

ARTICLE ABSTRACT

Federal Indian Law and Environmental Policy: A Social Continuity of Violence

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This article provides a legal analysis of the United States government's relations with American Indian tribes and its impact on federal Indian environmental policy. The discussion centers on the premise that there is inherent violence in the United States government's environmental policy in violation of specific treaties. The violence referred to by the authors regards breaches of treaty relationships between Indian tribes and the federal government. The article includes analysis of the Medicine Lodge Treaty, *Lone Wolf v. Hitchcock*, and how environmental policies, based on ideas of racial and ethnic superiority, maintain colonial control over Indian resource. The authors also demonstrate positive steps that have already been taken towards a solution.

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