your breakthrough may be just around the corner!**

### **The Trump administration has secretly rewritten nuclear safety rules**

[https://www.npr.org/2026/01/28/nx-s1-5677187/nuclear-safety-rules-rewritten-trump?utm\\_source=firefox-newtab-en-us](https://www.npr.org/2026/01/28/nx-s1-5677187/nuclear-safety-rules-rewritten-trump?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us)

For years, overfishing threatened to irrevocably transform our oceans, rivers, and lakes: Fish stocks were collapsing, coastal economies were failing, and policymakers were trapped in a cycle of ineffective bans and short-term fixes. [Sea Change: Unlikely Allies and a Success Story of Oceanic Proportions](#) is the captivating tale of what happened instead, not just at a policy level, but in the lives of the people on the front lines of this crisis.

In an eye-opening excerpt from the book, authors James Workman and Amanda Leland dive into an unexpected source of progress: McDonald's. The fast-food chain's Filet-O-Fish has been a mainstay for years now, but when it was first launched, back in the 1960s, supplying enough fish to meet demand for the popular sandwich was a complicated task. [The solution that the restaurant and the fishing industry ultimately found](#) has proven wildly successful — and it's created a sustainable system that reduces waste *and* makes profits more equitable. [https://katiecouric.com/news/sustainability/filet-o-fish-alaska-pollock-fishing/?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Ripple\\_Effect\\_Jan27\\_2026&utm\\_term=Ripple\\_Effect](https://katiecouric.com/news/sustainability/filet-o-fish-alaska-pollock-fishing/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Ripple_Effect_Jan27_2026&utm_term=Ripple_Effect)

### **Young Advocates - Application Closing January 31, 2026 - Apply Now**

Calling all California Natives (aged 16-24) who are invested in Indigenous language reclamation, revitalization, and strengthening efforts! You are invited to apply to the inaugural Young Advocates Cohort.

**Application Link:** [AICLS 2026 Young Advocates Cohort Application](<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScaBCVjOP412akcOkHPnidzdH80fHKgR5YWxV2YKkdxVdHEbw/viewform>).

### **Hateful spending never works**

Just in terms of the Big Beautiful Bill, immigration enforcement costs are around \$170 billion

**MARK TRAHANT**

JAN  
27



*Revisit Minnesota: A shuffle, a pause  
Now let's revisit those hateful laws  
more resignations won't suffice  
Tell Congress to skip funding ICE*

The strongest polling numbers (the only strong polling numbers) that President Trump had before this month were on immigration. That's collapsed. Think about that: Trump's signature issue is gone.

Here from the [YouGov poll](#):

A majority (57%) of Americans somewhat or strongly disapprove of the way ICE is handling its job. Only 37% approve. Among Americans who have strong opinions about ICE, the divide is even starker. About half (48%) of Americans strongly disapprove, twice as many as the share who strongly approve: about one-quarter (23%).

Majorities of Democrats (83%) and Independents (54%) strongly disapprove of the way ICE is handling its job. In contrast, about half (51%) of Republicans strongly approve of ICE's job handling and only 7% strongly disapprove.

A bit of bias context: I am definitely in the minority on this issue. I think migration is a human right. To my way of thinking governments should work to make life better on both sides of any border, rather than orchestrating military-style border confrontations.

We spend far too much on this hateful immigration policy. Just in terms of the Big Beautiful Bill, the enforcement costs are around \$170 billion. The appropriations bill before the Senate now would add another \$400 million for ICE detention infrastructure and another \$370 million for enforcement.

To put this in context the FBI's budget is \$10 billion.

**A little history: One of the main reasons the Indian war era ended was its cost. An 1890 report by the U.S. Census put it this way: "The military expenditures have exceeded the cost of civil administration by hundreds of millions of dollars."**

