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Collective Identity



A photograph of a traditional wooden structure, possibly a windmill or weather vane, with colorful fabric or paper hanging from it, set against a backdrop of trees and a clear sky.



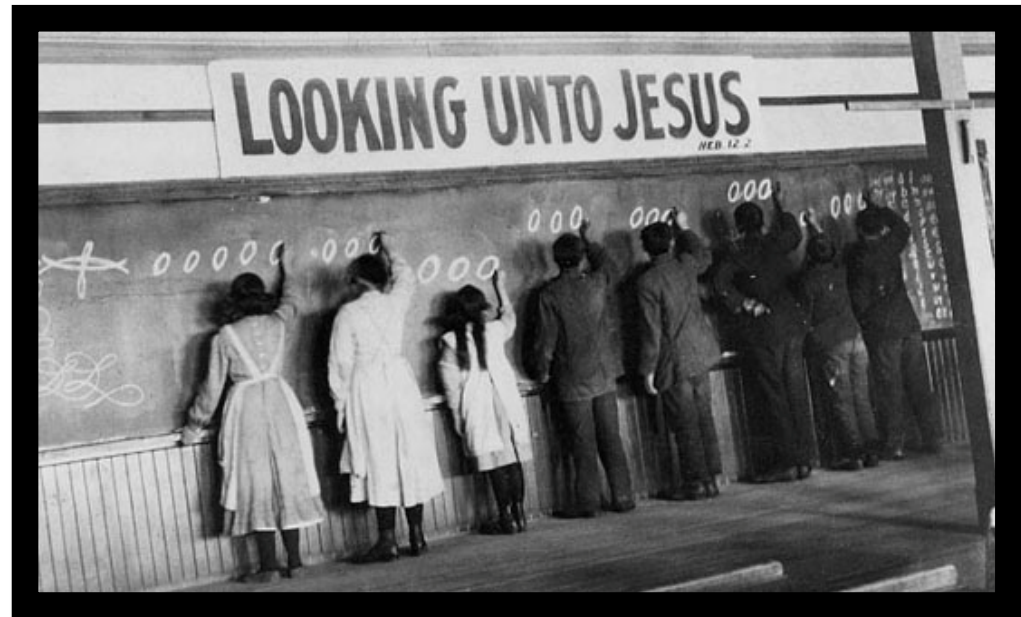
- creator's child
- children initiated ceremony

Attack against the Indian Family

The Civilization Act of 1819

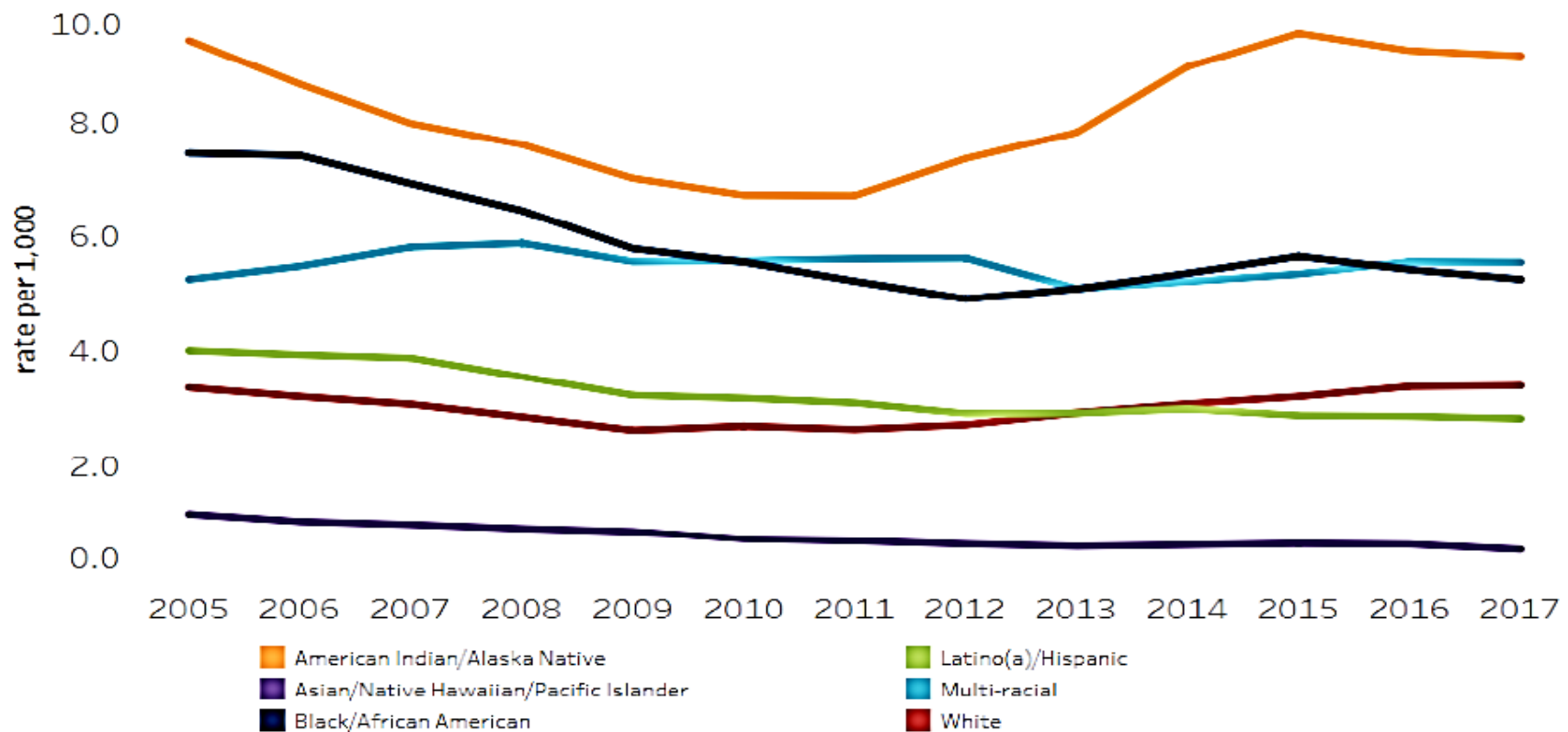
Act intended to civilize and
Christianize Indians

