

“The modern form of bias against Native Americans is the omission of contemporary ideas and representations of the ways in which Native people contribute to society.” -- Reclaiming Native Truth Project Research

We are not invisible!

A new national research project titled “Reclaiming Native Truth” found some of the most damaging misconceptions and biases towards Native Americans today are learned in grades K-12. In fact, 87 percent of history books in the U.S. portray Native Americans as a population existing before 1900, according to a 2014 study on academic standards.

With minimal mention of contemporary issues and ongoing conflicts over land and water rights or tribal sovereignty, Native Americans have become invisible.

This invisibility extends beyond education curriculum to pop culture entertainment, news media, social media and the judicial system. The results are extremely damaging and contributes to bias, discrimination and institutional racism. The report found 40 percent of Americans don’t believe Native Americans even exist.

For the well-being of Native peoples and future generations, these false narratives, the invisibility and erasure of Native peoples must end. Get informed. Be our ally. Visit www.reclaimingnativetruth.com.