INDIAN WARS, THEIR COST, AND CIVIL EXPENDITURES. <span style="float: right;">641</span>									
COST OF THE INDIANS TO THE UNITED STATES.									
CIVIL EXPENDITURE FROM JULY 4, 1776, TO JUNE 30, 1890.									
<i>Beginning with the Declaration of Independence, the expenditures of Indian administration on account of treaties and other expenses, including yearly payments for annuities and kindred charges to the government, from July 4, 1776, to June 30, 1890, were annually as follows:</i>									
YEARS.	Amount.	YEARS.	Amount.	YEARS.	Amount.	YEARS.	Amount.		
Total.....	\$250,044,082.34	1801.....	\$110,500.00	1834.....	\$1,003,033.20	1861.....	\$2,339,975.97		
July 4, 1776, to December 31, 1776.....	42,928.64	1805.....	196,500.00	1836.....	1,706,444.46	1865.....	5,620,300.71		
1777.....	37,622.28	1806.....	234,200.00	1838.....	5,007,622.88	1866.....	3,235,729.32		
1778.....	10,322.11	1807.....	205,425.00	1837.....	4,348,036.10				
1779.....	3,326.45	1808.....	213,575.00	1838.....	5,504,191.34		103,422,468.03		
1780.....	2,337.70	1809.....	337,603.84	1839.....	2,528,017.28				
1781.....	2,195.60	1810.....	177,625.00	1840.....	2,331,736.88	1867.....	4,542,351.77		
1782.....	905.00	1811.....	151,876.00	1841.....	2,514,637.12	1868.....	4,139,082.53		
1783.....	1,718.00	1812.....	277,845.00	1842.....	1,130,060.68	1869.....	7,042,022.66		
1784.....	4,541.48	1813.....	107,358.28	1843.....	578,371.00	1870.....	3,407,938.15		
1785.....	8,738.88	1814.....	107,394.80	1844.....	1,356,532.30	1871.....	7,428,097.44		
1786.....	27,092.35	1815.....	530,750.00	1845.....	1,530,351.35	1872.....	7,061,728.82		
1787.....	750.00	1816.....	274,512.10	1846.....	1,027,693.64	1873.....	7,951,704.68		
1788.....	4,747.10	1817.....	319,368.71	1847.....	1,436,411.30	1874.....	6,692,362.06		
1789.....	2,036.00	1818.....	605,764.27	1848.....	1,322,296.81	1875.....	6,384,658.23		
1790 and 1790.....	2,036.00	1819.....	403,181.30	1849.....	1,374,161.65	1876.....	5,360,658.17		
1791.....	27,000.00	1820.....	316,760.01	1850.....	1,063,591.47	1877.....	5,277,007.22		
1792.....	13,518.85	1821.....	477,003.44	1851.....	2,820,891.77	1878.....	4,620,280.58		
1793.....	27,282.81	1822.....	575,007.41	1852.....	3,043,570.04	1879.....	5,236,100.68		
1794.....	13,042.45	1823.....	390,781.82	1853.....	3,880,494.12	1880.....	6,945,957.09		
1795.....	25,476.94	1824.....	429,087.90	1854.....	1,550,339.59	1881.....	9,514,101.09		
1796.....	113,560.98	1825.....	724,106.44	1855.....	1,726,006.76	1882.....	9,739,747.40		
1797.....	62,806.58	1826.....	743,447.83	1856.....	2,514,293.07	1883.....	7,392,650.34		
1798.....	10,470.09	1827.....	756,624.88	1857.....	4,354,418.87	1884.....	6,475,990.10		
1799.....	20,102.10	1828.....	705,084.24	1858.....	4,978,290.18	1885.....	6,552,495.00		
1800.....	32.22	1829.....	570,344.74	1859.....	3,490,534.53	1886.....	6,090,155.60		
1801.....	9,000.00	1830.....	622,282.47	1860.....	2,991,121.54	1887.....	6,194,623.00		
1802.....	84,000.00	1831.....	530,738.64	1861.....	2,895,481.17	1888.....	6,249,308.00		
1803.....	60,000.00	1832.....	1,865,419.76	1862.....	2,327,048.37	1889.....	6,892,208.99		
1804.....		1833.....	1,862,982.93	1863.....	3,152,912.70	1890.....	6,768,047.90		

The report concluded that a “constant” state of war with tribal nations was not cost effective. (*bf mine. sdc*)

This is true now, too. There are better ways of addressing the overall issues regarding immigration and borders.

Brookings Senior Fellow William A. Galston wrote two years ago:

However, there are deeper reasons for the deadlock over immigration. The last comprehensive immigration reform was enacted almost four decades ago, during Ronald Reagan’s presidency. This bill represented a grand bargain between elected officials who sought to extend legal protection to millions of migrants who had entered the U.S. illegally and officials who were most concerned about stemming the flow of such migrants. The bill accomplished the former but had no discernible impact on the latter, leading many conservatives to denounce it as an “amnesty” bill.

Bottom line. A comprehensive policy that rethinks immigration policy, including an accommodation of the people here now, is far cheaper and much more practical than the enforcement model that’s in place with Donald J. Trump. We are spending too much on hate.

And it’s looking like more Americans are coming around on that.

Again from the latest YouGov poll:

More Americans support than oppose abolishing ICE (46% vs. 41%). This marks a slight increase from earlier this month, when three YouGov polls found that the share of Americans who supported eliminating ICE as a federal agency was roughly equal to the share who opposed it: 46% to 43% in one poll, 42% vs. 45% in another, and 45% vs. 45% in a third.

