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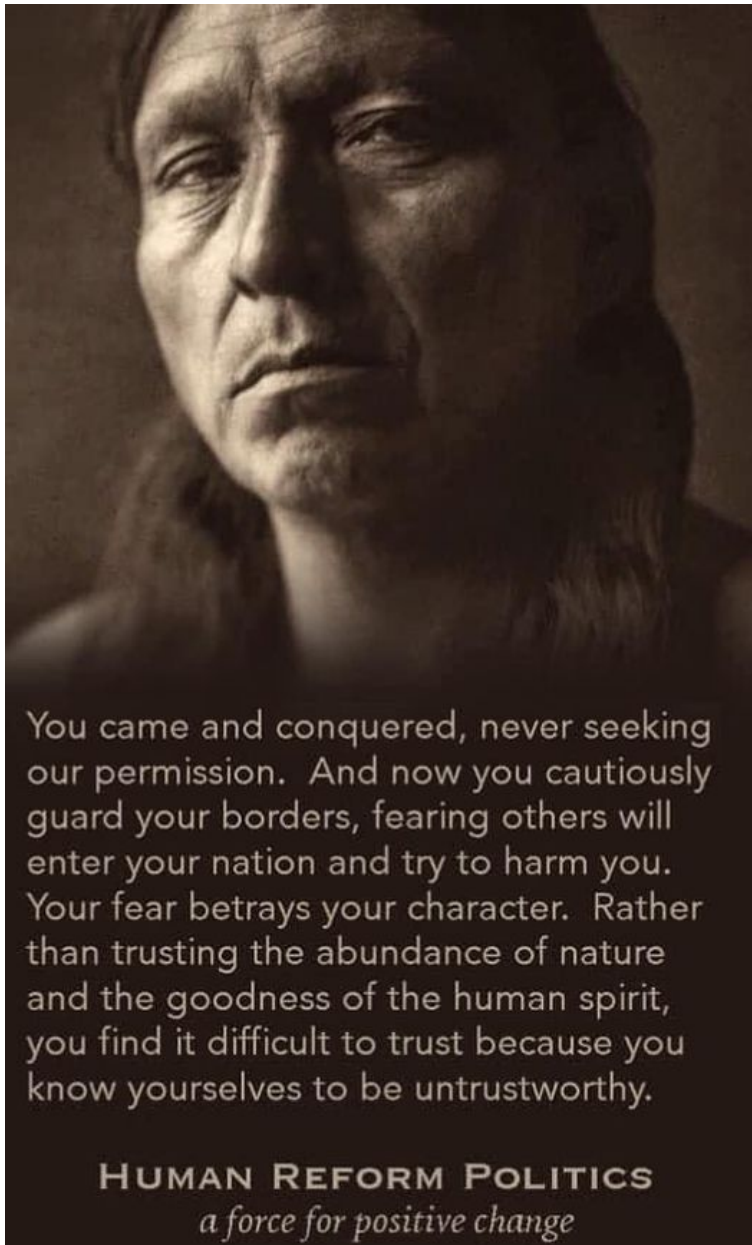
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You came and conquered, never seeking our permission. And now you cautiously guard your borders, fearing others will enter your nation and try to harm you. Your fear betrays your character. Rather than trusting the abundance of nature and the goodness of the human spirit, you find it difficult to trust because you know yourselves to be untrustworthy.

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## A Little Debate

"Civilization may be the greatest bait-and-switch that ever was. It convinces us to destroy what is free so an overpriced, inferior copy can be sold to us later—often financed with the money we've earned hastening the destruction of the free version... The voices of civilization fill us with manufactured yearnings and then sell us prepackaged dollops of transitory satisfaction that evaporate on the tongue.

Some throw up their hands and blame it all on human nature. But that's a mistake. It's not human nature that makes us engage in this blind destruction of our world and ourselves. For hundreds of thousands of years, human beings thrived on this planet without doing it in. No, this is not the nature of our species—it is the nature of civilization, an emergent social structure in which our species is presently trapped.."

~Christopher Ryan

Civilized to Death: The Price of Progress

## Alexander Gemmell

This is a very childish assessment. Civilization isn't the problem, industrialization is. European civilization experienced high levels of cultural achievement and long, sustained arithmetic growth while at the same time maintaining a consistent harmony with nature for the better part of two millennia.

