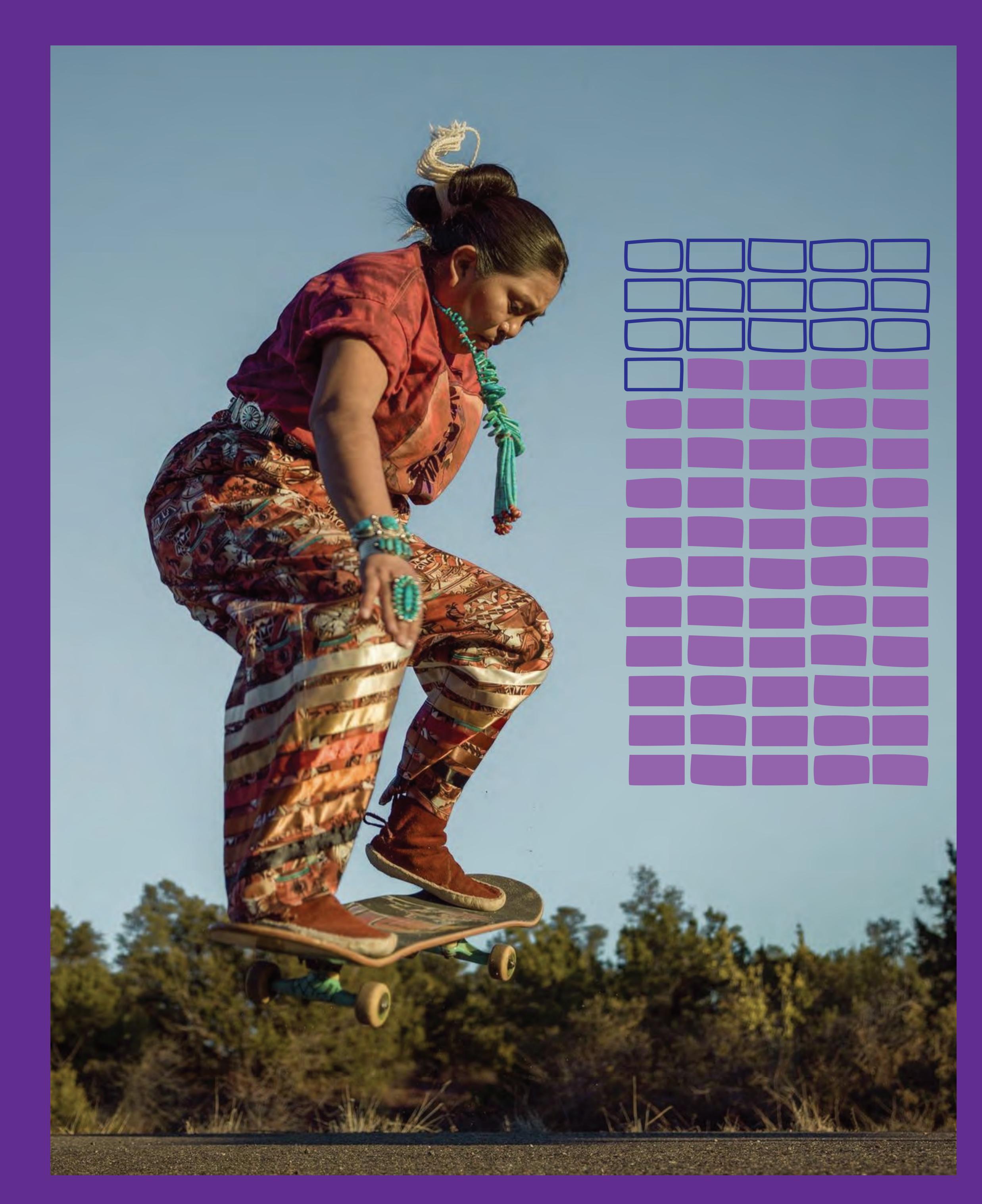
THE INVISIBILITY OF CONTEMPORARY NATIVE PEOPLES, VOICES, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND ISSUES CREATES A VOID THAT IS FILLED WITH TOXIC STEREOTYPES AND MISPERCEPTIONS.





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78% OF AMERICANS
KNOW LITTLE TO
NOTHING ABOUT
NATIVE PEOPLES.

"INVISIBILITY IS THE MODERN MANIFESTATION OF SYSTEMIC RACISM AND

ONE OF THE GREATEST THREATS TO NATIVE LANDS AND LIVELIHOODS."

