

You're fucking schools destroyed our family. The frame caused to my great grandmother when she was ripped from her home and placed in one of these schools.

The trauma it caused was generational and carried through to my grand mother and mother who never forgave white men. She was beaten, molested and had her mouth washed out with lye soap when she tried to speak Lakota.

I am now left culturally orphaned. While my values are Native American, I am not accepted by my cousins in the tribe. Instead becoming a target in my youth as one whose family betrayed the tribe and left the reservation through marriage.

You will never repair the damages and don't appear to ever be willing to. To do so would be to admit the genocide on which this country was founded.

I hesitate to encourage any attempts at reparations. Every action the US government has taken to "help" the tribes has caused more harm than good.

Just try not to make this issue worse. Just come clean with the crimes and stop trying to hide the shameful things the government has done.

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