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- Structural discrimination

**Historical and intergenerational trauma**
- Erasure of AI/AN from mainstream American society
- Barriers to Tribal self-governance
- Distrust between Tribes and state/federal governments
- Governance structures that limit meaningful Tribal participation
- Generational poverty
- Tension between majority American culture and Native cultures
- Diminished population size of AI/AN

**Colonialist aims separated AI/AN from community, identity, and culture**
- Genocide
- Taking of lands
- Forced relocation
- Forced assimilation policies

**Colonization introduced foreign structures and systems**
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**Colonization produced: As a direct result,**
- Disparities in opportunities (education, jobs, healthcare)
- Diminished economic and political power for Tribes, and exclusion from decision-making
- Data practices that exclude AI/AN from representation
- Severely underfunded public sector

**AI/AN are then further separated from their communities and culture**
- Tribes have limited resources to address these systemic problems.
- AI/AN must leave their homes and communities to access resources, meet needs, and pursue opportunities.

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