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Socratic Notes Question 1:

* Walking the Rez Road’s perspective was written very narrowly, only showing one dimension of the Indian reservation community.
* It can mislead people into thinking that the only environment in which the Indians live in is that.
* The Buffalo Tribe has flourished because of their adaptable skills
* University of Maryland, employment rises by an average of 26% in counties that open a casino.
* The tribe has won recognition from Harvard University for its project to restore the prairie grasslands on which the animals thrive.
* The complaint that reservations preserve the cultural heritage of Native Americans at the expense of their luxury is somewhat obsolete in this situation.
* Harvard's Project on American Indian Economic Development argue that most successful tribes are the most culturally conservative.
* Reservations are not ghettos from which the poor must escape, but small, land-locked nations, which must take charge of their own affairs.
* This lets them celebrate and embrace their culture to whatever extent that they want, and attempt to flourish in whatever economy they can.
* They find a niche in the wider economy, which the Buffalo have done with Casinos.
* ^^^http://www.economist.com/node/5026358
* California’s Cabazons
* Minnesota’s Mille Lacs Chippewas
* New Mexico’s Sandias
* Arizona’s Navajos and Jicarillas produce oil and gas.
* Oregon’s Confederated Tribes manage forests and operate hydroelectric dams.
* The three tribes of Oregon’s Warm Springs confederation run a series of enterprises that generate $80 million a year in revenue:
* power plant, timber operation, vacation resort, and apparel company.
* ^^^https://fee.org/articles/native-american-success-stories/

Socratic Question Notes 2:

* Native Americans have been supposedly granted “sovereignty” by the United States, however, these people are continually subjected to restrictions and regulations issued buy the U.S. government.
* They live under a false reality that they are independent, yet the limited resources and outside investors have not enabled Indian success.
* Indians result to alcohol and other controlled substances in order to cope with the poverty they are forced to endure.
* The U.S. attempts to

Socratic Question Notes 3-4:

* The nature of Indian businesses—collective ownership, resistance to sale of tribal land, the inability to submit to American culture and lose their own—limits business opportunities.
* Government sees it as too much of a good thing, so it turns into something that they can exploit.
* They see Indian gambling revenue as a pot of money for government to raid. Proposals have surfaced on Capitol Hill to tax up to a 33% of native American gaming.
* The state lottery has a revenue of 15 billion annually, meanwhile the opposition of Indian casinos is backed by the reason that gambling is wrong and immoral. Therefore, no tax should be put on the Indian casino business and not the state lotteries.
* Indians have been victimized by the welfare. Dependent on federal aid, they have been put in the position to be languished in poverty, without a path to succeed.
* Washington should be careful not to destroy the little success of these people with overwhelming taxation.
* The unwillingness to assimilate (only a few tribal communities or reservations have taken to their abilities to flourish and leave behind their culture, instead they retain their culture and suffer under the consequences of government assisted poverty)
* ^^^https://fee.org/articles/native-American-success-stories/
* (Quotes from books)

Socratic Question 5:

* Page 136 Walking Rez Road Poem: The perspectives of Indians, influenced by many of these peace treaties being broken, have been skewed to this picture of Americans taking, capitalizing on any resources, and killing/disadvantaging Indians for their success.
* Northup: With him, serving in the military did not seem to strengthen his little admiration of America. As he said these condemning words all describing the American way of life.
* Suzan Shown Harjo of the Cheyenne and Hodulgee Muscogee Indian nations.
* She said the reason why the government did not want to let Indians have designated land was because of gold, silver, or other natural resources.
* They were not only scattered from their lands, and lots of people murdered during the Gold Rush, but they were erased from history and completely taken advantage of as a result of their treaties.