See, for instance, the documentary "Tudor monastery farm," or go to any traditional European village and tell me they don't live in harmony with nature. ."

"Civilization is the sociopolitical golden mean between two poles of barbarism - primitivism on the one side, and industrialized democracy on the other."

## Federal Coalition Announces Summit to Improve Broadband Access Across Indian Country

Registration Open for the 2021 National Tribal Broadband Summit

WASHINGTON, DC—A coalition of federal agencies are working together to address the issue of how to close the digital divide and increase internet access across Indian Country.

The Department of the Interior and the Institute of Museum and Library Services are partnering with the Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Service and the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) for the [2021 National Tribal Broadband Summit](#), taking place throughout the month of September as a virtual event due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The National Tribal Broadband Summit offers a platform for leaders across the broadband development ecosystem to share best practices, new ideas, and lessons learned from their real-world experience of bringing high-speed internet to Tribal businesses, governments, and homes.

"Tribes have been left further behind in the digital divide than most areas of the country due to the consistent lack of infrastructure investment in Indian Country," **said Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland**. "This summit represents an opportunity to leverage the Biden-Harris administration's all-of-government approach to help ensure the federal government lives up to

its responsibilities to Tribal communities by bringing broadband to Indian Country, fueling economic development, and ensuring everyone has opportunities to succeed.”

“As the pandemic has shown us, access to high-quality, affordable broadband has never been more important,” **said Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo.** “On Tribal lands, the digital divide is especially stark. The Biden-Harris administration is committed to a whole-of-government effort to close this divide and fully connect Indian Country to the Internet. I’m proud to partner with Secretary Haaland and Secretary Vilsack on this collaborative effort to work with Tribal Nations to implement broadband investments as effectively as possible.”

“Broadband internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, to participate equally in school learning, health care, and to stay connected. Yet, by one definition, more than 30 million Americans live in areas where there is no broadband infrastructure that provides minimally acceptable speeds – a particular problem in rural and Native American communities throughout the country,” **Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack said.** “Under the leadership of President Biden and Vice President Harris, USDA is committed to ensuring historic funding measures from the American Jobs Plan, and soon the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal, are equitably spread out across the communities who need these investments the most, including and especially in Native American communities.”

"The Tribal Broadband Summit is the most important forum for the technology needs of the First Nations and Tribal lands during what has been one of the most challenging moments in modern tribal history," **said Institute of Museum and Library Services Director Crosby Kemper.** "Having recently visited Pueblo libraries in New Mexico, I can attest the invaluable importance of this effort to bring virtual education, health care and job support, and Tribal community information to everyone."

[Registration is now open](#) to Tribal leaders; representatives of Tribal organizations, Tribal colleges and universities, and schools and school districts serving under-connected Native students; Tribal libraries, museums, and cultural centers; private sector stakeholder organizations; and federal program managers and policymakers. Participants will leave with tools to help them bridge the connectivity gap in Indian Country and unlock doors to opportunities that broadband access can provide.

As the pandemic has forced students to shift their learning online and numerous people into telework, the need for home broadband access has become increasingly apparent and critical. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) estimates that 18 million Americans still have no home access to high-speed, defined as a download speed of 25 megabits per second, internet service. Tribal lands are some of the most digitally disconnected areas in the United States, where 1.5 million people lack basic broadband and wireless services. And, according to a 2018 [report](#) by the Commission, approximately 35 percent of those living on Tribal lands lack broadband access.

Service providers, engineers, researchers, funders, regulators, anchor institutions, telehealth and distance learning specialists, tribal governments, organizations and institutions, and other key players from across the country [are invited to submit](#) their best projects, programs, or initiatives in planning, constructing, delivering, and using Tribal broadband networks to be presented at this year’s summit.

Individuals interested in attending this year's event can [register here](#) or visit the [2021 National Tribal Broadband Summit website](#) for more information.

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### **Stars and Stripes**

Decades before he became an Eastern Shoshone leader, John St. Clair was a soldier drafted to fight in Vietnam. Like many Native soldiers, St. Clair's service went largely unrecognized at the time.

