

Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship – Racial Justice Ministry

Race in Focus – November 2021

Video 1

Life in Indian Country: Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute History and Community, by the Shoshone Paiute (~33 mins). <https://www.shopaitribes.org/spculture/>

Video description

Three short videos about our closest Indigenous community. In addition to historical information not shared in Settler history, the videos provide a look at the community today. The video links are at the bottom of the page and the combined viewing time is about 33 minutes.

NOTE: The first two Duck Valley videos end abruptly. When this happens, close the YouTube tab, return to the Duck Valley webpage page, scroll to the bottom of the page and open the next video. Otherwise, a random video may open.

Video 2

Thriving in Indian Country: What's in the way and how do we overcome (16.57), 2017. Anton Treuer, TEDxBemidji. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dixcfAlzwNk>

Video description

“It can't be a recipe for a healthy nation if our largest demographic of kids is only getting to the finish line a little over half the time. Somehow we're going to have to start listening to other perspectives.' At TEDxBemidji, Anton Treuer gives us a focused look at mascots, microaggressions, and helping Native Americans thrive.”

Questions for consideration and discussion

1. What is something new you learned from this set of videos? How does it fit in with what you already knew about Indigenous People in the US?
2. At the beginning of his TED Talk, Anton Treuer challenges us to listen to multiple perspectives and look for adaptive solutions to helping people thrive. What do you see as the practical benefits of this? What do you see as the primary challenges to this? What can you do to begin putting this into practice?
3. In what ways is the Duck Valley community “thriving” in the way that Anton Treuer describes thriving? What most impresses you about the Duck Valley community, either from these videos or from any visit you might have made to the community?
4. During a recent, in-person meeting, a Duck Valley resident who had attended college and worked in eastern Idaho described her preference to bring her children back to Duck Valley to grow up. What considerations, pro and con, might have guided her decision? How might her children “thrive” better in Duck Valley than in eastern Idaho?

Additional resources

- Dunbar-Ortiz, Roxanne (2015). *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*.
- Dunbar-Ortiz, Roxanne (2019). *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for young people*.
- Fish, Rosalie (2019). Running for missing and murdered indigenous women. TEDxYouth, Seattle. Video – 11:55.
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- Gilio-Whitaker, Gina (2020). As long as the grass grows: *The indigenous fight for environmental justice from colonization to Standing Rock*.
- Houska, Tara (2018). The Standing Rock resistance and our fight for indigenous rights. TED. Video – 11:03. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wD3-6JIUF7M>
- Kimmerer, Robin (~2012). Reclaiming the “honorable harvest” TEDx Sitka. Video – 17:57.
<https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=mcafee&p=robin+kimmerer+honorable+harvest+video#id=1&vid=d05f96eba14ee4cf6e1df28f2089c6cb&action=click>
- Kimmerer, Robin Wall (2014) Questions for a resilient future. Video - 16:56.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4nUobJEEWQ>
- Laurent, Adriana (2018). Climate change is a social justice issue. TEDx UBC. Video – 14:31.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRmHp0VC4K4>
- Marshall, Kimberly (2016). *Upward not sunwise: Resonant rupture in Navajo Neo-Pentecostalism*.
- Treuer, David (2021). Return the national parks to the tribes: The jewels of America’s landscape should belong to America’s original peoples. *The Atlantic*, May,
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