

Quakers and native peoples

TOWARD RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE PEOPLES

Iowa Land Acknowledgement



We begin by acknowledging that the Land between Two Rivers, where we sit and stand today, has been the traditional homeland for many independent nations. These include the Ioway and the Otoe, who were here since before recorded time. The Omaha and the Ponca were here, moving to new lands before white settlers arrived. The Pawnee used this land for hunting grounds. The Sioux, Sauk and Meskwaki were here long before European settlers came. Members of many different Indigenous nations have lived on these plains. Let us remember that we occupy their homeland and that this land was taken by force. Today, only the Meskwaki Nation, the Red Earth People, maintain their sovereignty on their land in the state of Iowa. They persevered and refused to be dispossessed of their home. Place names all over our state recognize famous Meskwaki chiefs of the 1800s like Poweshiek, Wapello, Appanoose, and Taiomah or Tama. We honor the Meskwaki Nation for their courage, and for maintaining their language, culture and spirituality. May our time together bring respectful new openings for right relationship to grow.

My experiences related to community organizing

Indianapolis

- 2013 Keystone Pledge of Resistance (RAN)
Nonviolent direct action
- 2014 Kheprw Institute – Black youth mentoring
Quaker Social Change Ministry
- 2016 #NoDAPL water protectors

Iowa

- 2017 IYMC Building Bridges with Native Americans
Christine Nobiss, Donnielle Wanatee
Meskwaki Powwow photos
Prairie Awakening
- 2018 Super Bowl USBank
First Nation-Farmer Climate Unity March
Bold Iowa
Senator Grassley – Native legislation
Sunrise Movement – Green New Deal
Toward Right Relationships with Native Peoples
- 2019 National Network Assembly

My spiritual environmental journey led me to indigenous peoples



Lifelong concern for environmental destruction



Failure to convince others to give up personal cars



We are now beginning to see the consequences



What can we do now?



Where are examples of environmental integrity?




Indigenous peoples

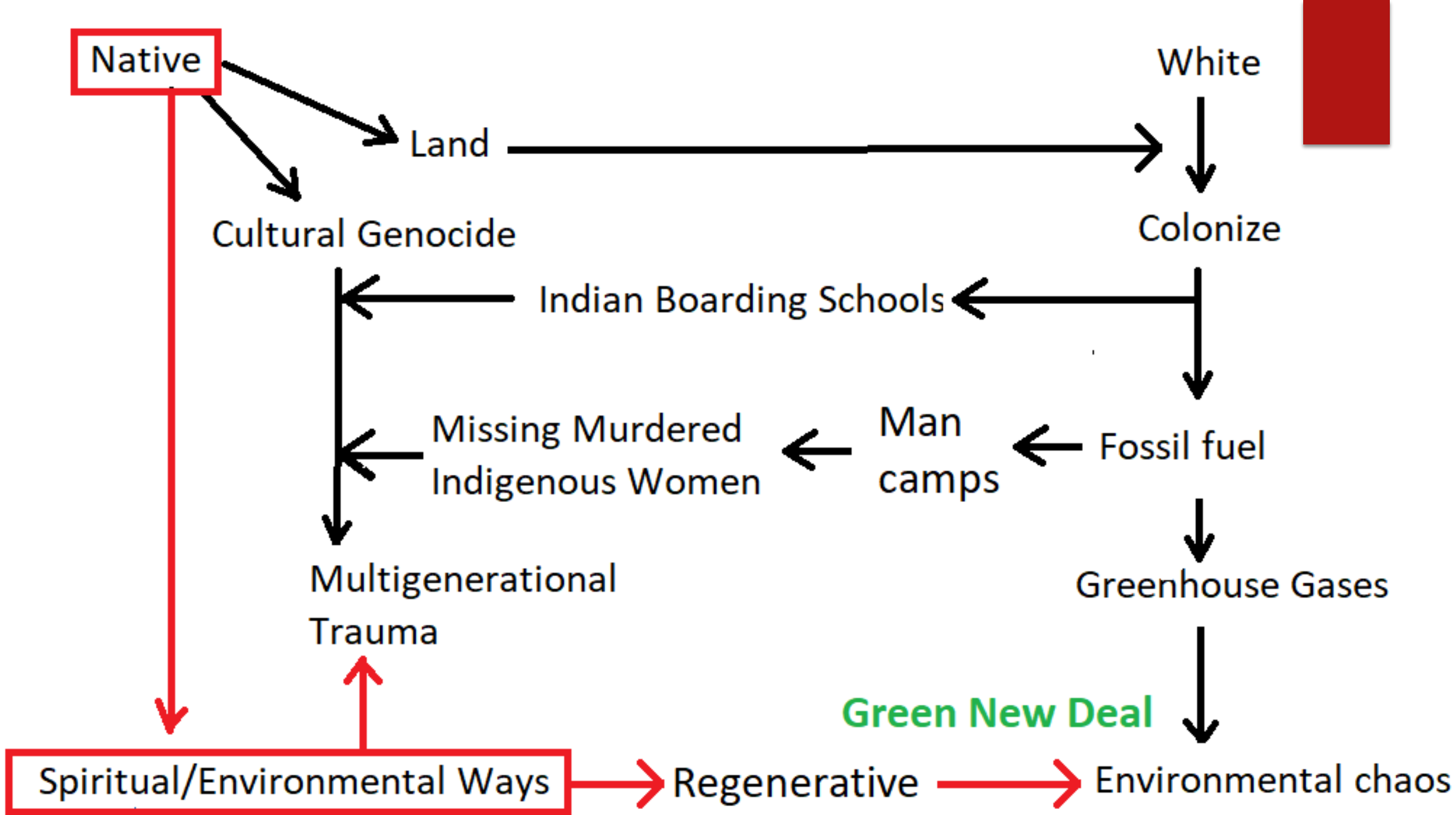
- I have just begun to learn about Native peoples and would like to share some of what I've learned
- The reason I have sought connections with Native peoples is to learn how to deal with our evolving environmental chaos