Despite multiple generations of Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho veterans, Wyoming lacked a memorial to honor their service. That finally changed.



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### **Wyoming memorial honors Native American military veterans**

Veterans Wyoming memorial honors Native American military veterans by NATE PEREZ • Casper Star Tribune | Associated Press • August 13, 2021 The Path of Honor memorial in Fort Washakie, Wyo., includes detailed carvings honoring Native American service members, Thursday Aug. 12, 2021. (Cayla Ni...

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### **Black Fire**

There's a new institution in town. It's an incubator. It has new-fangled things related to gaming and hospitality. And a Ted Talk-style amphitheater. [Read our story](#) if for no other reason than marveling at the invention of laundry-free bed linens that can be broken down and reconstituted after a single usage.



Last Friday saw the anniversary of a **shameful chapter in the U.S. legal system** and further **proof of the dangerous control the fossil fuel industry has over government**, as human rights lawyer Steven Donziger marked two years under house arrest.

Donziger is facing an unprecedented attack because he helped win a groundbreaking case against Chevron, which was found liable for **its deliberate pollution of the Ecuadorian Amazon and ordered to pay \$9.5 billion** in damages to the affected Indigenous and *campesino* residents. That judgement has been **affirmed by six appellate courts**, including the Supreme Courts of Ecuador and Canada.

Since then, **Chevron has refused to pay and threatened the affected communities with a "lifetime of litigation."** The U.S. legal system has also failed the people of Ecuador, and the oil company has targeted Donziger and the people it poisoned in Ecuador with **one of the largest corporate SLAPP suits in history.**

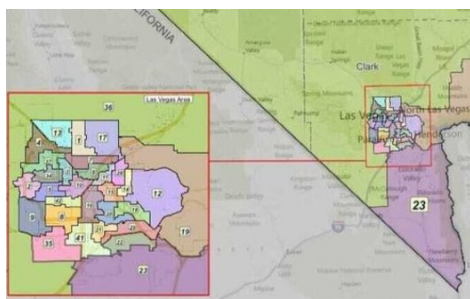
But Chevron did not realize that its persecution of Donziger would **mobilize tens of thousands to demand accountability against its pollution** in Ecuador and elsewhere. On Friday, rallies calling for Donziger's immediate release took place in over a dozen cities around the world.

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### [Armed With Census Data, Community Groups Prep for Redistricting](#)

August 16, 2021 - Suzanne Potter, Public News Service (NV)

*State assembly district maps, including this close-up of Las Vegas, are likely to change once lawmakers incorporate the new 2020 census data. (Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau GIS)*



