

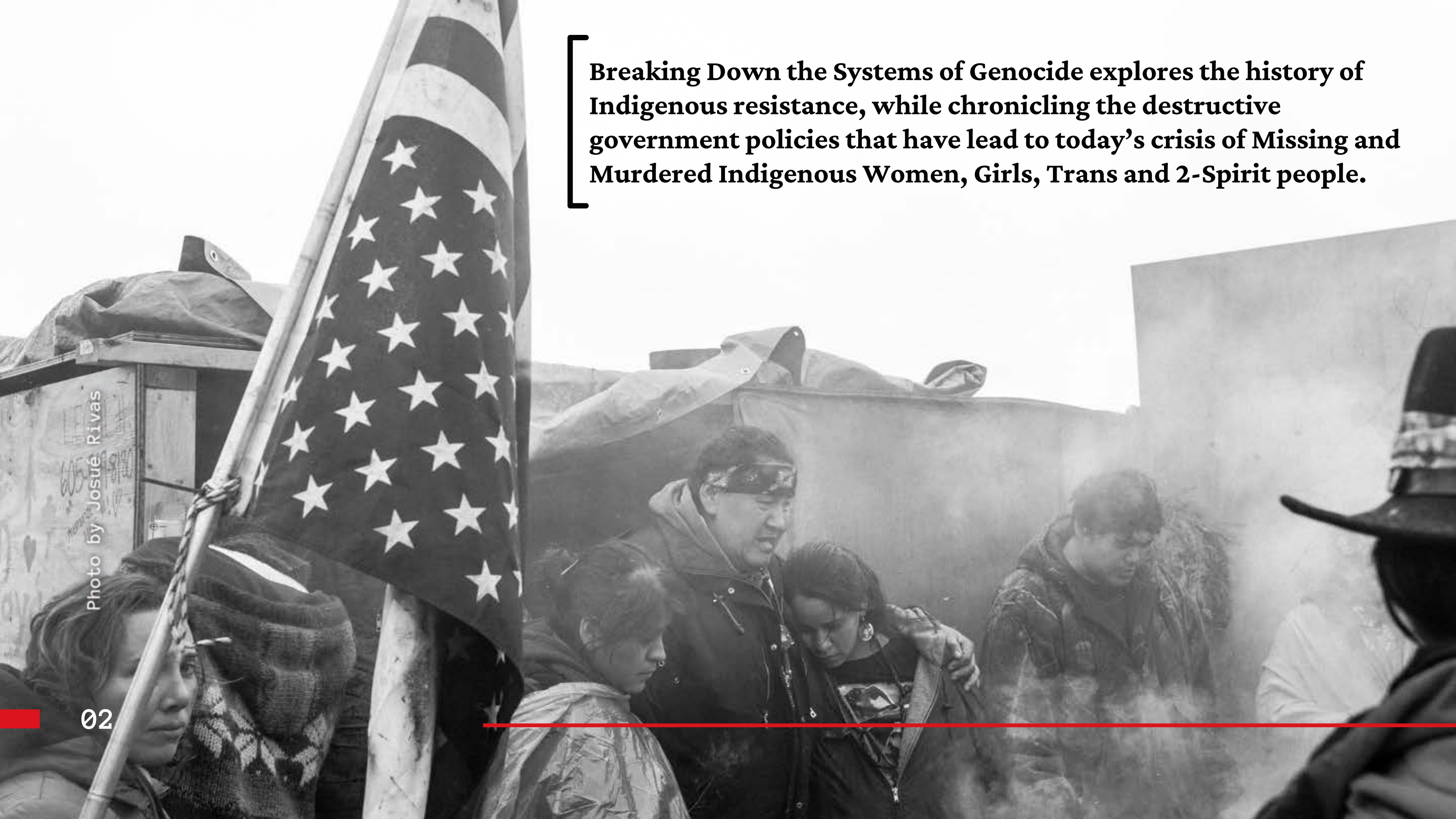
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BREAKING DOWN

THE SYSTEMS OF GENOCIDE

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Breaking Down the Systems of Genocide explores the history of Indigenous resistance, while chronicling the destructive government policies that have lead to today's crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Trans and 2-Spirit people.

