

Pauline Brown Diversity Scholarship Abstract

Challenges and Issues in the Native American Culture

Native American communities, cultures, health, and social norms are some of the world's most under researched topics. Why is this? Why act like these communities no longer exist? They experienced decades of mass genocide, but they are still ignored in many aspects such as research, policies, and current events. In my three papers, I dig deep into many different topics in the Indigenous culture, life, and daily challenges. The papers address emotional norms of Native Americans post-colonization, murdered and missing women in Canada and the decline in mental health of native youth. To shed light on these aspects is to share more about and to better understand the Indigenous population in a broader view than just their history of being so called "savages". I shed light so this culture does not disappear or just be read about in history books. To inform others that we are still here, and we were not eliminated!