

CREATING INDIGENOUS ECONOMIES AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES:

Economic Development for the Seventh Generation

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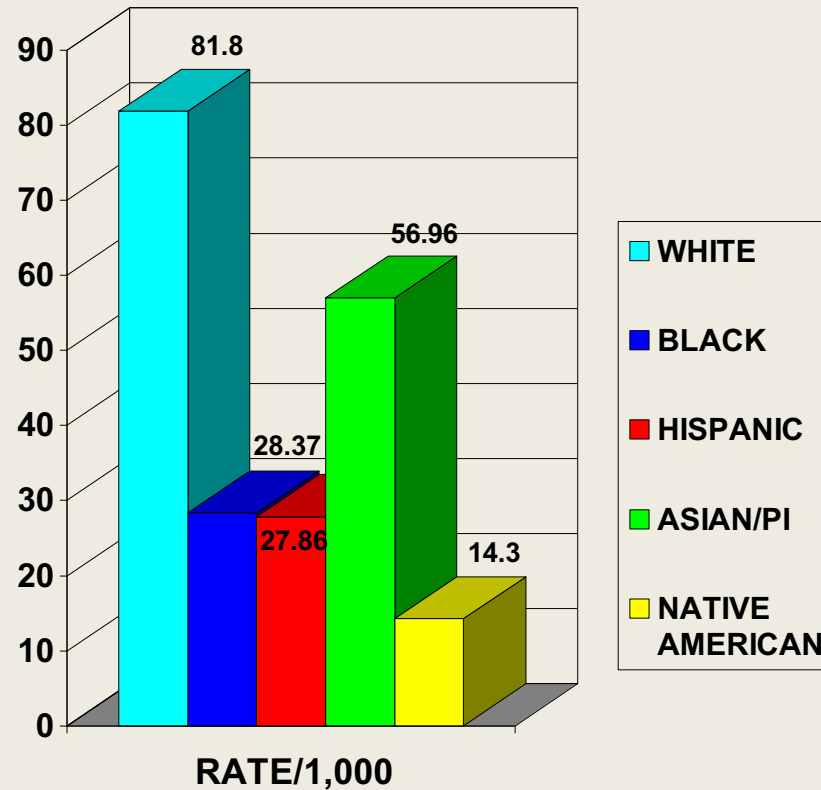
Traditional North American Indian property regimes & rights

- Successfully supported for centuries with agriculture, hunting & fishing
- Private & community property rights
- Trade networks & economic systems
- Intellectual property rights

BUSINESS OWNERSHIP PER CAPITA

BUSINESSES PER THOUSAND POPULATION

STATE OF OREGON



Source: 1992 Census of Business
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Individual & Community Benefits

- Earned Income
- Containing “Leakage”
- Benefiting from the “Multiplier Effect”
- Employment and Training
- Community cohesion
- Family stability
- Long term perspective

Governing institutions matter

Effective governance creates environments in which individuals (tribal citizens etc.) will invest time, ideas & money

What does effective governance involve?

- Stability in the rules & laws
- Separation of politics from business management
- Effective and *non-politicized* dispute resolution
- A bureaucracy that can get things done

Potential

- Poverty is not an Indian cultural trait
- Improved education & health levels
- Tribal gov'ts – to assist & be clients – “Buy Indian Acts”
- Onaben, Lakota Fund, 4 Bands Comm. Fund
- Multiplier effect & stop “leakage” (2000 Montana tribal study)