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WHY THIS TOPIC? WHY NOW?

"Most Americans feel that what they learned in school about Native culture is inaccurate, and they STRONGLY SUPPORT the need for curriculum change."

- **78% of Americans want to learn more about Native people**
- **Native American characters in film and TV range from Zero to 0.4%**
- **87% of state-level history standards fail to cover Native peoples history in a post-1900 context**
- **79% of African-Americans and 69% of Hispanics want the media to "Do More" to support Native American voices**

SERIES SYNOPSIS

What created the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Trans, and Two-spirit people? We seek to answer that question through an exploration of legal cases, broken treaties and destructive legal policies. Engaging in provocative discourse with Indigenous activists, lawyers and historians we explore how acts of domestic terrorism against Native communities entwined with acts of resistance connect our past with the present.



EPISODE 1

THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY

THE QUESTION:

Who has legal jurisdiction over Native lands on Federal territory?

HISTORICAL EVENTS:

- First Contact
- The Doctrine of Discovery

MODERN CASES/ ISSUES:

- Oak Flat
- McGirt v. Oklahoma

POTENTIAL GUESTS:

- Rebecca Nagle, Indigenous activist & speaker
- Dr. Betty Lyons, Indigenous and environmental activist

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EPISODE 2

TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

QUESTION:

How have attacks on Tribal sovereignty lead to the lack of data on missing Indigenous women?

HISTORICAL EVENTS:

- Trail of Tears
- The Dawes Act
- Indian Termination Policy

MODERN CASES/ ISSUES:

- Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women grassroots movement

POTENTIAL GUESTS:

- Mary Kathryn Nagle, Tribal Lawyer
- Desiree Vargas, Tribal Councilwoman
- Annita Lucchesi, Executive Director of Sovereign Bodies Institute



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EPISODE 3

FOOD EQUITY

QUESTION:

How has the subversion of traditional methods of growing and harvesting food created health inequities within Tribal communities?

HISTORICAL EVENTS:

- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

MODERN CASES/ ISSUES:

- Indigenous Food Sovereignty (IFS)

POTENTIAL GUESTS:

- Brian Yazzie, Navajo Chef
- Tawnya Brant, Mohawk Chef
- Linda Black Elk, Ethnobotanist
- Sean Sherman, The Sioux Chef

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EPISODE 4

CULTURAL LOSS

QUESTION:

How have federal policies been used to separate Native Americans from their own history, culture and tribal lands?

HISTORICAL EVENTS:

- Boarding Schools
- Indian Adoption Project
- Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

MODERN CASES/ ISSUES:

- Mashpee Wampanoag Disestablishment
- Challenges to ICWA , Brackeen vs. Bernhardt

POTENTIAL GUESTS:

- Faith Spotted Eagle , Indigenous activist
- Tracy Rector, Executive Dir. Longhouse Media
- Hartman Deetz, Wampanoag tribal member
- John E. Echohawk, Native American Rights Fund



EPISODE 5

UNDER THE LAND

QUESTION:

How are extractive industries tied to the murders of Native peoples?

HISTORICAL EVENTS

- The Osage Murders
- Kinzua Dam

MODERN CASES/ ISSUES:

- Standing Rock
- Shinnecock Hills

POTENTIAL GUESTS:

- Tara Houska, Tribal attorney & land defender
- David Grann, Author of “Killers of the Flower Moon”
- Tela Troge, Shinnecock Nation attorney
- Chase Iron Eyes, Tribal attorney & water protector

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EPISODE 6

ACTS OF RESISTANCE

QUESTION:

How are Native communities, Tribal leaders and activists reclaiming their land and culture?

HISTORICAL EVENTS

- Wounded Knee
- American Indian Movement (AIM)

MODERN CASES/ ISSUES:

- Stop Line 3
- Standing Rock and #NODAPL
- Land Back, NDN Collective

POTENTIAL GUESTS:

- Dallas Goldtooth, National Campaigner for the Indigenous Environmental Network
- Nick Tilson, NDN Collective
- Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, Author of “An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States.”



