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A couple of things that I would share...that is our humor. The humor amongst Lakota people is...words can't describe it...literally. When you tell a joke in our language and you try to interpret it into English, the punch words are gone. It's not as funny. The other thing I wanted to share is that as tiospaye, as bands, we do things different. But we are all going toward the same goal and purpose. And we respect each other for that. America talks about the land of the free which is awesome and I certainly respect that. But as Lakota, we say, "Land of the free...and allowing others to be free." That's the part that sometimes is hard to understand. By our non-Indian friends...or dominant culture...they don't see that because...while they talk about freedom...until recently, there was only two kinds of political parties, the red and the blue...the Democrats and the Republicans...and now they've got the Tea Party...if it's freedom, how come it's only two parties? All those types of things and are trying our best to understand...or as they say, "wrap our heads around." But as Lakota, allowing each other to be free is really important...and not taking advantage of each other of course. But as we see those things coming back amongst us, it's really, really exciting.