-CRYSTAL ECHO HAWK

LESS THAN
0.4% OF
PHILANTHROPIC
RESOURCES
GOES TO
NATIVE
AMERICANS







CRYSTAL ECHO HAWK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ILLUMINATIVE

AMERICANS HOLD NEGATIVE & ROMANTICIZED STEREOTYPES SIMULTANEOUSLY

"TO BE SEEN AS DIVERSE NATIONS NOT A MONOLITHIC WHOLE."

QUOTE FROM INDIGENOUS FUTURES SURVEY



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PATHWAYS TOWARD NEW NARRATIVES

DIVERSITY OF NATIVE COMMUNITIES

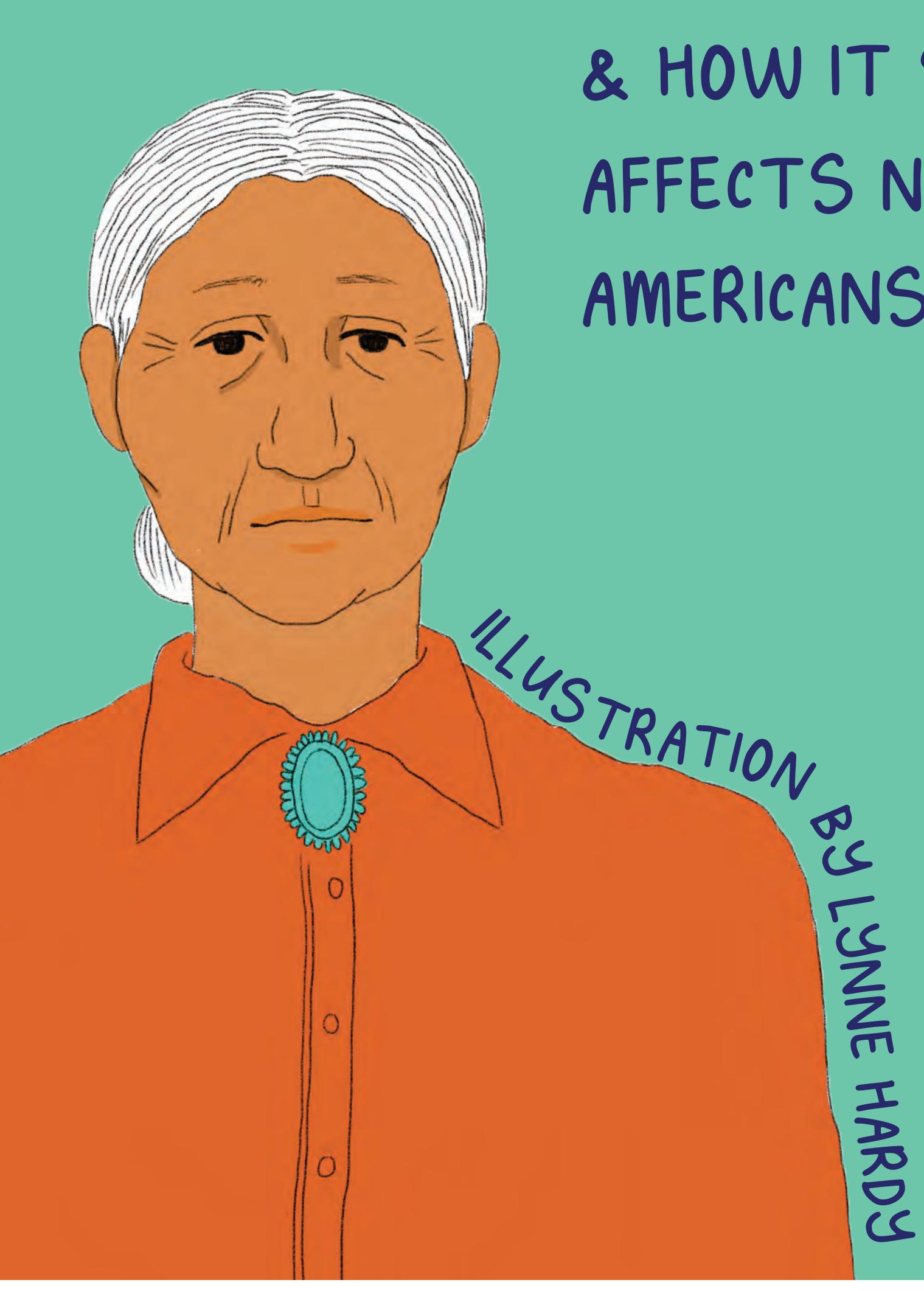
SOVEREIGNTY

EDUCATING STATE
& FEDERAL
POLICYMAKERS
ON THE SOVEREIGNTY
OF NATIVE AMERICAN
TRIBES & TREATY
RIGHTS.

