



Historical Trauma: An Argument Against Crisis

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Key questions

How do we understand true history?

How does Crisis differ from an Historical Blueprint?

How does a place get *designed*?

How does colonization turn into internalized colonization?

What are steps we can take to challenge the cycle?



“History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again.”

National Rank (2018): 50th Worse than 2017 (49th)*

Domains	Indicators of child well-being			
<p>Economic Well-Being National Rank: 49th</p>	<p>Children at or below the poverty level</p> <p>145,000 children (2016)</p> <p> Worse than 2015 (29%) Worse than US average (19%)</p>	<p>Children whose parents lack secure employment</p> <p>175,000 children (2016)</p> <p> Improved since 2015 (34%) Worse than US average (28%)</p>	<p>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</p> <p>155,000 children (2016)</p> <p> Worse than 2015 (31%) Same as US average (32%)</p>	<p>Teens (16-19) not in school and not working</p> <p>11,000 teens (2016)</p> <p> Unchanged since 2015 (9%) Worse than US average (7%)</p>
<p>Education National Rank: 50th</p>	<p>Young children not in school</p> <p>30,000 children (2014-16)</p> <p> Improved since 2013-15 (58%) Worse than US average (52%)</p>	<p>Fourth graders not proficient in reading</p> <p>(2017)</p> <p> Improved since 2015 (77%) Worse than US average (65%)</p>	<p>Eighth graders not proficient in math</p> <p>(2017)</p> <p> Worsened since 2015 (79%) Worse than US average (67%)</p>	<p>High school students not graduating on time</p> <p>(2015-16)</p> <p> Improved since 2014-15 (31%) Worse than US average (16%)</p>
<p>Health National Rank: 48th</p>	<p>Low-birthweight babies</p> <p>2,227 babies (2016)</p> <p> Worsened since 2015 (8.7%) Worse than US average (8.2%)</p>	<p>Children without health insurance</p> <p>26,000 children (2016)</p> <p> Worsened since 2015 (4%) Worse than US average (4%)</p>	<p>Child (1-14) and teen (15-19) death rates (per 100,000)</p> <p>173 deaths (2016)</p> <p> Improved since 2015 (34) Worse than US average (26)</p>	<p>Teens (12-17) who abuse alcohol or drugs</p> <p>12,000 teens (2015-16)</p> <p> Worsened since 2013-14 (5%) Worse than US average (5%)</p>
<p>Family and Community National Rank: 49th</p>	<p>Children in single-parent families</p> <p>192,000 children (2016)</p> <p> Worsened since 2015 (41%) Worse than US average (35%)</p>	<p>Children in families where household head lacks high school diploma</p> <p>88,000 children (2016)</p> <p> Unchanged since 2015 (18%) Worse than US average (14%)</p>	<p>Children living in high-poverty areas</p> <p>112,000 children (2012-16)</p> <p> Improved since 2011-15 (25%) Worse than US average (13%)</p>	<p>Teen (15-19) birth rate (per 1,000)</p> <p>2,019 births (2016)</p> <p> Improved since 2015 (35) Worse than US average (20)</p>



ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

(1492 – Present)

- Crisis v. Blueprint
- Colonization *designs* communities and regions
- Exploitation of labor and devaluation of people



EDUCATION

(the vote of 1856)

-5,016 “against” v. 37 “for” – 99.3% opposed

-Compulsory ed. implemented *despite* vote

-Education taught Hispanos/Mexicanos they were “backwards,” “primitive,” “sub-human”

-Indian boarding schools: high death rates, malnourishment, “backwards,” “savage”



HEALTH

(1492 – Present)

- Genocide/Epistemicide
- Eradicate ways of knowing and ways of healing
- Alter diet, alter access to food and water ways
- Accessible health care tied to economic wellness

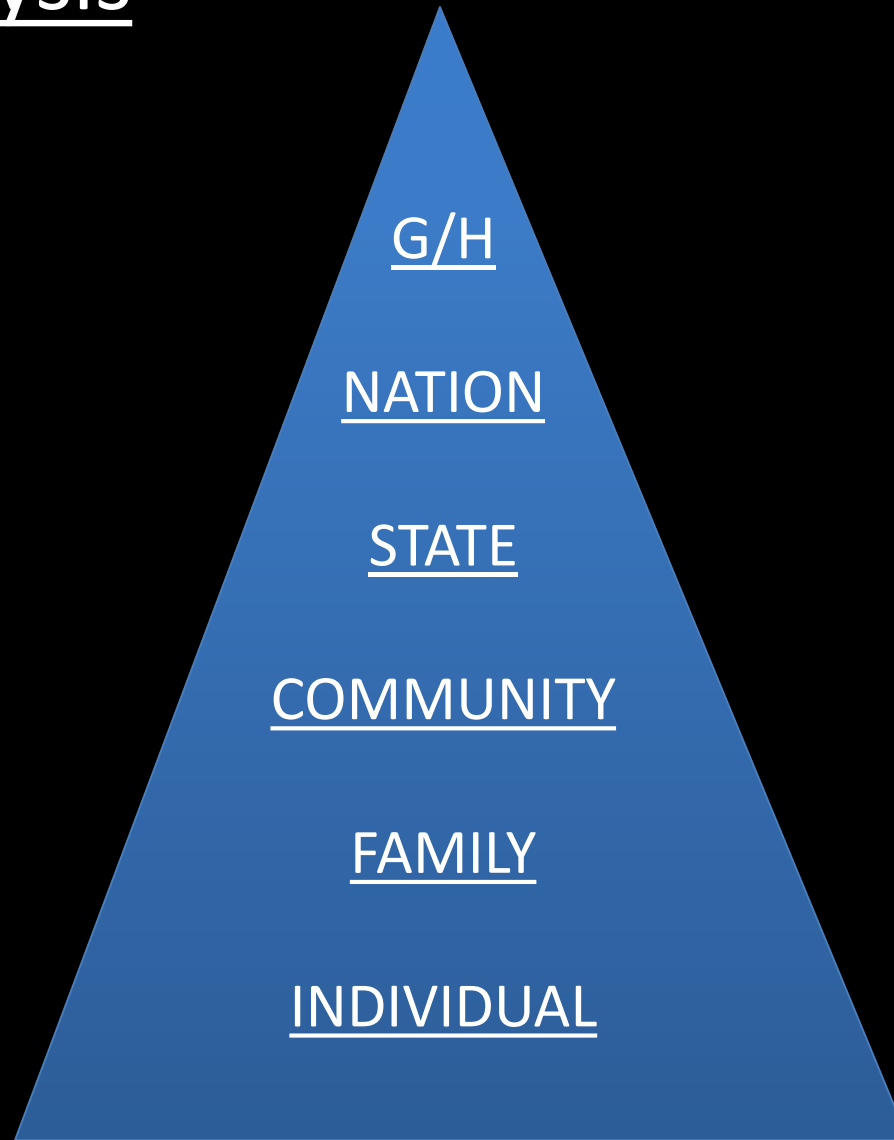


FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

(1492 – Present)


- Made stronger or weaker by access to resources
- Made stronger or weaker by quality education
- Made stronger or weakened by level of health
- Made stronger or weakened by systemic violence

Levels of Analysis



There is *only* room for improvement

- De-colonization does not mean going backward
- Be courageous, radical, faithful in ancestral ways
- Break with current political and bureaucratic patterns
- Support endeavors that tend to get marginalized
- Trust the uniquely local and query the “standard”



"Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing."



Thank you