

# Restoring the Integrity and Status of Women as Sacred: An Advocate Panel Discussion

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WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER







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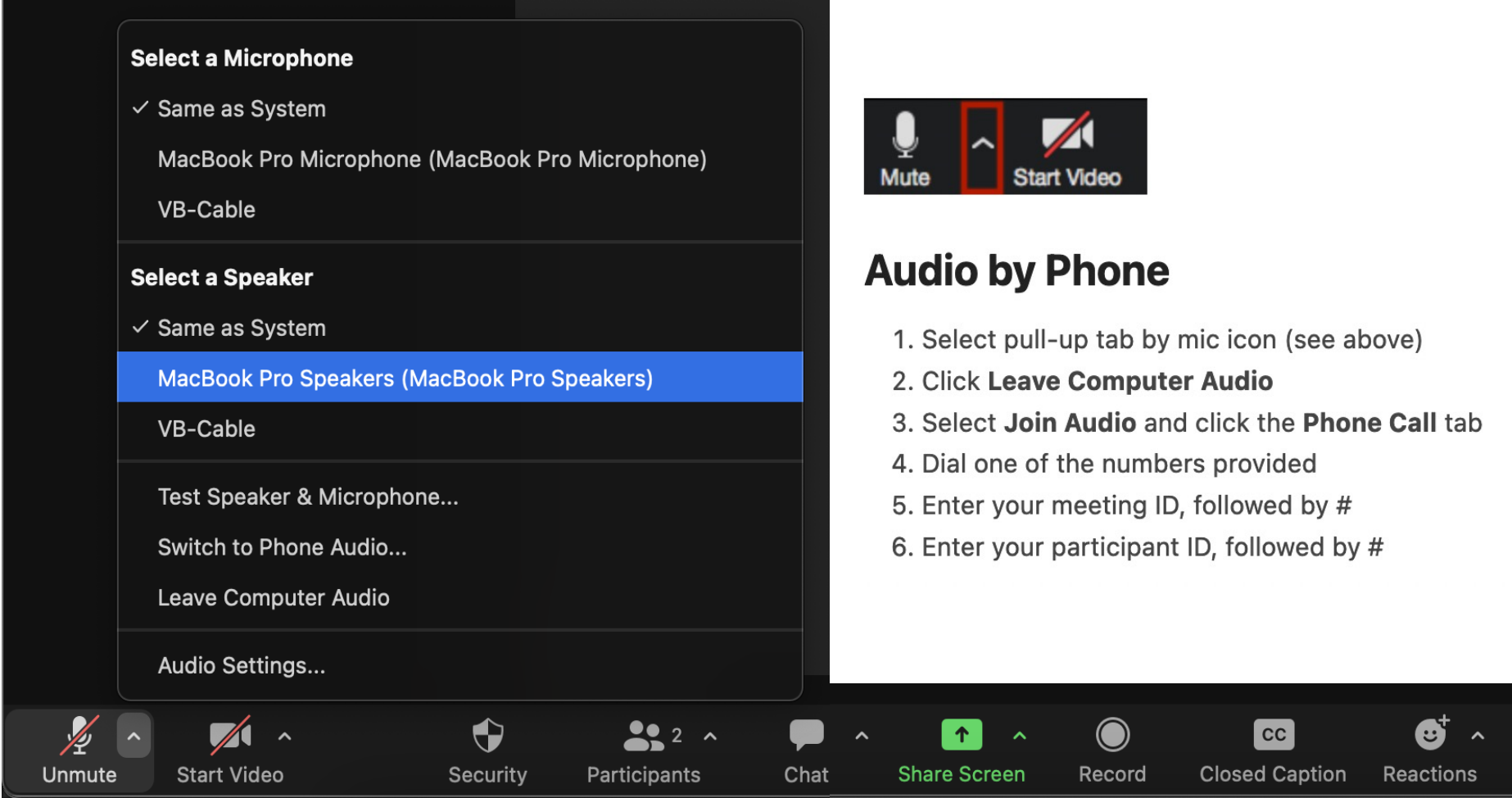


# NATIONAL INDIGENOUS

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

- ❖ NIWRC is “*Dedicated to reclaiming the sovereignty and safety of Native Women*”
- ❖ National Indian Resource Center
- ❖ Funded by the Family Violence Prevention Services Administration since 2010
- ❖ Serving Indian Nations, Alaska Native Villages, Native Hawaiians and Tribal Communities
- ❖ Our Mission is “*to provide national leadership to end violence against Native women by supporting culturally grounded grassroots advocacy*”

# HOUSEKEEPING



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- VB-Cable

**Select a Speaker**

- ✓ Same as System
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- Test Speaker & Microphone...
- Switch to Phone Audio...
- Leave Computer Audio
- Audio Settings...

