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Bury My Heart in Pine Ridge

Darrel VanDyke, PhD, raconteur
“Have you ever had a memory sneak out of our eye and roll down your cheek? I do all the time when I come here because it’s sacred land.”

- Darren Parry of the Shoshone Nation

He continues . . . “I want the world to be able to see it the way I see it. And not only see it, but feel it.”
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Plains Ojibwe
Approximate tribal locations prior to European contact.
La’ko’ta, not La’kota
The U.S. Civil War

There were two emancipations
1) Southern slaves
2) And as soon as the war was over, the white man to focus now on the west
How did Pine Ridge Reservation come to be?

• Similar story as told across the United States during the 1800’s.
• The white Europeans brought technology to the “new country” that the people here had never seen before.
• “Trust me”, coupled with guns/gun powder, and horses WITH saddles was about to alter a continent.
• And they just kept coming.
• In 1867, President Grant ordered General Sheridan to take care of “plains problem.”
• Sheridan declared war on the bison. Speaking to Congress in 1875, he said of the bison hunters, “Let them kill, skin, and sell until the buffaloes are exterminated.”
• In a mere 3 years, he almost succeeded.
“When mountain households entered the coal camps, the trapdoor of dependency slammed shut behind them.”

Steven Stoll, 2017, *Ramp Hollow*
History/Story Time – The Massacre of Wounded Knee

• 7th Calvary still reeling from Custer’s / Sitting Bull’s battle
• Sitting Bull had just been killed while on a reservation in eastern SD
• 1890, Spotted Elk took 350 braves/families and headed west to Red Cloud’s camp on Pine Ridge for refuge
• 7th Calvary intercepted Indians and had them camp at Wounded Knee Creek
• 7th Calvary supported by more troops that brought “Gatling” guns
• No one will ever know who/why a single shot was fired in a morning
• Army let loose a barrage of firing – killing braves, women, children – chasing for miles to kill them
• Newspapers published this story – sides were taken across American
Imagine for moment . . .

A person approaches you and wants to buy your house and 1,000 acres for $10,000,000.

The contract reads that all the buyer wants to do is to walk through your land peacefully, and you can keep your land! Pretty good deal, huh?
1868 – Fort Laramie Treaty

- General William Tecumseh Sherman
- Fixed boundaries of the Great Sioux Nation Reservation
  - Comprised western SD, parts of Wyoming, Montana, ND, and NE
  - Rockies on the west, Missouri River on the east
  - “Absolute and undisturbed use and occupation” for the Sioux
- The Sioux (aka Lakota) had literally thousands upon thousands of people and were prepared to fight to the death
- Signed treaty – “a pipe” was smoked thus making the treaty sacred
- The U.S. . . . Not so much . . . They regarded it as something that could be altered, let’s say, if miners wanted into the area, or if simply whites wanted to settle therein
Early 1900’s Sioux leaders from Crazy Horse’s generation started negotiations with Feds to get land back
- 1920 Sioux filed claim to get land back – Feds rejected it
- 1946 Indian Claims Commission was formed to specifically provide payment for taking land
- 1950 Sioux filed claim on Black Hills; awarded $17.5 million
- 1980 ICC awarded $106 million to Sioux
- Sioux leaders said, “The Black Hills are not for sale.”
- Money is in escrow and worth over $500,000,000 today
Time to move forward a mere 120 years

Approximately 5 people per square mile

Approximately 19,000 population on the rez*

3,468 square miles

10.59 square acres water

Denton County: approximately 663,000 population
   953 square miles

* Tough number to count . . . There are tens of thousands more Lakota living on other reservations and in other cities
Massacre of Wounded Knee
• Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is alive and strong
• Pine Ridge Rez is comprised of 9 districts
• Each district has its own management
• All districts report to a central management
On the Rez today

• What is the national average life expectancy? 78.6
• On the Rez? ~47 men, 52 women
• What is national diabetes rate? 9.4%
• On the Rez? ~>30%
• What is national average income? ~$57,000
• On the Rez? ~$12,000
• Government subsidies still go on as they did 100 years ago; ah, good ol’ “Fry Bread”
On the Rez today