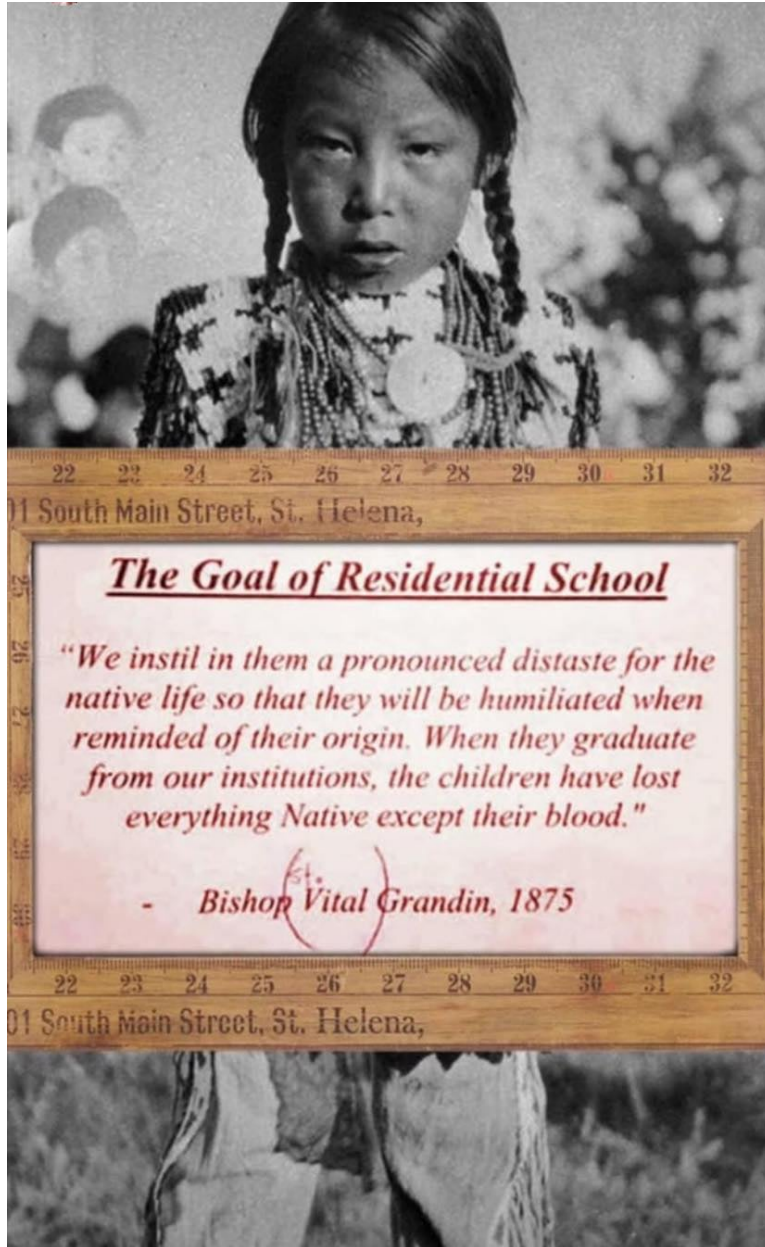
LAS VEGAS, Nev. - Community groups are preparing to help lawmakers draw new political maps, based on just-released census numbers.

The data shows that Nevada is now the third most diverse state in the nation, behind Hawaii and California. The state population now identifies as 51.2% White, almost 29% Hispanic or Latino, and 11.4% Asian.

Noe Orosco, census and redistricting coordinator with the group Silver State Voices, said the new maps could lead to more lawmakers of color, especially Latinos.

"It is one of the largest growing demographics in the country," said Orosco. "Then we would like to make sure that it is going to be reflected at the legislature in terms of the elected officials. "

The new maps - that will be in use for the next ten years - will be drawn during a special session of the legislature. Lawmakers are expected to solicit public testimony and consider sample maps from the community.



Learn more about how to get involved at [Nevadanscount.org](http://Nevadanscount.org).

The Nevadans Count coalition is working with local groups to prepare for redistricting. Orosco said communities of interest can speak up - and guard against any attempt to gerrymander districts and dilute their influence.

"So they can say, 'here is my community, here are the physical boundaries,'" said Orosco. "And when you are redrawing the district, we want you to take our physical boundaries into consideration so that our communities are not divided into multiple districts."

Nevada now has more than 3.1 million residents - 15% percent more than in 2010, which is the fifth largest percent population increase in the nation. More than 22% are under age 18.

The new numbers mean Nevada will see a spike in federal funding for education, healthcare and more.



Tomato sauce is not Italian at all but Mexican. The first tomato sauces were already being sold in the markets of Tenochtitlan when Spaniards arrived, and had many of the same ingredients (tomatoes, bell peppers, chilies) that would later define Italian tomato pasta sauces 200 years later.

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## 'A National Disgrace': Years After Promised Reforms, People Keep Dying At Federal Tribal Jails

Aug 16, 2021 08:30 am

At least 19 people have died in tribal jails overseen by the federal government since 2016, according to an investigation by NPR and the Mountain West News Bureau. As part of our ongoing coverage of mistreatment of inmates on reservations, the bureau is highlighting some of the victims and the circumstances around their deaths, which reflect decades of mismanagement, neglect and poor training. You can find more stories here . This series is supported by the Pulitzer Center. It was a typically muggy, hot June day in 2004 in Washington, D.C., when Inspector General Earl Devaney sat down in front of senators on Capitol Hill. The Iraq War was raging. Then-President George W. Bush was in a heated battle for re-election. But on this day, lawmakers on the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs were about to hear troubling testimony about the more than 70 detention centers overseen by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. "BIA's detention program is riddled with problems and, in our opinion, is a national

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The **environment** is in us,  
not outside of us. The trees  
are our lungs, the rivers our  
bloodstream, and what you  
do to the **environment**,  
ultimately, you do  
to **yourself**.

