

American Indian Cultural Differences Test

- 1) Western society practices an individualistic ethos which is comparable to American Indians. T or F
- 2) The BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) was once a branch of the War Department. T or F
- 3) Prior to European contact, American Indians practiced gender-neutral roles. T or F
- 4) The political leaders of Indian Nations were known to their people as Chief. T or F
- 5) Throughout history, women have been the backbone of Indian Nations. T or F
- 6) Of the 371 major treaties signed by the U.S. government and Indian Nations, 371 have been broken. T or F
- 7) The term “two spirit” refers to American Indians who live in dual worlds—dominant society and Native society. T or F
- 8) IHS is an acronym for Indigenous Healing Society. T or F
- 9) Chicle, the chewy ingredient in bubble gum, was first introduced by Indians. T or F
- 10) Prior to European invasion, cancer, syphilis, and tooth decay were virtually unknown on the North American continent. T or F
- 11) American Indians believe that all things are interconnected and have energy, animate and inanimate alike. T or F
- 12) GONA is an acronym that stands for Get Out Native Americans. T or F

Resources

www.nicwa.org National Indian Child Welfare Association

www.ncai.org National Congress of American Indians

www.Indiancountrynews.com Contemporary news in Indian Country

American Indian/Native American Studies programs at US universities.

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Historical Trauma Impact Factors

Educational

Boarding schools

Military regimen

Family separation

Loss of language

Dehumanization

Authoritarianism

Denigration of way of

life and culture

Poor parenting skills

Religious

Loss of unity of faith

Religious proliferation

Traditional rituals
destroyed

Religious values
denigrated

Social

Highest rate of institutionalized
children

Racial Prejudice

Loss of Tribal identity

Rural/urban dichotomy

Technology

Loss of land, rights/power

Legal problems

The Power of Culture and Resiliency: Strength-based Assets

The Principle of Self-Reliance

The Principle of Non-Interference

The Principle of Non-Confrontation

The Principle of Diversity

The Principle of Respect for Elders

The Principle of Extended Family