Democrats overwhelmingly support eliminating ICE (76% vs. 15%), as do nearly half of Independents (47% vs. 35%). Most Republicans (73%) continue to oppose abolishing ICE. Only 19% of Republicans support eliminating the agency, but that’s a higher level than in any of the polls from earlier this month.

The pause in Minneapolis may be good news for now. But the policy hasn’t changed and it’s not going to work. Ever. Even as we continue to waste billions of dollars.

---

**Apply Here**

Applications are now open for the 2026-2028 Obama-Chesky Voyager Scholarship for Public Service!

The Obama Foundation is looking for current college sophomores and community college transfer students interested in pursuing a career in public service. If you are seeking a transformative leadership development and scholarship program that includes financial aid to ease the burden of college debt, an immersive work-travel experience, and access to a powerful network of mentors, then this program is for you!

We need your help to spread the word! [Please apply now or send this to a college sophomore in your life who might be interested.](#)



# Voyager Scholarship

Apply to join the  
next cohort of Voyagers!

[Learn more](#)

Started by the Obamas and Brian Chesky, the CEO and co-founder of Airbnb, the Voyager Scholarship gives students with demonstrated financial need a deeper understanding of the issues they are passionate about, exposes them to new communities and perspectives, and inspires them to solve the world's biggest challenges.

The program has enabled students to travel to every corner of the globe during their Summer Voyages– from Bolivia to work on gender-based violence prevention trainings, to Alaska to learn about indigenous approaches to climate resilience, to Morocco to support migrant education initiatives, and many places in between. The Voyager Scholarship has exposed students to meaningful learning opportunities and ways to engage with the world that would not otherwise be possible.

The application closes on March 17, 2026, and we need your help to spread the word!

[Apply today or share with a college sophomore in your life who could benefit from the Voyager Scholarship.](#)

–The Obama Foundation

[Apply now](#)

# World Learning offers free, virtual exchange programs.

## Apply or share with someone you know.

For **high school students in the United States and Latin America**

[English-Spanish Language Exchange](#) | March 2-April 26, 2026

**Applications** for The Experiment Digital's English-Spanish Language Exchange are due **February 2, 2026**. This fully funded, 8-week program convenes students to build language skills, enrich vocabulary, and gain insights into different cultures and customs. This program is for high school students in the U.S. and Latin America.

[Register for a Virtual Office Hour](#) held on Friday, January 30, 2026, at 5:00 - 6:00 PM (Eastern Time)

For **undergraduate and graduate students in the United States, Algeria, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia**

[STEAM Innovations](#) | March 16-April 26, 2026

**Applications** for World Learning's STEAM Innovations are due **February 15, 2026**. This fully funded, 8-week virtual exchange prepares students to explore a career in STEAM, engage in their local community, and practice their language skills. This program is open to undergraduate and graduate students (ages 18-34) from the United States, Algeria, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia.

**Interested in an in-person experience abroad?**

There may be discounts and scholarships available to you or to family members. For high school summer abroad programs, visit [The Experiment's website](#) and for undergraduate or graduate programs visit [SIT's website](#).

---

**Breath of Life 2026**

**Archival Institute for Indigenous California Languages**

Offered in partnership with the UC Berkeley, this institute provides training in linguistics, research skills and language revitalization practices. Participants learn how to access the UC Berkeley archives through hands on tours, database access and research, partnering with linguists who assist them. Breath of Life participants end the week with a project on their language, and leave with materials, ideas and new energy for their language work.

**Applications Coming Soon - February 9, 2026**

**Questions? Email us at [bol@aicls.org](mailto:bol@aicls.org).**

**[Read More](#)**

## Mark Your Calendars, Save the Dates!

Our AICLS events calendar for the first half of 2026 is here, and we're really looking forward to gathering with you. Some details are still taking shape, so stay tuned—we'll be sharing more soon. We hope you'll join us when you can!

## Resources

### Language Practice Strategies by Maymi Preston-Donahue

**Find Your Peak Time:** Study when you're most alert (e.g., 10 am - 2 pm window or early morning/late evening) for maximum brainpower, but adapt to your personal energy levels.

**Chunk it Out (Pomodoro/15-30-15):** Break times into small, focused intervals (e.g., 15 mins new material, 30 mins practice, 15 mins review) to maintain focus and fit it in.

**Schedule & Protect Time:** Treat language study like an important appointment; put it in your digital calendar and avoid canceling.

**Integrate & Habit Stack:** Pair language learning with existing routines (e.g., listening to recording with your master/old session while commuting or getting ready for the day, call your master or another language student, and reviewing flashcards while waiting).

