

Think About It . . .

"Cooperation is the thread that holds the fabric of society together. That is the magic of civil disobedience, or nonviolent, noncooperation as it is called by some. The majority culture, or majority-culture-dominated society, cannot control a significant minority without the cooperation of the members of that minority. . . .

Although cooperation is a value shared by many Native peoples, Native people must learn that our cultural duty to cooperate with others does not extend to those who are actively trying to end our way of life. In fact, if there is a duty it is to withhold our cooperation in the hope that our children are not treated as we are now."

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