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Martin: But, I'm just saying that, but our young kids are the ones who are really losing out. They are going to school at an early age, they are even starting to lose the language. They see television, radio, telephone, all these modern conveniences have really---and, of course, the older people have not really practiced it, to provide the leadership that is needed for these children in these areas of maintaining traditional life. And that's not to say that it's not a matter of traditional life against modern day life. I think you can participate fully in modern day activities and still maintain your traditional activities also. So you don't necessarily have to sacrifice one for the other.

(No, but I think a good point here is the fact that, and I think psychologists, I guess, are more prone to say this than maybe others (words not clear). They maintain that it's difficult for social group or individual to survive and be successful without knowing who he is.)

Martin: That's right.

(And this is what you say. If you lose your original pattern and we get our children lost in between.)

Martin: If you lose your identity and roots--this is what's wrong with a lot of people now in this country. They don't know who they are. They are constantly seeking, trying to find their roots. Many of them think they are part Indians. They come to me and ask me about how they could find out--these type of things; and I think it's really frustration and it's not the way it ought to be, anyway.

(This is very interesting and I just recall hearing recently, very recently, the statement that they are interested in us teaching some customs and