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EPISODE 7

MISSING & MURDERED

QUESTION:

Where do we go from here?

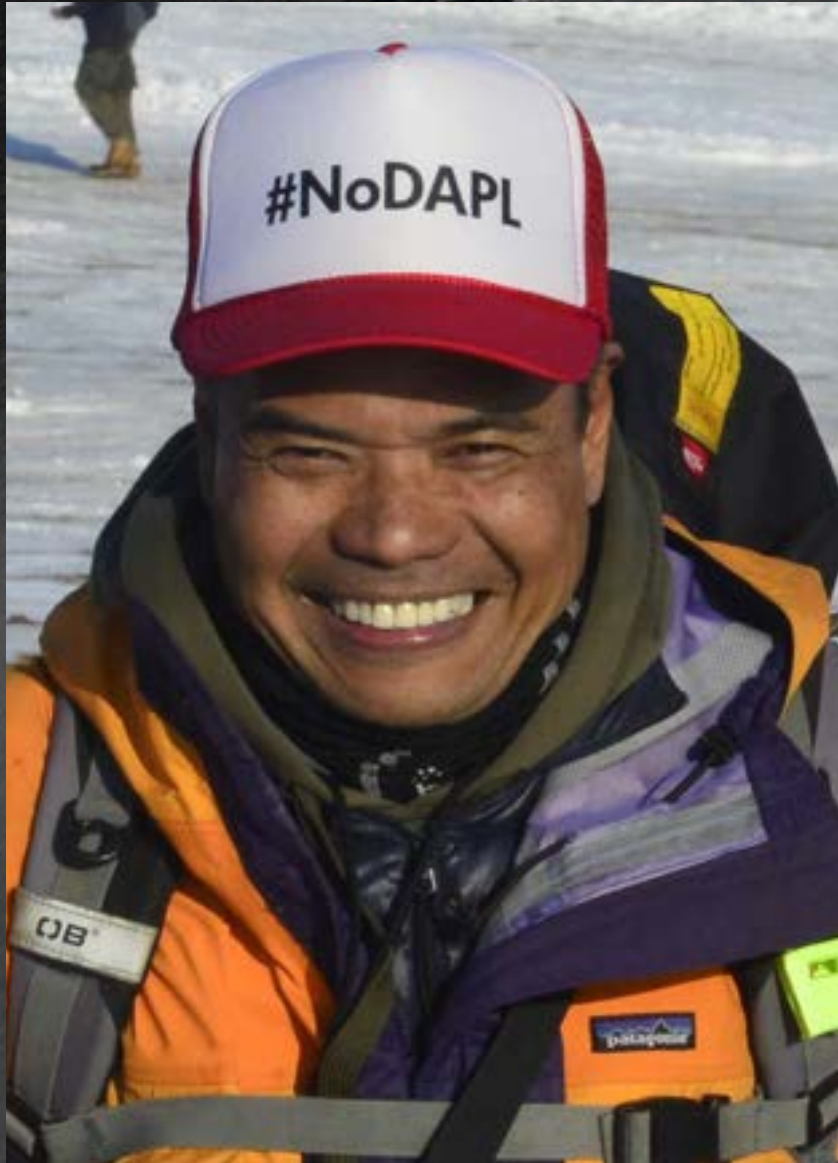
MODERN CASES/ ISSUES:

- **Hanna Harris**
- **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**
- **Savanna's Act**
- **Olivia Lone Bear**
- **Line 3, DAPL, KXL Pipelines**
- **MMIW Task Force, US Govt.**

POTENTIAL GUESTS:

- **Sutton King, President of Urban Indigenous Collective**
- **Jordan Marie Daniel, MMIWGT2S Activist**
- **Deb Haaland, U.S. Secretary of the Interior**

THE TEAM



Renzo Spirit Buffalo



Jen Begeal



Chase Iron Eyes



LeAndra Nephin

A black and white silhouette photograph of four riders on horseback, viewed from behind. They are standing in a line across a field, with their right fists raised in a celebratory gesture. The background shows a dark, hazy landscape under a dim sky. The text 'THANK YOU' is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font, underlined.

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