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I Don't Know What To Title This One

The video I am showing you here (web version only) that tells the story of a Foster Family in South Dakota whose story directly mirrors hundreds of stories I have heard directly or indirectly, of children being snatched out of nurturing, caring, protective Foster homes, and thrown into snake pits of abuse, neglect and worse.

This story is hard to watch, but watch it you must. Most of the families that have gone through this and are currently going through this don't have the wherewithal to post a video of their nightmare.

When you watch this, you have to remember that there are hundreds of families in North Dakota going through this, as well as just as many or more in South Dakota, Minnesota, everywhere that the Federal Government has abandoned its responsibility to protect children from abuse.

Every story comes down to corrupt tribal councils, corrupt tribal judges, corrupt judges and a system that allows this horror to continue and grow worse. You can see by this family's fight to save three children who are being horribly abused, that the system was never intended to protect children, despite whatever title the programs have, or the agencies that run them call themselves. If they were ever designed to protect children, they would have gotten better over time, not worse.

The Federal Government moves hundreds of billions of dollars around in this system. They set up an elaborate Rube Goldberg structure that defines the need, such as Child Protection or Suicide Prevention, and then they set up a series of steps involving States, Counties, Tribes, Foundations, Organizations, Individual Agencies which all take a cut of that money before it ever gets to anyone actually doing the work of reporting or protecting children from Child Abuse or addressing Suicide.

The goal is not to protect the children or prevent suicides or any of the other noble-titled programs, but rather to generate more steps which will generate more funds for more people in the political system that can then use that money to create or enhance political power bases that support the system, not the children.

An example or two, and there are thousands, is that the head of the ACF, Marianne McMullen, has no training, no education whatsoever in Child Development, Child Welfare, or Social Services... she was once a Foster Mother, so she gets to run the entire multi-billion dollar agency for the entire country.

She has no clue how to run that agency and that's just fine with those at the Federal Level who appointed her. She can generate more funds to go to more agencies and more foundations which in turn lend their support to political candidates who support the same goals of enhancing their own power bases, political influence and they all protect each other. McMullen has no clue as to how to fix the problem because she cannot see any problem except that people keep pointing out that children are being

raped and abused and she really wishes people would stop reporting that, it's ruining her day.

She ignores the President's Omnibus Bill that clearly states that the Children of Spirit Lake are the responsibility of the Federal Government. She ignores it. Presidents come and go, but she will never be out of a job, regardless of how badly she fails at doing any of them. There will always be another political appointment for her to fall into, whether she is qualified or not.

She can ignore the President of the United States and she can ignore the terrified screams of children whose names she never knew, or forgets as soon as the news stories of their nightmares and their murders die down.

Tim Purdon responds to overwhelming evidence of child abuse, child rape and corruption that he has ignored, when the nightmares are revealed in the media after the children are dead or after the children show up in horror stories by saying he investigates ALL reports of abuse... clearly a lie, to all of us, in that he has not investigated a single case of child rape on the rez (ok, just ONE case) despite hundreds of cases of horrific abuse and child rape being reported every month.

In fact, the thirteen-year old girl that was raped by the 38 year old man is a report that he dismisses out of hand saying 'there's always two sides to a rape story'... no investigation, but the girl was taken away from her mother as punishment to her and her mother for daring to report the case in the first place.

A Fifteen-year old girl, being raped multiple times by a level 3 sex offender is still waiting for an investigation to begin. She was told it would take at least 30 days from the time she reported it to get an investigation started. That was last November. He's still raping her. There is still no investigation.

So there is no amount of lies that those who have the power, authority and the obligation to protect these children won't tell you to just make you go away thinking they are doing their job.

None of them are doing their job. They don't want to do their job. That would upset the entire system that relies on billions of tax dollars to fund their lavish lifestyles and the foundations that they all get involved with that hold even more fund raisers that do absolutely nothing to protect these kids.

It's clear that the tribal governments are corrupt. Why wouldn't they be? There is no oversight on anything they do. They get elected by having massive families to vote for them and access to thousands of dollars with which to buy booze and truck in more votes. The Good People of Spirit Lake have no one to turn to and nowhere to go. Nor does any tribe anywhere.

