

# SEXUAL VIOLENCE IS NOT OUR TRADITION



Our Indigenous ways are beautiful, powerful, and are meant to protect, nurture, teach, and pass on to the next generation.



In our stories we find courage, strength, wisdom, and compassion.



Our culture tells us how to treat all living things.



Live to make your ancestors proud.

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"Over the past 500 years American Indians have experienced war, conquest, rape, and genocide, and all of these depredations have disconnected them from both their land and their own bodies."

Deer, Sarah. "The Beginning and End of Rape: Confronting Sexual Violence in Native America." The University of Minnesota Press, 2015, p. xv



**56.1% of Native American women reported sexual violence in her lifetime**

National Intimate Partner Survey NIJ Journal Issue 277 September 2016

**27.5% of Native American men reported sexual violence in his lifetime**

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**40% of sex trafficking victims identified as American Indian/Alaska Native**

NCAI Policy Research Center Tribal Insights Briefing, Spring 2016

**On Average, Native Americans 12 or older experience 5,900 Sexual Assaults per year.**

Dept of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, American Indians and Crime



**47% of respondents to the 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey were sexually assaulted at some point in their lifetime.**

2015 U.S. Transgender Survey

**Approximately 1 in 8 lesbian women (13%), nearly half of bisexual women (46%), have been raped in their lifetime**

Human and Sex Trafficking: Trends and Responses Across Indian Country, (2016)



***We See You | We Believe You | We Honor You***

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