

Culture Report: Native Americans

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The Illinois Native American population is under 1% or about 76,0005 people (Britannica, 2022). For Native Americans, religion is the bond between living beings and other people or things. These may include human persons who have passed away and those who will soon be born, creatures of the so-called "natural world" of flora and wildlife, and observable things, such as mountains, springs, lakes, and clouds (Britannica, 2022). This set of creatures also includes what experts in religion could refer to as "mythic beings," which are invisible beings believed to live in and have an impact on either this world or one nearby (Britannica, 2022).

Instead of using drugs, many people would establish rituals to treat pain in a natural and healthy way. Native Americans believed it was weak to display pain. Native Americans straightforwardly gave birth with just other women present because it was forbidden for men to witness a woman giving birth (Sharon Muza, 2019). Indian women most usually gave birth naturally, with little to no assistance. A midwife and other female tribe members might occasionally be present when a baby is born. The mother would give birth while standing up straight, and the infant would be placed directly on the leaves below (Sharon Muza, 2019). Instead of being embraced by human hands, the newborn would be welcomed by the ground (Sharon Muza, 2019). During labor, native Americans like to use natural herbal teas to induce labor and help with the pain.

Native Americans respect listening considerably more than speaking when they do engage in communication. They do not engage in much small conversation except for close friends and family members (Britannica, 2022). Native Americans do not believe that words have power as opposed to other cultures. According to American Indians, a family consists of

immediate and extended family members, the tribal community, and the current American Indian population. One is never alone or without family or a kinship network in this aspect (Britannica, 2022).

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