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Because We Allowed It

[First, I need for you to read Tom Sullivan's write up:](#)

Did you read it? The WHOLE Thing? No? Go back and read it. I'll wait.

10 minutes pass... 15 minutes... (as long as it takes)

There, now you know what I will be talking about and referring to throughout this posting.

We are a nation in crisis today. It didn't "just happen" because nothing like this just "comes out of the blue". It's a well-worn path that's been being paved and carved for decades, with our tax dollars.

Examples:

The wealthy got more tax breaks. Our schools declined for lack of funding.
Infrastructure was not maintained.

Our standing in education dropped to 35th in the entire world, and our bridges started collapsing.

I pick those two because they are symbolic of our neglect. The children who are literally our future, are less and less able to compete in the world. Our prisons are being filled to capacity almost before they are finished being built. We spend more on prisons than we do on education. We actually have a name for it: Prison Industrial Complex.

The roads we all depend on for commerce, for travel, are in worse and worse shape every year. Symbolically, we have failed the children and broken the roads that were supposed to lead to our future.

There are more examples, but these serve the purposes of this posting. The schools did not collapse overnight. They were robbed for decades as money we put in for education got siphoned away by Charter Schools, which it turns out, don't have to meet the same standards and inspections that Public Schools do. We are literally paying for Private Schools and most people have no means to send their children to those private schools. The money had to come from somewhere. It came from Public Schools.

Teachers' salaries bottomed out. Teachers work two or more jobs to afford to live. Teachers also use their own money, out of their own pockets, to buy the school supplies for their students: Books, paper, pencils, some art supplies...

Children that can't afford to buy lunch are food shamed by Districts who have practices such as throwing a tray full of food into the trash to embarrass the child in front of other children, or feeding them jelly sandwiches instead of hot meals.

We cannot afford money feed hungry children, but we can afford to raise the National Debt by over \$2 Trillion dollars to give Billionaire's even more tax breaks. How DARE those hungry children exist!

I ask you: Who needs the money more? Billionaires? Or a system that insures no child in this country goes hungry? Taxing the rich doesn't cripple them, but it helps the rest of us get up onto our feet.

A lot of these kids, because their parents can't afford it, despite working full-time (or not) don't get regular meals at home. Districts, because of tax cuts, decided to no longer subsidize hot lunches for kids, so the meals are beyond the affordability of too many kids. Now, a school district is withholding diplomas from graduates until their lunch bills are paid in full. Without a diploma, they can't move on and get a job. See how a cycle is perpetuated?

The same Republican Representatives and Senators who give themselves raises 2-3 times a year or more, plus expenses, plus healthcare plans that WE pay for, also have refused to raise the minimum wage to a livable wage, for decades.

The Poor don't need money, they'd just spend it on silly stuff like Food, Medicine, Housing, clothes... only the super wealthy know how to use money. There have been speeches in the Well of Congress to say precisely that, as they were, in that same week, giving themselves more and more on raises.

And they have continued to try to take Affordable Healthcare away from every citizen by voting more than 60 times to overturn the ACA, aka "Obama Care". Unable to do it through legislation, they decided to take it to Federal Court and the Attorney General has turned his back on every citizen by declaring he will not defend the ACA in court.

They want you poor, they want you sick, and they want you uneducated so you are weaker and more broken and more unable to fight for yourself, or your children. Soon, we will all be better able to understand Authoritarian Rule through Domination, and our lives will be as difficult and as oppressed as are the lives of everyone living on the reservations or bound by their system.

Poverty is created by an imbalance between those who do the work and those who hold power. Nowhere is this more evident than on the Rez.

If working more and working harder made anyone richer, then the people working two, three jobs, often back breaking jobs, would be the wealthiest among us. That is simply not the case.

Back to the Schools shaming poor kids: It's worth mentioning here that no one on these School Boards ever misses a meal. In fact, they get raises pretty regularly.

When there are cuts to revenues because the wealthy want to pay less, it is the most vulnerable among us that gets the brunt of that beat down. Kids.

We've become inured to the suffering of children. We've learned to look the other way.

It's kind of a barometer of how much abuse we will tolerate. Children are sacred. We say it over and over... and we do nothing to save them. Anyone who tries, pays the price.

Read Sullivan's piece... It was written as an Official Report in 2012. Seven years ago. Do you think we'd have kids in cages today if we had a functioning DHS or ACF?

Why do you think they purged out anyone that pointed out massive epidemics of child abuse, especially on the reservations?

Reservations have always been the testing grounds for what laws can be broken, how much abuse can be inflicted on people, and all the while, the country as a whole, ignores it.