Ian Somerhalder



## [USDA opens up to \\$500 million in emergency rural health care grants](#)

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## Tract-Level Census Data

The proportion of white people fell across Sacramento County.

In parts of Alameda County, the share of residents who are Asian rose nearly 70 percentage points.

Pretty much every place in California became more Hispanic.

**Using tract-level census data, [the Washington Post](#) created a powerful map that lets you see how the racial makeup of where you live has changed since 1990.**

For Example: Census tract in Churchill County, Nev.

**Share this tract**

This area has become more diverse since 1990. Last year it had a diversity score of 62 out of 100.

| Race            | Number of People | Share | Change in share |
|-----------------|------------------|-------|-----------------|
| White           | 786              | 51%   | -10             |
| Hispanic        | 134              | 9%    | 2               |
| Black           | 3                | 0%    | 0               |
| Asian           | 5                | 0%    | 0               |
| Native American | 495              | 32%   | 1               |
| Multiracial     | 103              | 7%    |                 |

Change in multiracial is not shown because the decennial census did not allow individuals to identify that way until 2000.

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### *One can spend hours with this!*

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As a newscast producer for a commercial television station I often found myself fighting to get coverage on tribes.

I recall showing my executive producer a line up of stories. One was a short story about a coup taking place on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona. The people had stormed the tribal office, changed the locks and were demanding the leader resign. We didn't have video of the scene. I only had a map to show where San Carlos was located in relation to Phoenix. It's less than a three hour drive from Phoenix, definitely in our "coverage area" in those days, but considered a little too far to travel for a story.

The E.P. looked over my list of stories and told me it was a story I could drop if the newscast ran long. I was beside myself! I told him if that was happening in any other city in the state, we'd have a satellite truck there reporting on the situation. I yelled about our lack of coverage of tribes in a state that has 22 federally recognized tribes. I ended my rant saying, "That's the only story in the newscast that I care about."

Well, today my rant is over. **I no longer have to justify why a story is a story.** I don't have to give an Indian 101 lesson to my colleagues on tribal sovereignty, tribal jurisdiction, or

even cultural taboos. They get it. Why? Because today I am in a newsroom that's filled with journalists who are from tribal communities.

Together we produce the nation's first television newscast that comes from a Native perspective and features Native experts on everything from the COVID-19 pandemic, the CARES Act to Supreme Court rulings.

When this pandemic hit Indian Country, we quickly saw the need to get out information on how tribes were being affected, what medical attention was needed and how tribal economic enterprises were faring. Despite working from our homes we managed to start producing this weekly newscast. Within a few weeks, we were picked up by the FNX Network and our newscast started airing on PBS stations nationwide. That list has grown and we have evolved.

After four months of broadcasting from my living room, we moved to the Phoenix Indian School Visitor Center and created a temporary set. This building was part of the government-run boarding school that was open for 99 years. How ironic to use the space meant to assimilate young Native children and instead use it to broadcast our news. You could almost feel the ancestors smiling.

Eight months later we moved into our studio at Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Our effort is to bring you a highly produced newscast filled with information and stories you don't see on other newscasts.

I tell our broadcast team we are making history they might not truly understand until 10 years down the road. It's the best job ever!

We get letters from viewers who say how much they appreciate our coverage and how they learn from our guests. Some even apologize saying they are non-Natives and ask, is it OK for them to watch our newscast? Yes! Yes, it is. We welcome everyone to watch, learn, and enjoy.

