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The Future is Wounded

Reading an article in [Frontline, PBS](#) I am again shocked, sickened and angered beyond words.

When Indian Children are put into abusive environments, it is not an accident. It is part of the plan. A plan that runs throughout the system. By “throughout” I mean at every level of government. EVERY. LEVEL.

When the environment at home is dangerous to them by abuse or neglect, that is because of systemic corruption that creates generation upon generation of abuse as a legacy. It didn't start with the Residential Schools that abducted children as young as 3 years old and beat, abused, even raped them and killed them, all in the name of robbing them of their identity. Their names were changed. Their hair was cut and they were not allowed to speak their own language, even to one another.

The abuse started with every broken treaty. Which Treaty was broken? All of them. Every single one. The buffalo were slaughtered to starve Indians. They were not allowed to hunt for hides nor food. They were left cold, hungry and beaten, all in order to rob them of their lands and the resources of those lands.

It continues to this day. The racism runs up and down the ladders of authority and is reinforced like the echo of footsteps, down every marbled hallway of the Capitols of both State and Nation.

When Indian Children are removed from abusive or neglectful homes, they are too often put into even worse situations such as the Frontline, PBS story tells of a young girl, put into a detention center “to protect her”, and who was raped by a janitor that worked there.

She reported it. It was investigated and found she was telling the truth. Within days, the janitor was allowed to resume his old job. She tried to commit suicide when she saw there was no rescue. She wasn't his first victim. She wasn't his last. Those who report sexual abuse are removed from their positions. Those who commit sexual abuse are allowed to remain for decades. See the problem?

This was not the first nor the only charge against him. This was his routine. Don't tell me that the institution couldn't find anyone else to push a broom or dunk a mop. No. They want the abusers there. It is to break the spirit of the children so that they grow into the stereotype of addicts, alcoholics and themselves abusers.

There is so much money in that! The Federal and State governments literally shovel money at these destructive, abusive businesses while at the same time making the safe Foster Homes struggle to make ends meet, and healthcare and counseling for the children in their care, as inaccessible as possible.

This makes it easier for those who traffic in children that are connected to high places. It makes it harder for the children to recover or ever to be safe in their own homes and their own beds.

As adults, if anyone speaks on their behalf, tries to render healing or care, they are viewed as suspect in the system. Those who do open up, especially to counselors or psychiatrists, are never sure there will be safety. If the counselor or psychiatrist advocates for them, it upsets the power structure on the rez, any rez, because it puts the light on those who are the abusers, and they are the ones in power, authority, and connected to Senators, Representatives, Mayors, etc. Most of all, they are connected to Law Enforcement. The BIA, local sheriffs, Tribal Police, all have a stake in keeping the corrupt from consequences.

The system did not become corrupt, it was designed to be corrupt from the very outset.

Instead of helping a family living in squalor because there's a leaky roof, mold on the walls, the plumbing is broken and the electrical is a hazard, all that money that comes from HUD goes first into the pockets of the corrupt. If you look at the billions of tax dollars that have gone into Tribal Housing over the past decade, every single home should be a mansion. The conditions are instead, on par with the slums of Haiti in too many cases.

If a social work reports the living conditions, the house is not repaired, nothing is fixed, but the children are removed. Where they are taken and to whom they are given, is too often even worse.

These children grow into addiction often before their tenth birthday. They experience sexual violence on a level we can't imagine. And when they die, it doesn't even make the local papers. An 11-yr old girl died last year, as a Foster Child, living in a household known to be drug infested, sexually violent. It never even made the papers.

Fast Forward

I've been telling you that private companies have been profiting off of child trafficking. The removal of children from their parents, for mostly no cause. Instead of spending \$3,000 to fix the roof, the electrical, the plumbing in a home, they condemn the parenting and spend more than \$5K per month per child to Foster them, and the foster parents don't see but a fraction, often not a dime of this money that is "for the children".

Here now, today, the plan has been perfected. Children are, even those still nursing or brand new infants, being torn from their parents arms and put into concentration camps. They call them “Detention Camps” but the children are treated like criminals, tortured mentally, physically and sexually assaulted by men and women who are paid to ‘care for them’.

The designer of the whole “Family Separation” Policy was Kelly. Former Chief of Staff for Trump. Prior to that, he was the head of Homeland Security, and he drew up, and enforced this policy.

Children were ripped away from their parents and parents and children were put in separate concentration camps. Pregnant women were forced to give birth while shackled. Their babies taken from them immediately.