TODAY, THERE ARE 574
FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED
TRIBES, MANY
STATE-RECOGNIZED
TRIBES, AS WELL AS
SEVERAL OTHER
SOVEREIGN NATIVE
NATIONS.

K-12 EDUCATION

RECOGNIZING THE
HISTORIC
MISTREATMENT OF
NATIVE PEOPLES BY
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT
& HOW IT STILL
AFFECTS NATIVE
AMERICANS TODAY.



SHOWING DIVERSITY
INCLUDING MIXED NATIVE
IDENTITIES.

DEPICTING SPECIFIC
TRIBES & CULTURES
RATHER THAN
"PAN-INDIANISM".



NATIVE ART, CULTURE, VOICE AND INFLUENCE

LIFTING UP NATIVE PEOPLES
AND THEIR HISTORY,
CULTURE, & STORIES.
SHOWING INDIGENOUS JOY,
HUMOR, & HUMANITY.

ENTERTAINMENT

INVESTING IN NEW NATIVE
STORIES IN FILM AND TV AND
REPLACE FALSE DEPICTIONS
WITH NATIVE PEOPLES'
STORIES.

HIRING MORE NATIVE ARTISITS
IN THE FULL STORYTELLING
PROCESS AS WRITERS,
PRODUCERS, DIRECTORS,
ACTORS, DESIGNERS, ETC.

INDIGENOUS FUTURES SURVEY 2020

REPRESENTING 6,400 NATIVE PEOPLES & 401 TRIBES

THE INDIGENOUS FUTURES SURVEY IS THE LARGEST RESEARCH CONDUCTED IN INDIAN COUNTRY REPRESENTING A DIVERSE SAMPLE ACROSS AGE, GENDER, AND GEOGRAPHY.

THIS DATA CAPTURES INSIGHT ON NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING AND POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT. DEMOCRACY IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT; HOWEVER, VOTER SUPPRESSION, CAMPAIGN FINANCE FRAUD, AND THE ONGOING SYSTEMATIC DISENFRANCHISEMENT OF INDIGENOUS, BLACK, AND OTHER COMMUNITIES OF COLOR HAVE INHIBITED THE CREATION OF A TRULY REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY.

MANY CONVERSATIONS ON VOTING NORMS AND BEHAVIORS NEGLECT NATIVE PEOPLES AND DISMISS THE NATIVE VOTE AS INCONSISTENT, NATIVE PEOPLE AS UNENGAGED, OR THE NATIVE POPULATION AS TOO SMALL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ELECTIONS.

THIS SURVEY IS THE FIRST STEP IN A YEARSLONG PROCESS TO UNDERSTAND THE MOTIVATIONS, PRIORITIES, AND THE CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS AND BELIEFS OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY.

A 2.0 VERSION OF THE INDIGENOUS FUTURES SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN

2021-2022 AND A NEW REPORT WILL BE PUBLISHED BY ILLUMINATIVE AT THE

END OF THIS YEAR.

IDENTITY



94% NATIVE AMERICAN

(NOTE: PERCENTAGES DO NOT SUM TO 100% BECAUSE PEOPLE COULD IDENTIFY WITH MULTIPLE GROUPS)

6% FIRST NATIONS



3% ALASKA NATIVE



2% NATIVE HAWAIIAN







ENCULTURATION



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ARE CIVICALLY ENGAGED

SIGNING A PETITION

82%

SHARING POLITICAL CONTENT ONLINE

77%

PARTICIPATE IN A GRASSROOTS ORG

CONTACTING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL

47%

ATTENDING A PROTEST

(PRIOR TO THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD)

37%

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INDIGENOUS TRANS,
NON-BINARY,
GENDERQUEER, AND
TWO-SPIRIT PLEOPLES
ENGAGE IN MORE CIVIC
ACTIVITIES.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATE IN MORE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES ENGAGE IN MORE CIVIC ACTIVITIES.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
ARE MOTIVATED MOST
BY CANDIDATES
PLATFORM & TRACK
RECORD ON NATIVE &
TRIBAL ISSUES.