It's all connected. It's all connected by corruption. It was all fixable years ago, but they didn't even try because trafficking in children is very, very lucrative. Ask Kevin Dauphinais about his massive Hunka Ceremony where he moved 40 children into the hands of 'adopters', with no paper work, but declaring that as a Medicine Man, he could authorize a Hunka Ceremony, without their parents present, and because he was the Director of Social Services at the time, he would have to file a complaint against himself and to himself. He got away with it, and so did Kristi Wishinsky. Corruption is very profitable.

Getting away with child trafficking is even easier than getting away with murder. Eddie's murderers never saw the inside of a jail. Corruption. In fact, they were able to frame and convict 11 innocent young men, all of whom served time, two of whom served more than 20 years for the crimes committed by the very people put in charge of investigating the murders.

Corruption is lucrative. They're all addicts and raging drunks, and they live high off the hog, while staying high. Corruption.

We allowed it then and there.

And we're allowing it now, at our Border. And it's more lucrative than ever. Those kids are ripped away from their parents, kept in cages, sleeping on the floor, sometimes in rooms called "refrigerators" because they are so cold, the guards wear heavy coats while the refugees have only the concrete floor and a tinfoil blanket.

Cruelty is the point. Parents are not allowed to hug or to hold their children, even infants, even if they are sick. Siblings are not allowed to hug or hold each other. Sexual abuse is reported to the abusers. Cruelty makes sure you know who has the power. We allow this.

Parents walked over a thousand miles, with their children, facing terrors and hardships none of us can even imagine, looking for refuge from conditions in their homeland that were and are, every circle of Hell, only to have their children snatched from their arms and placed in cages, and often moved to different cities in different states than their parents.

Everything they brought with them, toilet paper, toothbrushes, identity papers, are taken from them. Any change of clothes, taken from them. Even the toys, taken from the children. They have NOTHING.

No paper trail. But now the parents are being told they have to pay \$800 for DNA testing so they can prove that the children are theirs. That's the joke, right? "We steal your children, every shred of belongings and then demand you pay \$800 to prove you are some child's parent, a child you may never see again, because they are not DNA testing the children they have trafficked.

This is not an aberration of one political party, this was the mission of the GOP since Reagan. Not one GOP Senator or Congressman will stand up to Trump. He is the one they have been paving the way for, for decades.

Every member of GOP is a coward. Every Single One of them. Kevin Cramer is the biggest disappointment. I thought he cared about kids. I was so wrong.

Bear in mind that recently, in two mass shootings, one in a synagogue, one in a school, a 60-year old woman rushed the gunman to save the lives of others, and in the other, an 18-year old boy rushed the shooter, to save others. Both died for their bravery. They literally faced a

shooter, and acted. Not one GOP member will so much as stand up to the NRA. Cowards. They won't stand up for children, they won't stand up for you or me. Cowards.

Children are farmed out to homes and there is no paperwork, no paper trail to try and follow up and reunite them with their parents. See the pattern? Oh, and the companies that run these camps? They get \$800 or more per day per child. The child gets a piece of bread and a tinfoil blanket. Our tax dollars are making some of these monsters very, very wealthy.

Some former White House officials are aware of how profitable this is. They've invested in these companies. Corruption is very profitable. It's out in the open now. No pretense. They are daring us to stop them. They know that You won't vote for Democrats because "SOCIALISM!". You know, health care, education, infrastructure, protection from predatory loan practices, holding corporations accountable for the harm they do. That's supposed to scare you into staying with them as they rob you blind and take away what little you have and then demand you pay more so Billionaires can pay even less.

This didn't happen overnight. Most every atrocity happening today was road-tested in Indian Country. They tested us. How much would we allow? Would we raise our voices? Would we take action, demand accountability for the abuses and corruption we were shown? No? Ok, now there's more and worse, and it's coming to our towns, our doors. We allowed it. They are secure in their power. Dems are the enemy, right? WE ALLOWED THIS.

We didn't stop it when the innocent were framed and convicted for Eddie's murder. And no one in authority has been held accountable for their part in any of this. Not the killers, not the FBI Agents, not the BIA, not the Attorney General, not the judge. The test proved: "Laws Don't Matter". Or, do they? Will we step up? Will we do what is necessary? Will we do it for the wrongly convicted? Will we do it for the children? Will we do it for ourselves?

We didn't stop it when the kids were being (and still are) trafficked without paperwork. No one has been held accountable. Reports are still ignored. Whistleblowers are still harassed, threatened and removed. We are allowing it, to this very day. Kids on the rez, kids at the Border. Kids in homes where abuse is known, and ignored, despite multiple reports. Very profitable.

And the very agencies that are supposed to be protecting these children have had a lot of practice at being corrupt, ignoring reports of horrific suffering, sexual abuse, and torture. They're good at it now.

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Reread Sullivan's report. That was 2012.

And here we are. Drowning in it.

You know where to find me.

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