



Elder's Lodge Sexual Assault Council
December 2012
Indian Nation's Conference

Ojibwe Nations (Chippewa)

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa

Fond Du Lac Reservation (Chippewa)

Grand Portage Band of Chippewa Indians

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians

White Earth Reservation

Minnesota





Dakota Nations (Sioux)

Prairie Island Indian Community

Shakopee Mdewakanton
Sioux Community

Lower Sioux Indian Community

Upper Sioux Community

Minnesota

Minnesota Urban Indian Communities



Minneapolis
St. Paul
Bemidji
Duluth
Fargo/Morehead

At the Elder's Lodge we have 42 apartments. Each Native elder has the capacity to reach at least four generations within their family. Each can reach at least 200 people in their professional and social networks.

Therefore, in this urban Indian Community, we have the capacity to impact at least 30% of the Native population. Our networks have the capacity to extend beyond state boundaries, and beyond individual tribal boundaries.

Networking and outreach could take on new meaning when considering the capacity of Native elder's to create social change from the family throughout the community.



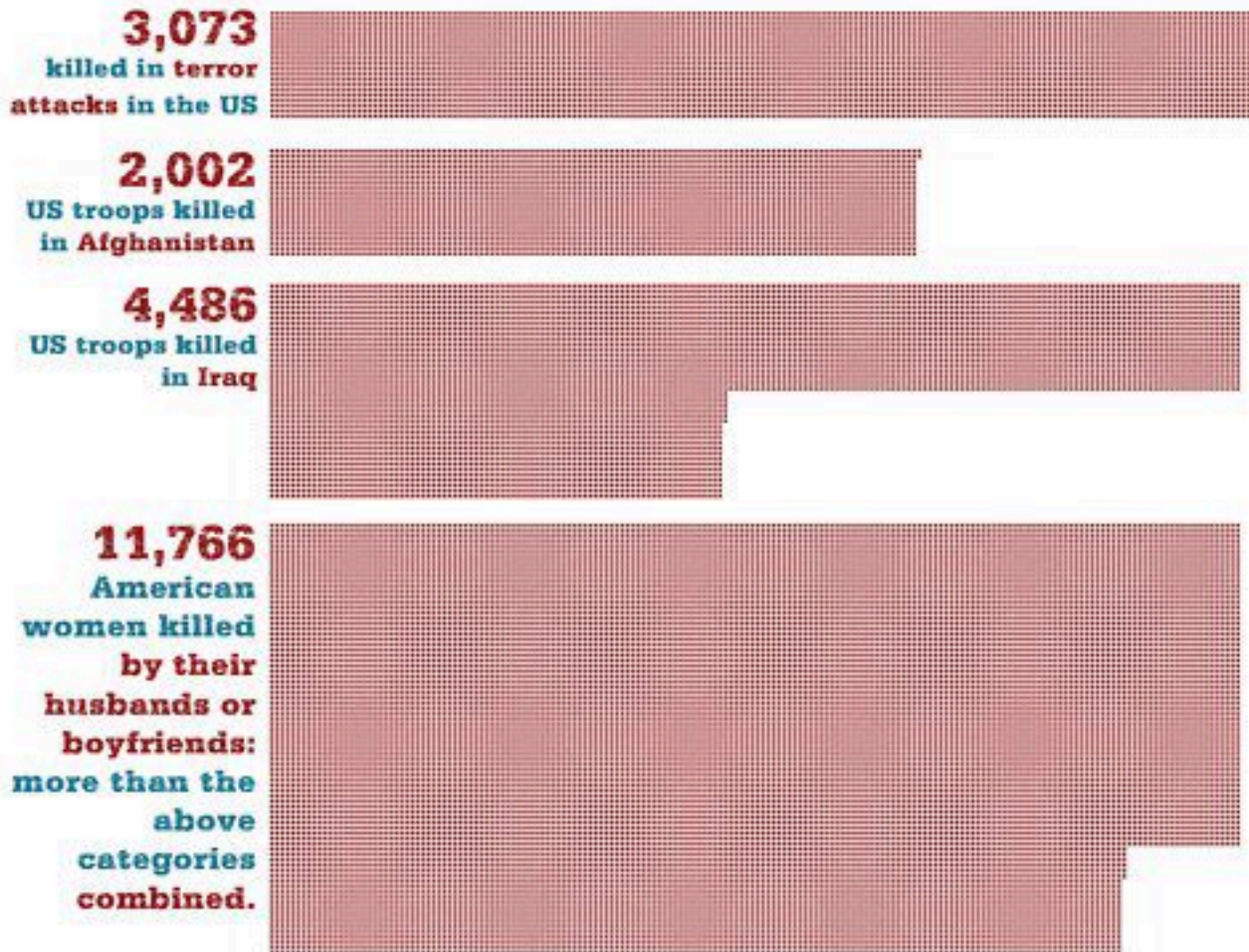
“If you add up all the forms of gynocide, from female infanticide and genital mutilation to so-called honor crimes, sex trafficking, and domestic abuse, everything, we lose about 6 million humans every year just because they were born female. That’s a holocaust every year.”

