The Minoritization of the Indigenous Communities of Mindanao and the Sulu Archipelago by Rodil (1994) reflects the struggles of the lumad throughout history up to the present. According to the book, the lumad want:

- the return of all lands taken from them through deceit, harassment, illegal manipulation, or simply grabbed;
- the government to cancel permits secured by individuals and companies operating logging, mining, pastures, rattan gathering, and other agri-based industries within lumad territories. These businesses may operate within areas of ancestral domain only with the permission of individual "tribes";
- the migration of settlers into ancestral domain controlled
- their culture to be learned, respected, and taught as part of the DepEd curriculum;
- the government to stop militarization in lumad territories, stop the recruitment of lumad into paramilitary units, and stop the improper use of the lumad pangayaw (revenge raids); and
- the government to stop recognizing "fake Lumad organizations and fake datu which has become standard practice not only to foil or diffuse legitimate Lumad aspirations but also to advance selfish interests among government officials and their influential friends" (Rodil, 2004).