

In researching problems facing indigenous people in sociological systems, I was shocked to find the following statistic, Native Americans make up less than one percent of the population, but make up nearly two percent of all police killings (Center for Disease Control and Prevention). The article from Huffington post also states that “native peoples are also disproportionately affected by mass incarceration. In states with significant Native populations, Native Americans are wildly overrepresented in the criminal justice system.” After reading more into these shocking and disappointing statistics, I have come to the conclusion that there seems to be a greater unjust systematic cycle occurring. I find that the only real way to make a change here would be to start from the beginning and offer more jobs and better housing to Native people in need. There also needs to be some positive representation of native people in media in order to fight stereotypes that are actively acted upon in the society.