

What she say.

“The impact of both U. S. colonialism and patriarchy on Native American peoples, especially on women, has been to accomplish a further erosion of their indigenous rights as the earliest groups in the Americas.¹”

“Preinvasion cultures of Native people and Native feminisms were systematically attacked by the settler colonial state precisely because Native feminisms challenged settler colonial claims to legitimacy.²”

“As symbol and reality, the Indian woman suffers from our needs, and by both race and sex stands damned.³”

“In other words, we cannot be allowed to see indigenous women in all their erotic glory without also seeing and acknowledging all that has been done to make those women— their bodies and cultures— extinct.

We cannot see that criminal effort of genocide without also acknowledging that “our America”— our own democratic and superior nation—has committed crimes on a par with the gender- or ethnic-cleansing campaigns in other countries against which United States politicians ceaselessly rail.⁴”

“The trouble comes from the historical exploitation and mistreatment of people and material. It also comes from feelings of being over researched yet, ironically, made invisible.⁵”

“Ignorance is no crime. But when you trot your ignorance before the world as though it were part of some profound truth, that is a crime.⁶”

“For me, **Indigenous Feminism** is about creating a **new world** out of the **best of the old.**”⁷”

“I believe that what we now call feminism... was simply a way of life to our ancestors.”⁸”

“The word ‘feminism’ has special meaning to Indian women, including the idea of promoting the continuity of tradition, and consequently, pursuing the recognition of tribal sovereignty.”⁹”

“More than a feminist, I am a nationalist, trained by my family and destined by my genealogy to speak and work on my people's behalf, including our women.”¹⁰”

“We understand the difficulty and complexity of laboring in and against settler colonialism, which is often convenient to accept as the norm. Nevertheless, although it will require much struggle and energy, we believe that such a radical transformation of white-stream feminism and gender and women’s studies is both possible and desirable.”¹¹”

“What she say be law.”¹²”

“Denaturalizing settler colonialism will mark it as not a fait accompli but a process open to change.¹³”

“In the midst of war, we bear witness, we create.¹⁴”

“I woke up. I AM WOMAN!¹⁵”

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