**Audio by Phone**

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2. Click **Leave Computer Audio**
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5. Enter your meeting ID, followed by #
6. Enter your participant ID, followed by #



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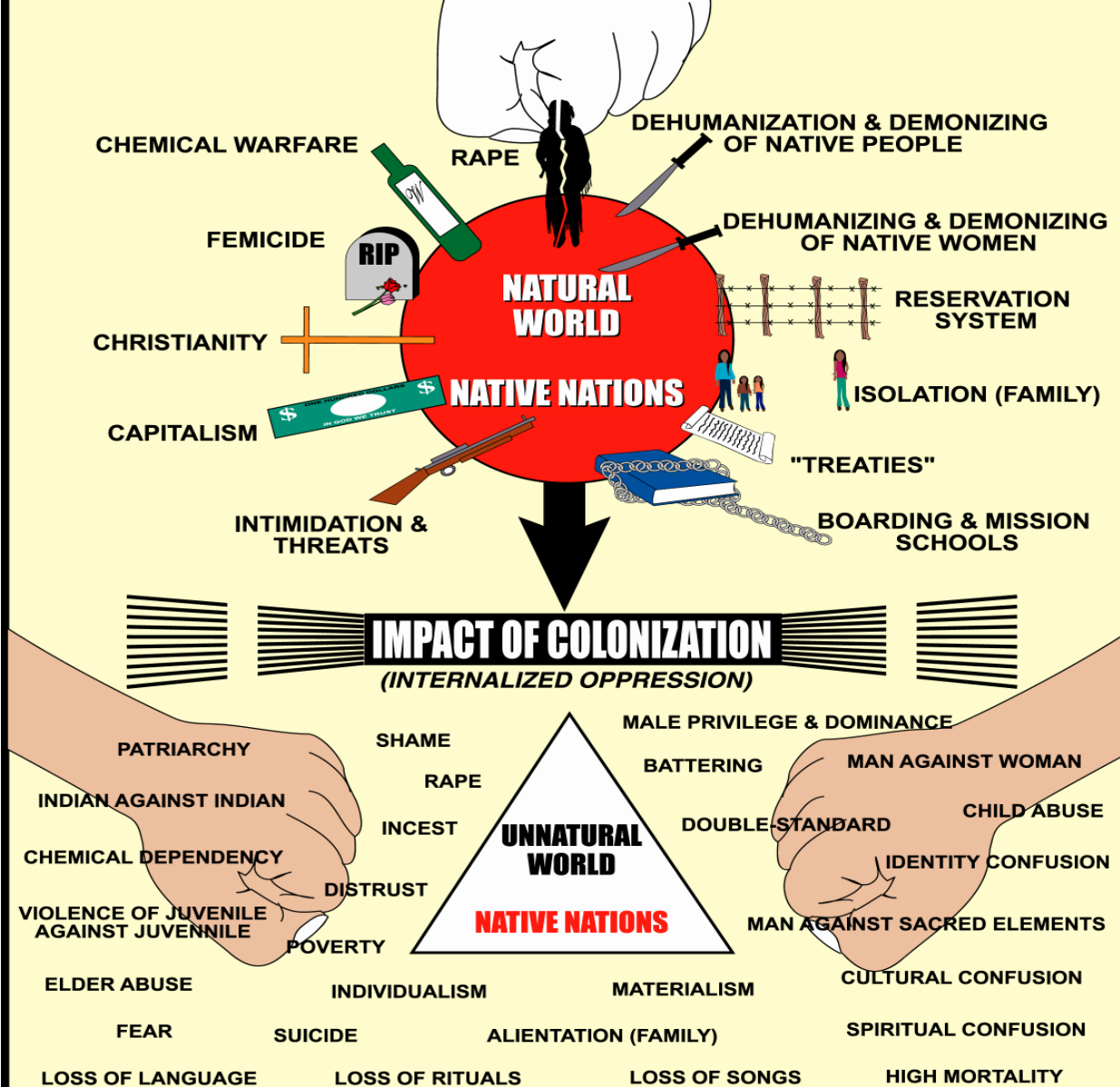
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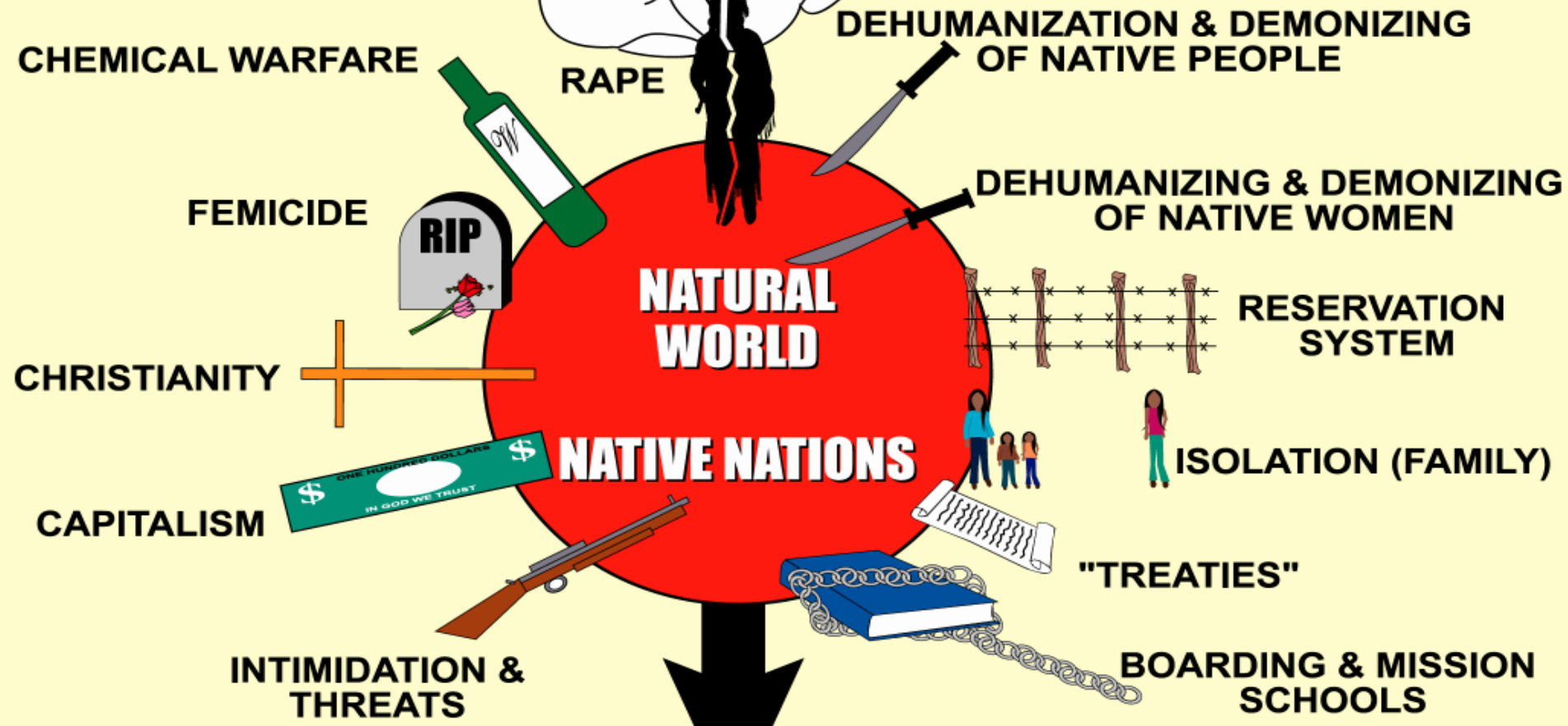
It's About Relationships.