Funding directed to
missionary schools to
provide for “moral
education”



Disproportionality in foster care

Native children enter care at nearly three times the rate of Latino & White youth



Inherent Tribal Powers – Federal Indian Law

Tribes *“retain their inherent power to determine tribal membership, to regulate domestic relations among members, and to prescribe rules of inheritance for members.”*

Montana v. United States,
450 US 544 (1981).

Indian Tribes possess ALL aspects of sovereignty NOT specifically withdrawn by:

1) treaty; 2) statute; 3) SCOTUS.

Similar to states, tribes are limited by NOT having the power to make war, engage in foreign relations, or print and issue currency.

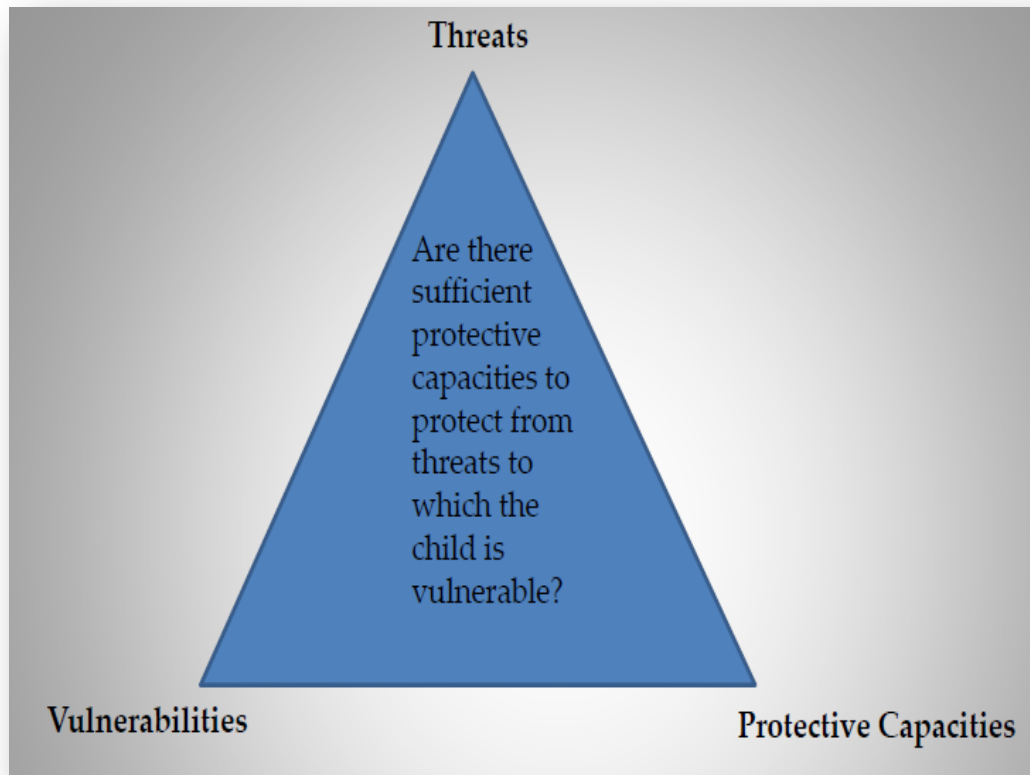
INDIAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT (1968)