Millions and billions of dollars are embezzled, converted, and outright stolen and the Federal Government's response to all of this is to shovel more money at those who

steal it, in all levels of government. If they stop the flow of money and address the corruption at the Tribal level, it will have a domino effect that would expose corruption at the county, state and Federal levels and we would demand those also change. Imagine that.

The reason I pursue Spirit Lake is because everything that is wrong with the system is obvious and easy to see there. The Tribal Council is corrupt from top to bottom. The Federal Government has no intention of taking responsibility in investigating child abuse or child rape. It's only going to get worse.

What you see in Spirit Lake is what happens when the Federal Government fosters an atmosphere of anything goes corruption. You want to steal millions? Go for it. You want to rape children? Feel free. The Federal Government will ignore all reports of abuse, child rape or Human Trafficking.

They will, if you make them uncomfortable enough, make more speeches, put on a dog and pony show, lie outright to media, shovel more money to their friends and cronies, but they absolutely will NOT investigate the reports of child abuse or child rape or child trafficking. That would step on too many toes. They would run the risk of their peers being exposed for their parts in these crimes, directly or indirectly benefiting or prospering from these crimes against children. Not to mention all the other crimes.

And, as the Miami Herald Series on "Innocence Lost" reveals... the practice of abusing children, placing them in danger, allowing them to be raped and murdered while ignoring reports of their peril, and even lying about how many children were murdered, is not confined to Indian Country. It is a practice that was perfected in Indian Country, and is now, with the appointment of unqualified morons such as Marianne McMullen, who hired the man who so drastically wronged the children of Florida and then lied about how many were killed (George Sheldon), as her sidekick.

The only efforts that have come from the Federal Government have been to silence those who dare to speak up or point out that children are in danger. They bully, intimidate, ridicule, threaten and where possible, ignore those who report and their reports.

They want it to be the Tribe's responsibility. But they won't hold the Tribal government accountable in any way for their corruption or failure to protect these children.

It becomes clear: If you are an Indian Child you are not entitled to any protection whatsoever. If you are raped, starved, beaten, tortured, and your tribal government does nothing about it, neither will the Federal government. That's the end of the story as far as McMullen is concerned. And the end of the story as far as the BIA, HHS, FBI and DOJ are concerned. Child rape, Child trafficking, criminally corrupt tribal government chooses to ignore it or profit from it, so be it.

The same system of corruption that allowed the Turdclan to murder Eddie Peltier and frame 11 innocent young men for that crime, and convict them, has now evolved to openly allowing child trafficking, child rape and child torture without consequence... unless the newspapers run a story on it, in which case, the government agencies that allowed and encouraged the corruption and abuse will quickly absolve themselves of any accountability, and make a big display of 'getting to the bottom of this' and putting on a show trial that only names the abuser/murderer as guilty--- not any of those who ignored the reports of that person being a danger to the child.

No one in State, County, Federal government that failed to do even the most basic of their responsibilities will ever be held accountable.

The mess in Spirit Lake will never be cleaned up. If we managed to protect the children in that one place it would set a precedent by which other tribes would be forced to address their corruption, protect their children and so would the Federal Government and all their corruption be exposed, bringing down some high and mighty politicians and their friends, like dominoes.

Spirit Lake is the one place that Tim Purdon is most afraid to investigate any crimes against children, regardless of who reports them. Spirit Lake is where most of the evil is rooted. Clean up Spirit Lake and the rest of the agencies, tribal governments will be swept up by the precedents set there. People will have the power to pursue recourse and demand action.

You'll note in that video I posted that the family that was able to control the tribal court in South Dakota also had all the elements of corruption that are in place in Spirit Lake. The corrupt are either on the tribal council or have relatives on Tribal Council or both, and that, for the Federal Government, is as good as gold.

If the system was meant to protect children, it would not continue to fail at the same places, over and over again. If it was meant to protect children, it would not be allowing more and more children to be trafficked, abused, robbed and raped.

The system itself is corrupt. They say they defer to 'sovereignty' but the Federal Protocol demands that the Federal government not defer to sovereignty and sovereignty cannot be used as a shield to protect the corrupt, the child rapists and traffickers. It is the Federal Government's choice to allow these crimes against children and it is the tribal government's choice to protect the abusers, child rapists.