Gloria Steinem



Prevalence of Sexual Assault Against Native Women
1 in 3 Native Women will be raped in her lifetime.

What War on Women?



Figures from 9/10/2001 to 6/6/2012. Each dot equals one death. Domestic violence stats via Federal Bureau of Investigation. If a loved one is hurting you call 1 (800) 799-SAFE.



As of this time, the Violence Against Women Act still hasn't been renewed by congress. House Republicans continue to block passage of the bill because it grants existing protections to immigrants and Native American tribes. Sexual assaults on Native American women are reportedly at "epidemic levels."

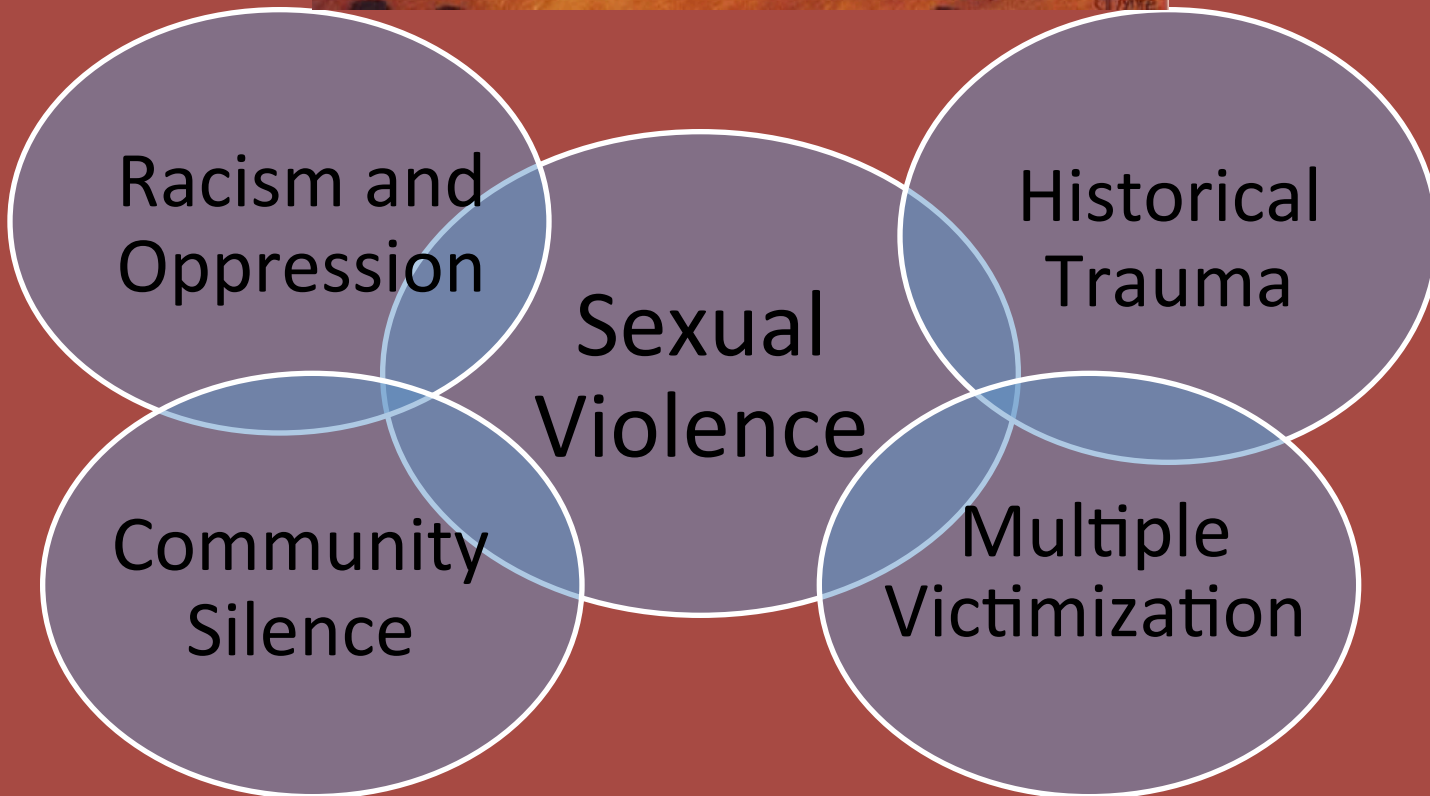


In the current Congress, a provision in the stalled Violence Against Women Act giving tribes more power to prosecute non-Indians for domestic violence and sexual crimes was removed by House Republicans.