- Before we can work together, we need to understand and trust each other
 - First Nation-Farmer Climate Unity March Sept 1-8, 2018



- 
- It is important for Friends to understand the terrible history of Indian boarding schools. I make no judgement about ancestors who were involved in that. But we cannot build bridges with Native people if we don't understand the trauma from forced assimilation. This has passed to every succeeding generation and is an “open wound” in Native communities today
 - It is also important to know about the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women





Native

Land

White

Cultural Genocide

Colonize



Cultural Genocide ← Indian Boarding Schools ← Colonize

Colonize

Indian Boarding Schools



The Quaker Indian Boarding Schools

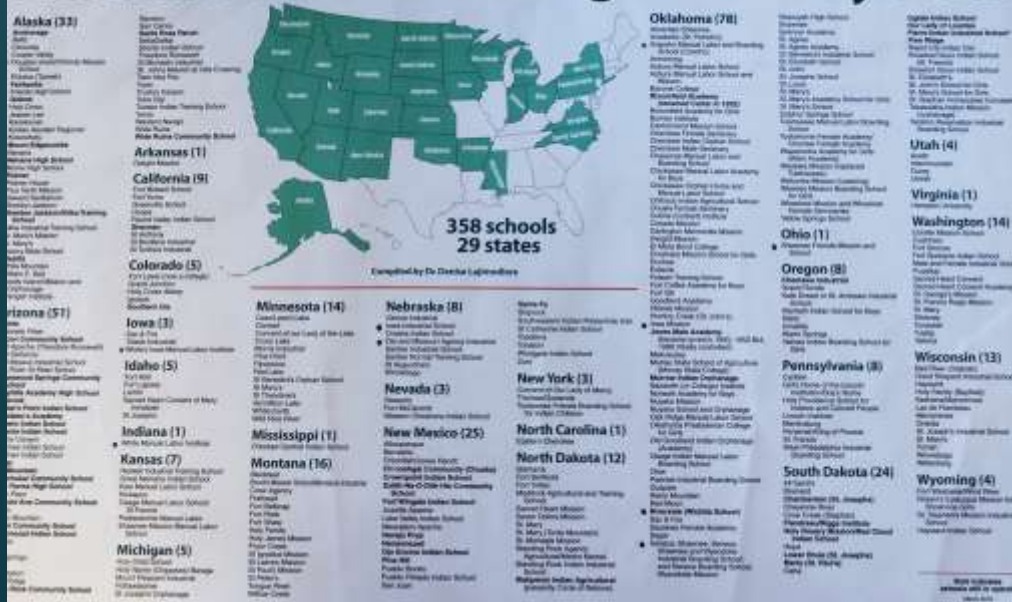
Facing our History and Ourselves

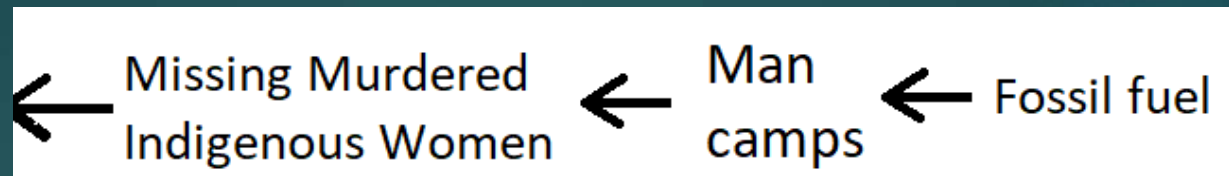
Paula Palmer

Boulder Friends Meeting

www.boulderfriendsmeeting.org/ipc-right-relationship

American Indian Boarding Schools by State





 **MAY 5th**
Sunday
1:00 - 3:00 PM

 RISE-Iowa  (641) 484-4444

Exhibition by Morningstar Dance Troupe - Rita Papakee Family Spotlight

**National Day of Awareness for
Missing & Murdered
Indigenous Women**
Rally

Capital Complex, Des Moines, IA

**WEAR RED & JOIN US IN SOLIDARITY AS WE HONOR THE LIVES OF
MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN IN IOWA**