• School drop-out rate approaches 70%
• Not one bank institution exists
• ~$80 in federal money is dolled out annually, but little exchanges hands on the Rez
• Few jobs
• Housing is sparse (and Spartan)
• Alcoholism is rampant
• Healthcare lacking in general
• Dentistry hygiene woefully lacking
• No public transportation – transportation in general is basic
• Abuse of women and children is . . . Prevelant
• Schools are marginal, but . . . one stands out
• Small (but solid) number go on to university
Casinos

• Do casinos make Indians rich? There are 500+ federally recognized Indian Tribes; about 238 offer gaming of some sort. 28 earn more than 65% of all gaming revenue.
• Chippewa (~1,000) in Wisconsin receive $5,000 - $8,000 each annually
• Luiseno (~1,000) in California receive $290,000 each annually!
• Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux (~480) near Minneapolis receive $1,000,800 each annually!

Very, very, very complicated arrangement and history of this even getting started! We don’t have time – this could be a class unto itself!
Without a doubt, one of the greatest generals ever in North America. The last great Native American chief.
What can you do?

• If you travels take you to South Dakota, spend a few hours on the Rez
• Visit Wounded Knee
• Visit Singing Horse Trading post, and say say “hi” to Rosie
• Visit the Badlands
• If you want to be generous in donations, think about our Native Americans
• Breath in the spirit of the place in some quiet place
• Visit Red Cloud’s grave
WWW.STJO.ORG

About St. Joseph’s Indian School

Since 1927, St. Joseph’s Indian School has served Lakota (Sioux) children and families.
• 30 million pieces of a mail a year - raising more than $50 million
• "My dad drinks and hits me ... my mom chose drugs over me ... my home on the reservation isn't a safe place for me to be," wrote Josh Little Bear.
• The Christmas appeal introduced "Emily High Elk." A year ago when her family brought her to the school, the letter says, "(y)ou could see the hopelessness she felt in her dark brown eyes."
• Emily High Elk nor Josh Little Bear exists (St. Joseph admitted to this)
• According to its own financial statement, St. Joseph's has abundant assets. Cash on hand was listed at more than $122 million, an increase of more than $18.5 million over the previous year.
• Lakota people says this is shameful, and are against it
On the other hand . . . (if you want to make donations)

**Native American Heritage Association** (Rapid City, SD)

seems to be worthwhile according to my research*

* This is NOT a plug for them . . . Please contact them for more detail
Some notable Oglala/Lakota names

Chief Crazy Horse
Chief Red Cloud

**Pat Cuny** — Army 83rd Infantry, WWII (along with 24 Navajo “code talkers”, plus many other Native Americans served also)

**Cecilia Fire Thunder** — first woman president of Oglala in 2004

**Chief Kicking Bear** — battle of Little Big Horn

**Old Chief Smoke**

**Chief Touch The Clouds**

**Theresa Two Bulls** - first American Indian woman elected to the South Dakota legislature
Let’s discuss “spirit”
The Lakota

• No prouder group of people exists
• Believe in a spirit that encompasses all they can see and touch
• Are saddled by that darned Laramie Treaty
• Some are quite educated; some leave, some return (the Lakota use the analogy of crabs in a basket)
• Friendly beyond belief – but cautious
• Not all gloom and doom ... there are grants helping out education, housing, etc.
The Lakota
• Like to have fun (traditional dancing, rodeos, etc.)
• Many Lakota households teach the Lakota language to their children; South Dakota bill SB-126 making Lakota official language (just like Hawaiian is in Hawaii) proposed*
• Enjoy story telling
• Enjoy telling you about their own lives
• Have their traditions
• Welcome “whites” – just don’t talk about the pipeline!
*Salpulpa, OK, graduated 14 in Muskogee Creek language
~300,000 Cherokees, of which 22,000 speak the language
The manner of telling a story shapes the tale; words shape the world

Please don’t take away a story of hopelessness and “all is lost”. On the contrary, the Lakota are amazing people in many ways – they have a different culture and simply have a different way of looking at nature. Pine Ridge is their home.
“ON THE REZ”
by Ian Frazier, 2000

“A Voyage Long and Strange: On the Trail of Vikings,
Conquistadors, Lost Colonists, and Other Adventurers
in Early America”
by Tony Horwitz, 2009

“The Heart Beat of Wounded Knee – Native America
from 1890 To The Present”
by David Treuer, 2019

“Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee”
By Dee Brown and Hampton Sides, 2007* (original version 1970)
www.KILIRADIO.org

Voice of the Lakota Nation

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