Lawlessness on Indian Land
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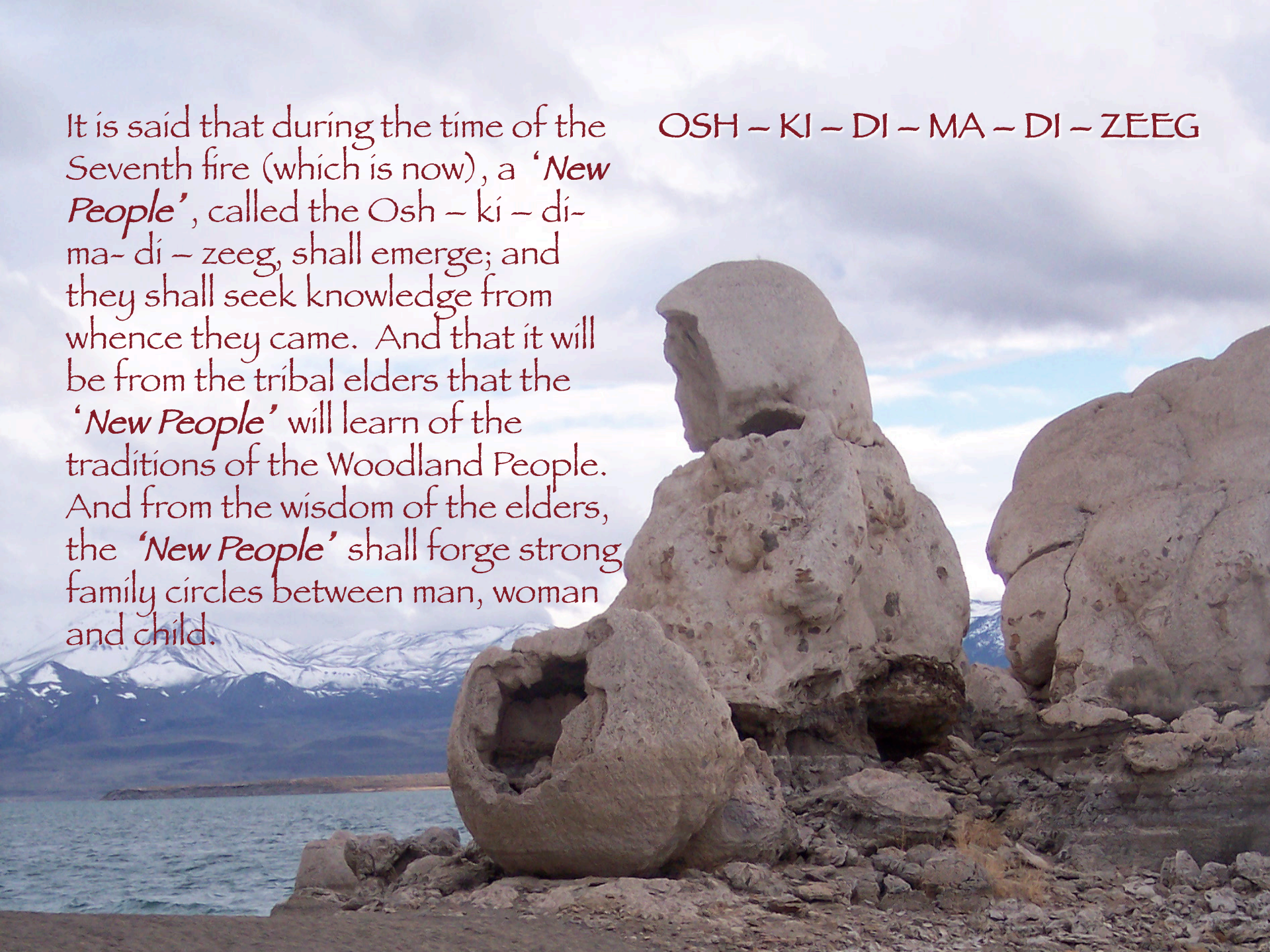
Timothy Williams reported in The Times last week that from 2000 to 2010 homicides on American Indian reservations rose by 41 percent, rapes by 55 percent, and arson and robbery doubled — even as crime rates fell sharply elsewhere in the country.





It is said that during the time of the Seventh fire (which is now), a '*New People*', called the Osh - ki - di - ma - di - zeeg, shall emerge; and they shall seek knowledge from whence they came. And that it will be from the tribal elders that the '*New People*' will learn of the traditions of the Woodland People. And from the wisdom of the elders, the '*New People*' shall forge strong family circles between man, woman and child.

OSH - KI - DI - MA - DI - ZEEG



Mary Jane
&
Christine

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As Native elder's we have the capacity to
'Break the Silence' surrounding sexual violence.

When we begin to mobilize our families and
communities from this direction, we will begin to bring
to an end the 'Boarding School Era' and overcome
the impact of genocidal policies we have endured.



Our ancestors provided us
a legacy of 'safety' and
'respect' rooted in our
'natural laws' and values.