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INTIMIDATION & THREATS

BOARDING & MISSION SCHOOLS

# IMPACT OF COLONIZATION

(INTERNALIZED OPPRESSION)

UNNATURAL  
WORLD

NATIVE NATIONS

PATRIARCHY

INDIAN AGAINST INDIAN

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY

VIOLENCE OF JUVENILE  
AGAINST JUVENILE

ELDER ABUSE

FEAR

LOSS OF LANGUAGE

SHAME

RAPE

INCEST

DISTRUST

POVERTY

INDIVIDUALISM

SUICIDE

LOSS OF RITUALS

MALE PRIVILEGE & DOMINANCE

BATTERING

DOUBLE STANDARD

MAN AGAINST SACRED ELEMENTS

MATERIALISM

ALIENTATION (FAMILY)

LOSS OF SONGS

MAN AGAINST WOMAN

CHILD ABUSE

IDENTITY CONFUSION

CULTURAL CONFUSION

SPIRITUAL CONFUSION

HIGH MORTALITY





WHAT IS INTERNALIZED OPPRESSION?





HOW DOES COLONIZED THINKING & SUBSEQUENT  
INTERNALIZED OPPRESSION IMPACT US AS ADVOCATES?





WHAT DOES WOMEN ARE SACRED MEAN? WHAT DOES  
CULTURALLY BASED MEAN?





HOW CAN OUR INDIGENOUS BELIEFS INFORM OUR  
ADVOCACY?





WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO RE-INDIGENIZE OUR  
RELATIONSHIPS WITH SURVIVORS AND THE WAY WE  
DO ADVOCACY?





HOW DO WE EXAMINE PRACTICES TO ENSURE THEY ARE  
CONSISTENT W/ OUR INDIGENOUS BELIEFS AND  
LIFEWAYS, TO MAKE POSITIVE CHANGE?





RESTORING THE INTEGRITY AND STATUS OF  
WOMEN AS SACRED



# In Reminder

“Both the elder men and women advised continual prayer. They adamantly believe that the solution to the problem of violence against women will be found in regaining spiritual balance and remembering culture and traditional values. Men need to understand the sacredness and power of women and their responsibilities in caring for her and the children. These elders felt that women have forgotten their sacredness and need to re-examine their responsibilities and refocus on their rights.”

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