PRIORITIES OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

69%
IMPROVING
MENTAL HEALTH

65%
CARING FOR
TRIBAL ELDERS

ADDRESSING
VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN,
CHILDREN &
LGBTQ+

63%
PRESERVING
TRIBAL
LANGUAGES

BARRIERS TO VOTING

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32%
NOT RECEIVING
ABSENTEE BALLOT
ON TIME

27%

NOT BEING ABLE

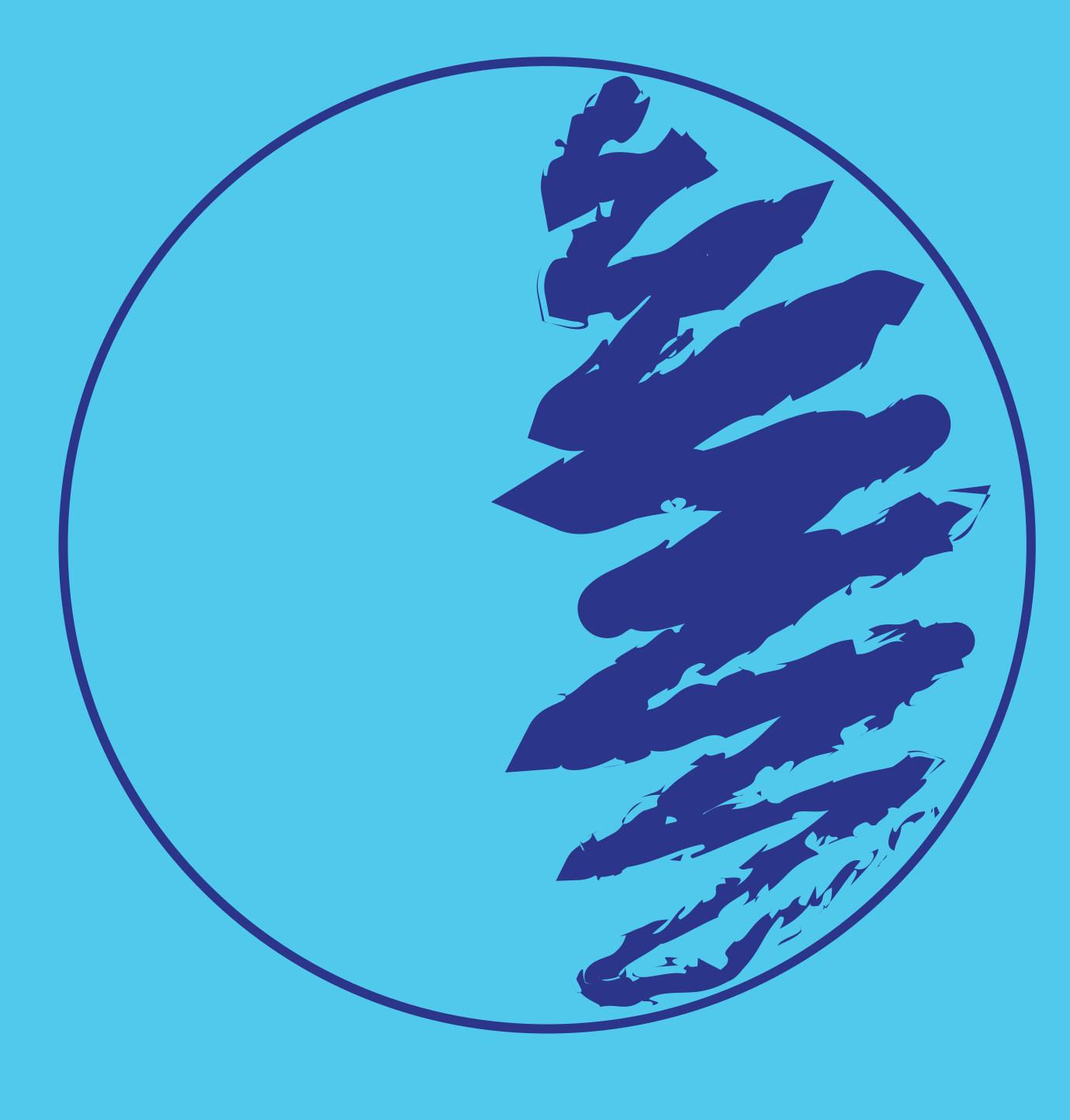
TO ACCESS POLLING

DUE TO WORK HOURS

19%
THE POLLING
PLACE BEING
TOO FAR AWAY

17%
LINE TO
VOTE WAS
TOO LONG

39% OF INDIGENOUS
YOUNG PEOPLE (20-29
YRS) EXPERIENCE MORE
BARRIERS DUE TO LACK OF
TRANSPORTATION TO POLLS.



48% OF INDIGENOUS
TRANS, NON-BINARY,
GENDERQUEER, AND
TWO-SPIRIT PEOPLES
EXPERIENCE MORE
BARRIERS TO VOTING.

