

Native American women and coerced sterilization: On the trail of tears in the 1970s

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In 1970 George Bush Sr. passed the Family Planning Act. For years this proportion of Title X was used to secretly sterilize Native American women without their consent. In Cheyenne, Montana two Native American girls under the age of 15 were admitted to hospitals for emergency appendectomies. While they were sedated for their appendectomies they were forcibly sterilized. Neither girl had consented to the procedure, nor had their parents (Krase). In 1972 a 26 year old Native American women asked a Los Angeles doctor for a womb transplant. Native American Women and Coerced Sterilization: On the Trail of Tears in the 1970s. American Indian Culture and Research Journal, 24(2), 1-22. doi:10.17953/aicr.24.2.7646013460646042. Meagan Waller. Turning specifically to the sterilization of Native American women, this article concludes with a discussion of the federal relationship with American Indian tribes, personal accounts from Native American women who were sterilized and their attitudes toward family planning, state and federal policies regarding informed consent and sterilization, an examination of the contractual relationship between the Indian Health Service and private practices, the United. 62 Mark Miller, Native American Peoples on the Trail of Tears Once More, America (December 1978), at 424. 63 Killing Our Future: Sterilization and Experiments, Akwesasne Notes (Autumn, 1977), at 4. 64 England, at 4.