

UNITED STATES CONGRESS IS BEGINNING TO HELP

(This is very interesting because your ideas and your expressions point up the fact that, this is the very thing that our Congress is learning about, if they haven't already known that. I'm sure that they've known it over a long period of time, but they've tried to solve the problem by not facing up to the real responsibilities of creating economic conditions where Indians can become equal citizens with others living within the territory or their home territories. And they've tried to say, send them away to school, take them over here and locate them; or send them to the cities to work, and all of these approaches have been very destructive, I think or retarding at least to the Indian people and not acceptable to them. So, I think this kind of concept is really the approach and the coming approach that is being examined very closely by Congress at this time, to see if they really do something about the problems. But you know, I think the word is assimilation that they've always talked about, in fact this is the goal that they want with the Indian people. To try to make them over into white society and make an individual Indian just like any one else.

(There is no way.)

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Ultimately, it is the destruction, annihilation of culture and tribal background, and I think what you're saying is very true, there's no way. Because nobody is going to give up their identity. I don't imagine there is anywhere in history that this has ever had occurred complete assimilation. But, you know, I'm amused and I'll digress here, for I guess this is what might be in order, to mention a little bit about the