Looking at the horror of this we must also factor in the profit that is being made by these companies. \$800- 2K per child PER DAY. Depending on the ‘child’s needs’, such as medicines, which they are often denied, handicaps which are neglected. But the government bills for them anyway.

There are currently over 100,000 children in these camps, and as many or more adults in other camps. That’s a hefty profit considering these kids are kept in dog kennels, not given enough food or water. It would be far cheaper to put the whole family up in a Four Star Hotel than it is to keep them in these concentration camps.

The hiring practices for these ICE Agents don’t even involve background checks. They’ve hired sexual predators and not even blinked.

And, now, John Kelly, who designed this system, has “joined the Board of [Directors for Caliburn International](#).” He is now directly putting money in his pocket, a LOT of money, for the trafficking, abuse, detention and rape of these children.

This could have been prevented if anyone had listened to Tom Sullivan back in ’08, ’10, ’12, up until he was fired for being a Whistleblower. If the ACF and DHS had been held accountable for their practices in Indian Country, we would not have this horror today. Every level of Law Enforcement, from Tribal Police, BIA, FBI, and the local Sheriff’s departments, failed to investigate. For decades, they simply ignore reports. Looked the other way.

Example: Tim Purdon, as USAG of ND, failed to prosecute all rapes of children or women on Spirit Lake Nation except one. The rapist in that case, was from off the reservation and not connected to anyone with power or authority. The Victim was 14. He made a big deal about that. But for months and until he was gone, he ignored the

*rapes of all the children & women, and especially of a 13-yr old girl who was raped on her birthday by Jackie Yankton's 30 odd something son. Tim Purdon said "There's two sides to every rape story." Tim Purdon was finally called to account, in a congressional hearing that no one was allowed to know about. He resigned the following day. ...AND went to work for a prestigious law firm that does what? *Lean in* Defends Tribal authorities from criminal charges. Always money to be made in protecting the abusers. It's downright lucrative.*

The cruelty is the point.

I hope people start to get upset at the cruelty. If not the cruelty, perhaps the hundreds of millions of dollars a day that are being squandered into the pockets of cronies, our TAX DOLLARS will raise some ire.

By the time they build the ovens, it will be too late.

Not a single Republican Elected Official has spoken up against this cruelty. Kevin Cramer, whom I thought was a champion of children, especially opposed to cruelty to children, has not made a peep about this.

I'm sure he'll be re-elected. He's a republican. They'll shout something about "Open Borders!" which is a problem created by inhumane policies and practices of Trump White House, and for profit. He'll shout about "Abortion!" Because "Pro Life" means women can't have health care, rape victims, even as young as 10, must be forced to carry to term a baby by a pregnancy their bodies can't deal with, and once that child is born... no help. Pro Life if they were pro life, would be protecting the children that are alive, not forcing women to be incubators.

Again, I remind you, abortion is not a casual decision. It is to save the health of the woman. Late term abortions are incredibly dangerous times for women because by that time, it is a child that was wanted, most likely planned for and eagerly awaited, nursery painted, crib put together...and then something goes terribly wrong, and the woman's life is in jeopardy.

Please, stop listening to the conservative radio crap. They're killing women. They're denying Human Caused climate change and you're paying the price and your children will pay the price. Or keep listening and believe that the "Moon is part of Mars." (*There is no explanation for this. He's an idiot. He is only convincing to other idiots.*)

They're saying incredibly stupid things such as "abortion up to the point of birth"... no such thing exists. "Abortion after birth" is ludicrous enough I thought no one

would argue it, but here we are! Women have miscarriages. Putting them in jail is cruel. My friends who have suffered miscarriages remain to this day, devastated at their loss. Can't imagine the cruelty of locking them in a cell because they failed to carry to term.

Abortion existed for hundreds of years before it was made safe and legal. Women died horribly. Making it illegal again, or inaccessible, won't stop abortions from happening, it will only stop them from being safe, and women and young girls will die. If you don't want an abortion, don't get one. The wealthy always could access abortion, and they always will. It's the poor women who are not allowed health care.

But those people you are electing because they'll punish women, are in fact hurting children, every day, in the worst possible ways. The cruelty is the point. The only way to hold Republicans accountable is to vote them out. They don't listen to anything else.

They don't listen to the reports of children dying in detention camps. Children being stolen and sold.

Hitler and the Nazis scarred Germany's reputation for 80 years. We now have Nazis marching in our streets, and police marching with them. We have the children in camps separated from their parents in other camps.

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You know where to find me.

~Cat