Tribal Courts

- **Customary Adoption** (*adopted by code in several Tribes and in Calif.*)
- **Family Group Decision Making**
- **Proximity to culture**
- **Safety Decisions**



Safety Guide



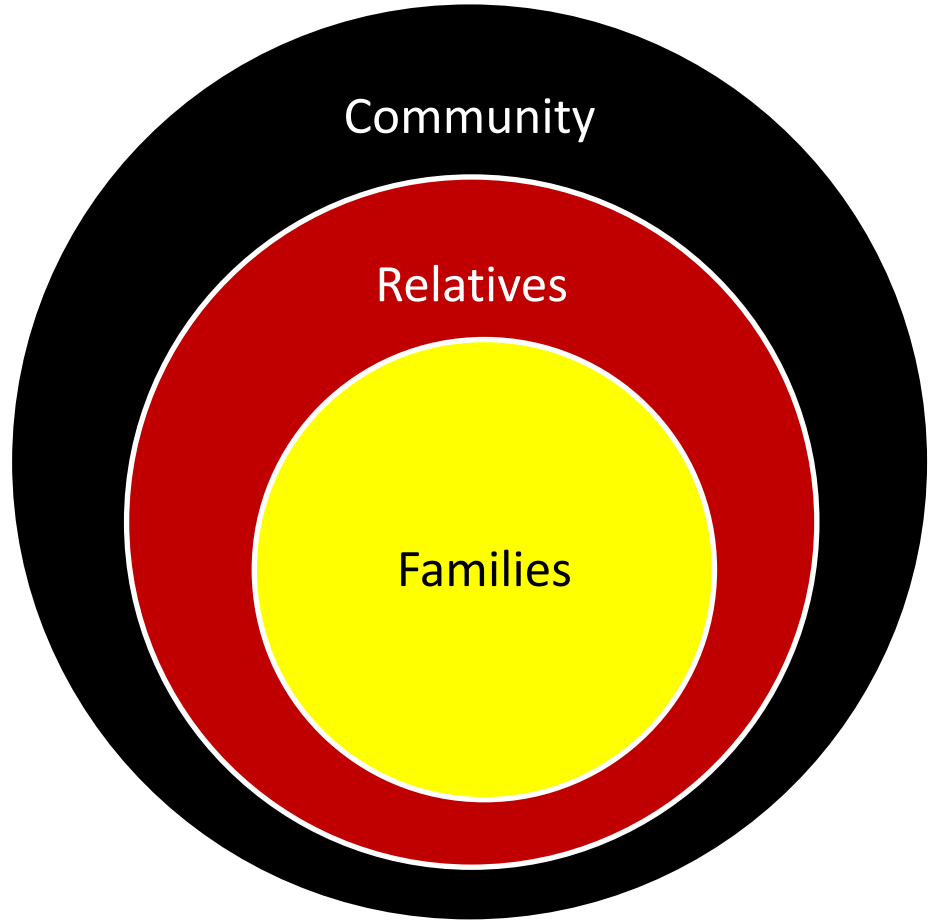
Bay Mills Juvenile Code § 719(F)(3)

Preliminary Hearing—

Out of home placement

- (A) substantial risk of harm to the child's life, physical health or mental well-being and no provisions of service...
- (B) placement is adequate to safeguard the child's health and welfare.

Why the *Gold Standard* of child welfare?



ICWA Courts – *gold standard courts*

Stakeholder
Collaboration

Proximity/Cultural
Humility

ICWA Training



ICWA Data
Collection

Judicial Leadership

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