

5. Tribal Policies, Treaties & Sovereignty

Native people practice self-determination, developing tribal policies and practicing political activism. Despite a history of US policies and Treaties that have often been detrimental, Native people are members of sovereign nations that predate the US government.



Extended Description

We come from a proud, rich heritage, and we use the Seven Sacred Laws to maintain order in the tribal villages. We are taught from the Elders, medicine people, warriors, chiefs, clans, and guidance of the spirits in ceremony, and the dream world about living a good life (Elder JT ShiningOne Side).

Mandan and Arikara delegation - NARA - between circa 1874 and circa 1907.



Tribal dignitaries are introduced in the North Dakota House of Representatives Chamber at the “State of the Tribal-State Relationship” delivered by Hon. Dave Archambault II, Chairman Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, January 8, 2015.