

Informants: Howard Goodbear and
Clinton Youngbear

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Howard: Back to myself, like I say, I quit in 9th grade, had taken all advantages I could - education..

(Let me ask you on this one point here, do you think the reason you quit in 9th grade, Howard, they say that the greatest number, the statistics show that the greatest dropout of Indian students happens in the 8th and 9th grade? Do you think the reason you quit is still the same reason some of the Indian kids quit now, or do you think they're different, the reasons they drop out of school?)

Well, my opinion, I believe it is.

(It's different now?)

Not, not too different reasons, but I still think it's along the educational level because a lot of these kids reach this 8th or 9th grade, I might be wrong, but they can't fall back on their parents for help on education.

CLINTON HAS A PHILOSOPHY ABOUT LIFE AND EDUCATION

Clinton: What I think, myself, see I never had a high school education either, but I've had two high school graduates, and one graduating this year. And when I went back to this vocational training school, well, I learned that my earnings be increased and my jobs are easier to get and all that, but my kind of work, body and fender, is hard work, and if I can't make more money doing that, well, my kids can finish high school and go to college, they can get better jobs than I can.

(Clinton, why did you quit going to school?)

I didn't quit, I was throwed out. (Laughter) I was more or less, well, that goes way back in my childhood...

(Do you think that you were thrown out, your education was interrupted, do you think some of those same reasons exist for the Indian kids that