

We're Not All the Same - Lowell Amiotte - OSEU #2

If you travel a lot on Indian reservations, I've worked with the Navajo and the Hopi and the Kiowa, you know, just around the country, different people, Salish, Flatheads, and they're all different. And if you look at some of the artwork they have or the clothes they wear during their ceremonies and so on, you'll see that they're different. Another story, I went to the Smithsonian for the opening of the American Indian Museum, and to sit there and watch the variety of Indians and the way they were dressed and everything, it's just amazing.

And I think if the children think that there's only one tribe or one type of Indian, that should be corrected. So I think that that should be kept in the curriculum, and it should be stressed that we're not all the same. We've all got differences, and let's respect all those differences. Respect is the number one virtue, I think, that Indian people, the older ones, try to get across to us.