

(So what you're really saying is that in grade school--at an early age, or seventh or eighth grade with some students, this self image pops up to where they feel a little bit inferior to the white student because they don't have the clothes, their homes don't look as well, and actually they just feel inferior to the white students so many ways that quite frequently as soon as they're sixteen they drop out of school and go out and try to get a job?) Around that age, some earlier. They drop out earlier. And some, you know, may have a tendency to go ahead and try to cope with that. But around tenth, eleventh grade, maybe just two weeks before you know finishing high school they drop out. Then are cases you know, some of them you know just for plain excuse they say, "Well I can't do twelfth grade work." They just drop out. Really subconsciously something else is bothering them. So I figure it's clothing, the way they dress. And they think you know I have to be like a white man. Like white student and in that case they feel inferior towards the white student. And among other things there could be a number of reasons. So I would say the--

(So as well as education it's also jobs and housing. It all fits in together. Doesn't it?)

That's right. And like I said the bureaucrats have a tendency to, you know, think you know, since I'm in control of the Indian I've got to do this for them. They never ask an Indian what shall I do for you, what can I do for you? So in other words they're trying to make an Indian out of white man overnight. Which is not done. It just isn't done. Aint' no way you can do it. An Indian is an Indian. A white man is a white man. That's all there is to it. So, some Indians have a tendency to learn a lot faster as I said, to live in the ways of a white man. In those circumstances, they can cope with a white society just as well as a white man can with a white man. Some Indians, you know, they just have a tendency to think it's hard