

Dear Cast A 2020,

My name is Christopher L. Seckletstewa Jr, I am a African/Native american student From Hopi Jr. Sr. High School. Normally we as natives are always being portrayed as savages and are always needing help from others, when the reason we need help or support is because the Europeans or Spaniards cause the problem. Due to this There are many problems with how we are viewed and portrayed in today's society. Now all I wish is that the people knew about everything we went through to get to where we are now, My specific tribe the Hopi are one of the few tribes that still live in our original land. The government moved around all the other tribes which killed some people because they were being moved to a new environment they would learn how to adapt there and all of their sacred land, monuments, etc are all gone now due to this. Not only that but the main cause of most of us dying in the early years is because of the new diseases that the Europeans and others all brought to this land, it killed us because we had no idea how to deal with it and the medicine ways we would use were not working because once again it was from an unknown land that was mysterious to us. Therefore we dwindled in numbers and needed help for our survival, but sometimes they would only help us if we knew and learned about the christian ways most times forcing it on us, also making us forget about our old ways and when we would try to dance or sing they would punish us or sometimes killed us. Nowadays the government and schools are trying make us forget about it and not teaching us these things in school but in history classes they make us out to be savages, killers, uncivilised, etc. but they would force our hand by forcing their way onto us trying to make us christian and make us forget who we really are because they so full of themselves thinking they were the best race ever forcing their way onto any tribe they would come across. Then in history they say that it was defence because we started attacking them when in reality we were the ones defending ourselves and they were the attackers forcing their way here. In the Star spangled banner it is said "the land of the free and the home of the brave" when in reality most people are not free the government had once promised us our land would not be taken but what happened they took our land then now are trying

to pay us when we don't want money we want our land back. One more thing that annoys me is that we are normally always have to make deals or ask for our artifacts back when it was originally ours then they ask for some of us to check on these items and tell them what it was meant for, but they aren't asking out of curiosity rarely they ask out of curiosity but most of the time they would rather write a book and make money off of it. I hope this enlightens you on what has happened and what the government does, so i hope you have found out that not all of history is true they always try to make them the hero of the ones that are being attacked.

Sincerely,

Christopher L. Seckletstewa Jr.