Lately, in Spirit Lake, there was at a District meeting, a call to exclude Betty Jo Krenz from the Reservation. Betty Jo, who has committed no crime, has only worked and devoted her efforts to helping the children, is someone they want to exclude from their boundaries. They never choose to exclude the rapists. They never choose to exclude those who torture the children. They never choose to exclude anyone that steals from the children's funds... they never choose to exclude anyone that steals from the tribe... but they want to exclude Betty Jo Krenz, 'because she brings bad publicity' to the tribe.

No, she does not. She brings hope and help. She works with people who are trying to save the children from torture, rape, abuse and being trafficked. The “bad publicity” is not the problem; the ongoing rape, abuse, corruption and torture of children is the problem.

But as long as the real problem can be dismissed as ‘bad publicity’, the real horrors, the real crimes against children can continue with no one raising a finger to stop any of it.

When the Federal Government abdicates entirely its responsibility for the protection of these children, when corrupt tribal courts, tribal governments are allowed to abuse the entire tribe and no one in that tribe has any recourse, and nowhere to turn, what do you think will happen when people get fed up with ‘waiting’ for Federal Government to come to their aid?

I’ll tell you. It’s already happening. Children who are abused grow into adults that have no respect for the laws that have only shown them the backhand slap-down of ignoring their pain and their suffering all their lives. They will not grow into adults that respect the same laws that were never there to protect them as children.

Those who have no regard for the law and who have only known abuse and violence all their lives grow into people who resolve all conflicts and frustrations with violence of their own. They were never shown parenting skills and they will have no way of coping with children of their own except to repeat on them, what they experienced when they were young.

And that’s the least of it. All the while, Marianne McMullen and her ilk, will continue to draw huge government salaries, have permanent job security, or fall out of one failed job into another appointment, and another, with no fear for their financial or social security.

They will be well-paid, they will travel in circles of political power regardless of how many children are raped, or die. There are no consequences for those in Tribal government who rape, rob, steal, traffic or worse. There are no consequences to anyone in Federal government who fail to respond to the reports, fail to investigate the crimes against children.

The only ones at risk or in danger are the children, or the people who try to protect them.

Nothing changes unless we demand these stories be told, over and over again until something is done about them. People ask me “What can I do to help?” I tell them that we are wrestling octopi here, grab a tentacle, start stabbing at it, and hang on.

Take any one of these stories, even this one on video posted on my site and at [Christian Alliance For Indian Child Welfare](#) ‘s site, and pester the daylights out of media to investigate and demand answers and ACTION from our lawmakers on that

single case. Pick any case and demand, demand, demand. Don't be silent. We can't solve all of them all at once, but we can pick a case and work with that until we have knocked on every door, dialed up, emailed, faxed and buttonholed everyone in media and everyone in government and made them answer to us. And when they refuse or they get tired of it, we start all over and do it all again.

This story so directly mirrors so many stories that I have heard, both on and off the reservation where children have been used as 'paychecks', bled of all their dignity, left to rot in abuse and infested pits of horror.

We can demand that unqualified morons like Marrienne McMullen be removed from her top/key position and replaced with someone that is eminently more qualified. Someone with both the education and qualifications required to run an agency that is responsible for the safety and well-being of children all over the country, and not just a political puppet being rewarded by political appointment because of her 'connections'.

If the children of this nation are important to us, and if you know they are the future that will either make us more secure or more terrified to step out of our door, then you will take this fight up as if your life depended on it, because it does.

The anger, violence, addiction, abuse and disrespect that creates the increasing levels of insecurity in our own homes and neighborhoods comes from generations of government failing to respect, protect or care about the children placed in their care.

We live now afraid that our locks on our doors are not enough. We spend billions of our tax dollars to protect children, but children are not protected while politically connected foundations and organizations, seem to be thriving and able to throw lavish fundraisers and give themselves plaques of appreciation for doing so well when they have done, really, nothing but promote themselves.

We live in a time when success is not measured by how many people you have helped or how much better you have left this world after you are gone, but rather by how much wealth you accumulated, and by how politically powerful you and your friends are.

It's time we measured success, both personal and political, by how much better off the children are because of what we have done: All the children. We have to work together. We have to want to change this. We have to realize that we can and that we must.

No one can do this alone. One family cannot do this alone. One tribe cannot do this alone... we are ALL Related. Grab any piece of this and start working on it. Make it yours.

You know where to find me.

~Cat