

And maybe white people have made them feel that way for a long time.

What could we do to help them come out of that? I mean, to change their self image. How could a person go about, what do we need to do to give them that confidence, in other words, so they'll step forward?) Well, I would say, give them the encouragement and look on them as your equal, I guess. 'Cause you know lot of times, as you said, they might feel that they're not good enough. Or, for instance, I've said this before that, you know, when the Vista Volunteers came out, well, at first we were kind of, well, we didn't want to have anything to do with them because we didn't know what they were. And what they were working for or anything.

(I remember that very well /laughter/ since I was one of them.)

Oh yeah. So they worked on the same level as an Indian. And they didn't come around, driving their big cars up and telling what not to do and what to do or anything like that. They lived the Indian's life. And they got, I think they kinda learned what they was and what their needs were than anybody else that I know of. Cause--

(Than any other group that's come in.)

Yes, cause they came into our homes and they lived around our environments. And they had to tough out what we had to tough out. And so that made us closer to them, you know. We looked to them as a friend more than anything else.

(Uh-huh.)

So I think the only way anybody can get to Indians to come out of their shell as they say, is to not show that they have more or know more than the Indian does. But, just let, just say live with them, in other words. Because it takes quite a while for an Indian to come out of their shell. And really confide in anyone. They have to really--

(In other words, they can't do this over night.)

No, they can't.