

3b. Gender equity wants "equality" between the sexes, ie. adopting the white male value system or aggression, competition and dominance. This ignores the distinct sexual differences into the homogenous and disregards the value systems implicit in matrilineal societies. The essence of the feminine is lost and the trade-off is a share of the power and wealth of the existing power structures.

INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND WOMEN OF COLOUR

4a. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CULTURES ARE THE ONLY REMAINING MATRILINEAL SOCIETIES LEFT IN THE WORLD. MALE DOMINATED WESTERN GOVERNMENTS USED "COLONIZATION" TO DESTROY MATRILINEAL SOCIETIES TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF STEALING LANDS AND RESOURCES, (IE. 1820 LAW "CIVILIZATION ACT" PROVIDED FOR THE UNITED STATES TO REMOVE WOMEN FROM THEIR TRADITIONAL ROLES IN SELF-GOVERNANCE AND SPIRITUAL POSITIONS).

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4b. White, dominant culture is now patrilineal. When women achieve gender equity in their societies, the male dominated patrilineal paradigms are preserved. This is demonstrated by the example of voting rights which were won after 72 years of struggle yet achieving those rights did not change United States policies regarding militarism, consumption, racism, and economics. Women of colour are still prey to racism, poverty, and hegemony.

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5a. THE POLITICAL AGENDA DEFINED BY INDIGENOUS WOMEN IS BROADER AND INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE PERPETUATION OF OUR PEOPLES, LAND RIGHTS, CULTURE AND RELIGION, POLITICAL SELF-GOVERNMENT, HEALTH AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS; ACCESS TO HOUSING AND OTHER BASIC NEEDS.

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5b. The dominant culture feminist political agenda excludes the issues beyond those established by dominant culture's women. There is a failure to expand the agenda to include the issues as defined by Indigenous women and women of colour, resulting in perpetuation of the existing power structure. Gender equity is simply integrating dominant culture feminists into this power structure.

5b. Indigenous women and women of colour have been and continue to be victims of racism,