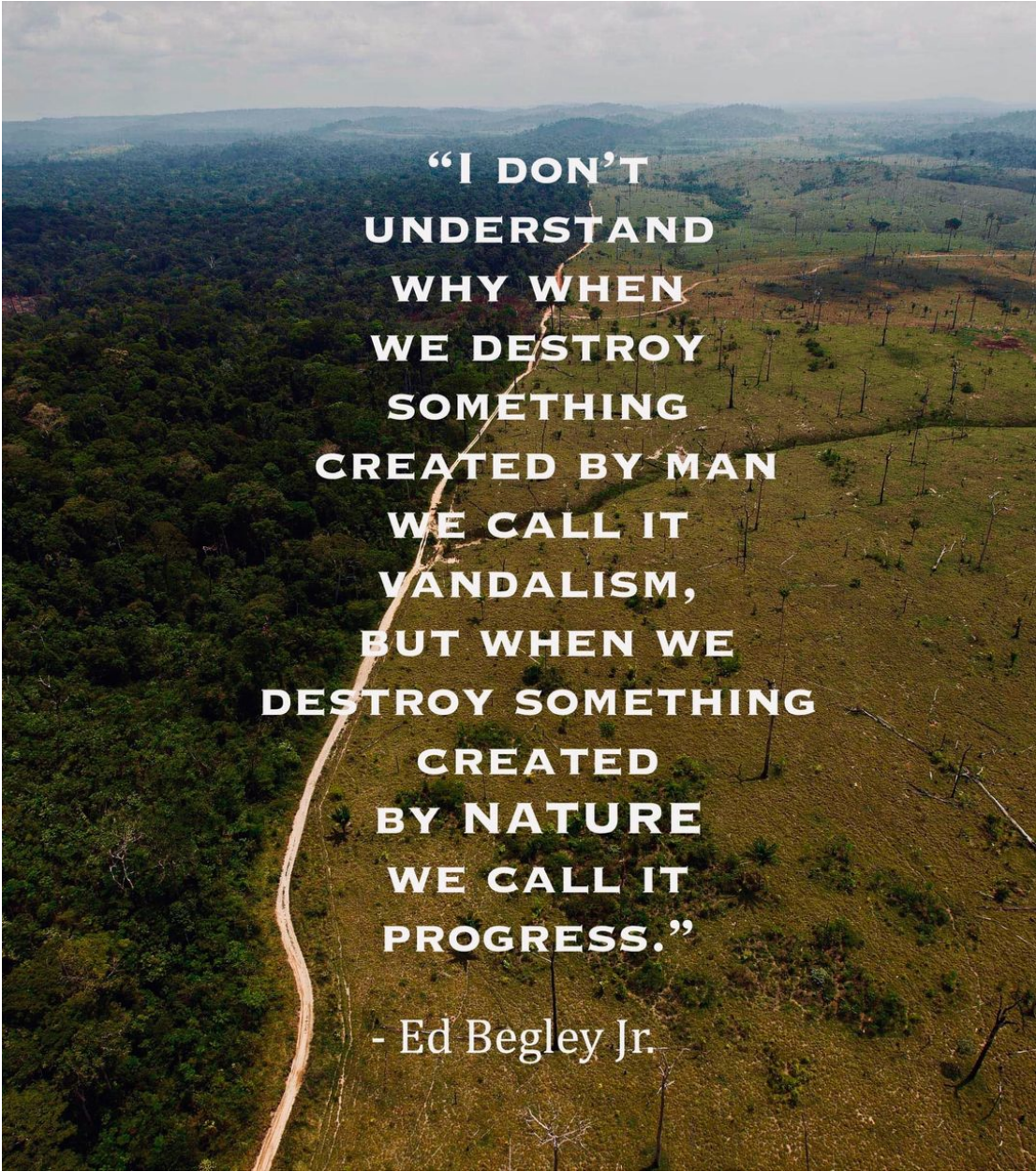
We do need more people to continue to grow our broadcast team. We want to go to more Native communities to tell those stories. And believe me, there are thousands of stories out there.

Patty Talahongva, Executive Producer

*She's correct - best job in the world! If any of you ever appeared on my show "We the People", those interviews are all archived at UNR Special Collections. sdc*

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**A bill to allow the composting of human bodies is moving through the state Legislature with significant bipartisan support.** At the moment, California allows only burial and cremation after death. Composting, already permitted in Colorado and the Northwest, naturally turns human bodies into about two wheelbarrows worth of soil. Supporters describe it as "a literal return to the earth." [CalMatters](#) | [The Guardian](#)



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PROGRESS.”**

- Ed Begley Jr.