

"Beginning in the late 1700s, the U.S. signed hundreds of treaties with Tribal Nations."

In school, we learned about these formal legal agreements the United States made with Tribal Nations. But how many of us know what these treaties actually are?

"We promise to give you all this, for your land."

Treaties are essentially legally binding agreements to exchange things of value. Tribes signed treaties to protect their people and exchanged their land for the government's promise to provide their people things like **education, healthcare, and economic support**.

The federal government signed 370 treaties with independent Tribal Nations.

An Intro to U.S. Treaties with Tribal Nations

TREATY
This Land is Indian Country

1778 — **TIMELINE** — **TODAY**

These treaties are a part of federal law, and the treaty responsibilities the federal government has towards Tribal Nations is still in effect today.

"I didn't say that."

The federal government has broken every treaty it signed with Tribal Nations. This led to a massive loss of land, rights, and resources for Native people and an underfunding of services that were legally promised.

CALL TO ACTION

We can all play a role by **voting for leaders and policies that support Tribal Nations** and the federal government's responsibilities to them.