

GENDER EQUITY, INDIGENOUS IDENTITY & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



**INDIGENOUS FUTURES
SURVEY**

Across the political spectrum, Native women, Two-Spirit, and gender-expansive folks are key holders of Indigenous identity and drivers of civic engagement. The Indigenous Futures Survey 3.0, conducted in 2023, saw the following responses from participants who identified as cis and trans women, Two-Spirit, or gender-expansive/non-binary.

Native women (inclusive of cis and trans women) consistently prioritize Indigenous culture and identity in their daily lives.



90%

have participated in a traditional ceremony or activity



81%

prioritize the importance of Native/Indigenous languages



74%

regularly use traditional/ceremonial medicine



75%

look to their Native community when making decisions



68%

are enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe

Native women, Two-Spirit, and gender-expansive folks prioritize a wide variety of issues based on their identity.

CIS WOMEN

1. U.S economy and cost of living
2. Tribal sovereignty
3. Environmental protections

NON-BINARY

1. Environmental protections
2. Violence against women/children/LGBTQ+
3. Reproductive health

TRANS WOMEN

1. Violence against women/children/LGBTQ+
2. Environmental protections
3. Reproductive health

TWO-SPIRIT

1. Environmental protections
2. Violence against women/children/LGBTQ+
3. Tribal sovereignty

Tribal Sovereignty:

The ability for Tribal Nations to govern, protect, and enhance the health, safety and well-being of their Tribal Citizens.

Native women and gender-expansive folks believe that civic engagement is a key element of advancing Indigenous rights and Tribal sovereignty.

74% believe that voting in Tribal elections is an effective way of improving the lives of people in their Tribal communities

71% believe that voting in local, state, and national elections is an effective way to improve lives in Tribal communities

Native women and gender-expansive folks are politically engaged inside and outside the voting booth.

80%
voted in their last state election

76%
voted in their last local election

74%
voted in the 2022 midterm election

50%
voted in their last tribal election

Additionally,



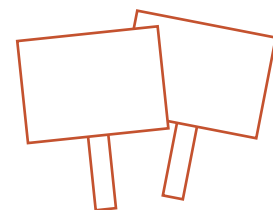
24%
have signed petitions



16%
have shared political content online

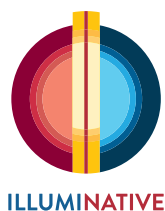


15%
have contacted an elected official



14%
have attended a protest or march

Any analysis of civic engagement in Indian Country must prioritize the wisdom and experience of Native women, Two-Spirit, and gender-expansive community members. Tribal sovereignty can only be achieved through collaboration with Native peoples across political and gender identities.



Questions?

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