### Mellon Foundation Native American Scholars Initiative (NASI) Predoctoral Fellowship - Deadline February 9

The American Philosophical Society's Library & Museum in Philadelphia seeks applicants for a nine-month, residential predoctoral fellowship for graduate students, especially Native American and Indigenous scholars in training and those working collaboratively with Indigenous communities.

### Symposium on Northwest American Indigenous Languages (SNAIL) 2026 — Call for Presenters due February 20th

#### Call for Papers:

Anonymous abstracts are invited for talks on any topic relevant to Indigenous languages of the Pacific Northwest, a geographic area ranging from Alaska to Northern California, to Montana (including British Columbia). This conference, hosted by Northwest Indigenous Language Institute (NILI) and the Northwest Native American Language Resource Center (NW-NALRC), seeks to provide a venue for language speakers, artists, communities, and linguists to come together to share knowledge, foster collaboration, and celebrate the beauty and diversity of languages within the Pacific Northwest.

[Submit Abstract Here](#)

[Read More](#)



[Apply now](#)

## **Apply to be a White House Intern**

The White House Internship Program is a public service leadership program that provides a unique opportunity to gain valuable professional experience and build leadership skills. Learn more about applying to be a White House Intern today!

[Learn more](#)

The White House Internship Program's mission is to make the "People's House" accessible to future leaders from around the nation.

The White House Internship Program is a public service leadership program that provides a unique opportunity to gain valuable professional experience and build leadership skills. This program is designed to mentor and cultivate today's young leaders, strengthen their understanding of the Executive Office, and prepare them for future public service opportunities.

The President, First Lady, and White House staff are committed to providing young leaders an opportunity to develop their leadership skills and serve their country through the White House Internship Program. This program was developed to provide hands-on experience and cultivate meaningful skills.

A select group of young men and women from across the country dedicate their time, talents, energy, and service to better the White House and the Nation. These committed citizens become part of the White House team. The assignments given to an intern on any given day could include: conducting research, managing incoming inquiries, attending meetings, writing memos, and staffing events.

While interns' responsibilities and tasks vary by department, all interns are united through weekly events, including a speaker series and professional development opportunities. Most importantly, the internship experience emphasizes community, and interns will be provided the opportunity to participate in volunteer projects.

The Summer 2026 White House Internship Program will center on leadership development and community impact while embracing the storied history of the White House as the training ground for equipping the next generation of leaders.

The Fall 2026 White House Internship Program application will launch on March 9, 2026.

Learn how to apply [here](#)!

[Apply now](#)



**Cristi Walker** (aka Sammy) passed away in Boise, Idaho on Sunday, January 4th, 2026. She was born in Owyhee, Nevada on October 6, 1967, to Maggie & George Walker.

Cristi grew up as most ranch kids do helping around the place, riding horses and being a ranch kid. During high school she participated in sports, volleyball being her favorite, and was an active FFA member participating in many state level activities. After graduating from Owyhee High School, she gave college a try but it wasn't for her. She worked at the D Bar M western store and Van Dyne Roofing in Reno before working her way towards home. She spent the majority of her life on the Walker Ranch raising cattle and horses while working for the Shoshone-Paiute finance department as a payroll clerk and a travel coordinator. Cristi also served as a council member for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes for several years.

Cristi met Ryan Carpenter in 2007 and they were married in 2012, making Owyhee their home where they operated their family ranch. Cristi and Ryan took in and helped raised several young people throughout the years instilling the ranch life work ethic with those they cared for. Cristi was a very strong advocate for youth leadership and education in supporting the FFA students in Owyhee. Her love, support, and enthusiasm was embracing. Cristi, a devoted ranch woman whose life was rooted in hard work and the love of the ranch life grew up learning the values of perseverance, honesty, and responsibility-lessons she carried throughout her life. She spent many years working on the ranch, where she was known for her tireless work ethic, steady hands, and deep respect for her animals (she loved her dog, Doc) and the ranch she cared for. She had a quiet strength, generous heart, and a way of making everyone feel welcome, often with a hot meal, listening ear, or a shared laugh. Her wisdom was practical, her kindness genuine, and her love for her family unwavering.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father, Maggie & George Walker; grandparents, Elizabeth & Web Brady; grandparents, Inez & Castro Walker.

Cristi is survived by husband, Ryan Carpenter; sister, Fern Walker (Iggy Dunn) of Wadsworth; brothers, Clint Walker (Earla), Ira Walker (Tammy) of Owyhee, Jon Walker (Diana) of Reno; several nieces and nephews as well as numerous extended family members and friends.

Cristi requested private services with a family celebration of life to be announced at a later date. Cristi leaves behind a legacy as enduring as the cowgirl way of life she loved-and a life well-lived. May you forever ride, where the ropes stay true, the horses run free, and roads lead home.