RAISE AWARENESS • STAND AGAINST INJUSTICE • SHOW SUPPORT



**WHAT IF SHE WAS
YOUR DAUGHTER?**

**SEE EVIL? HEAR EVIL?
SPEAK!**

Her life could depend on it

MMIW-GIC.COM
#SOMEBODYS DAUGHTER











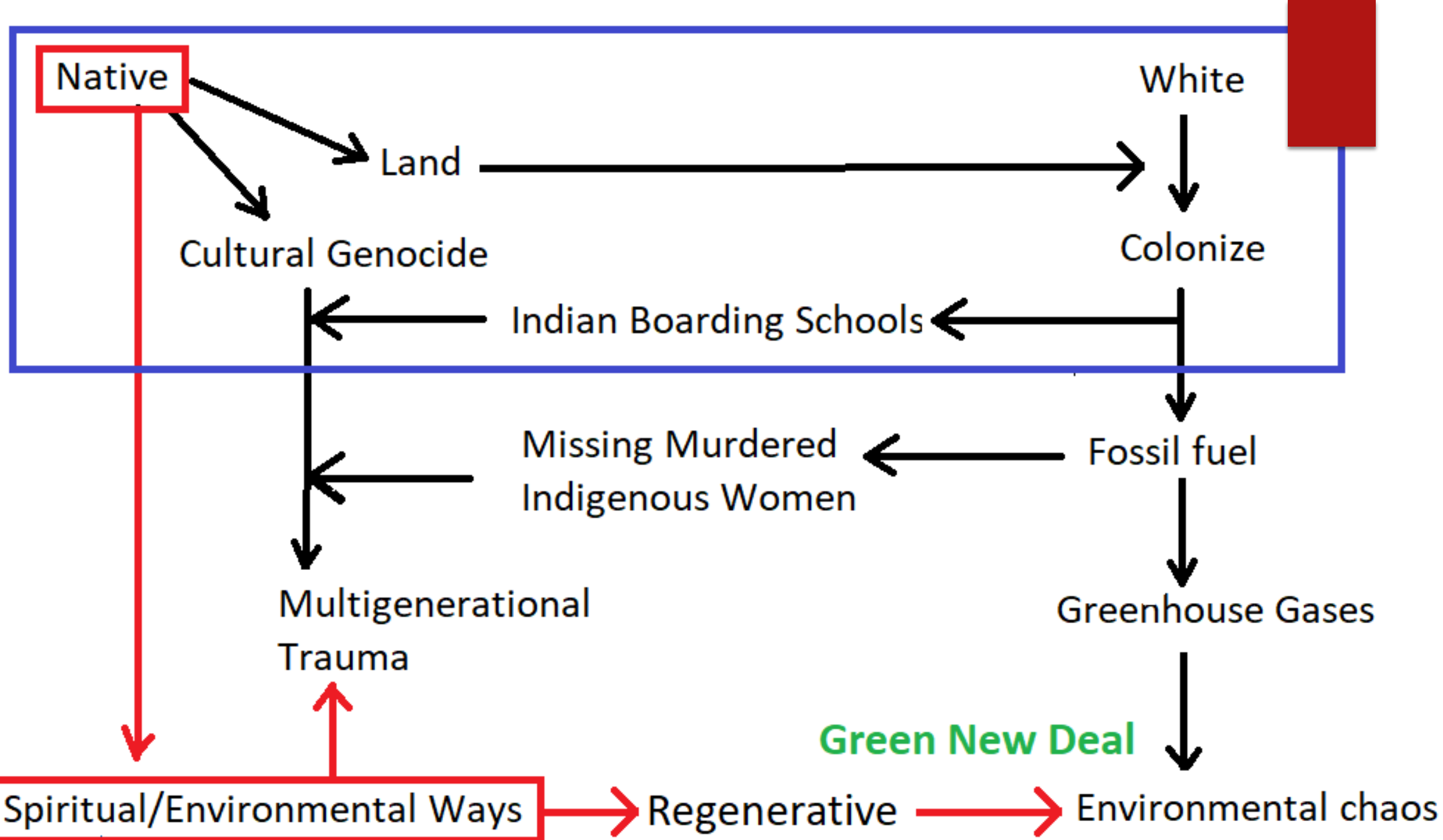
Greenhouse Gases

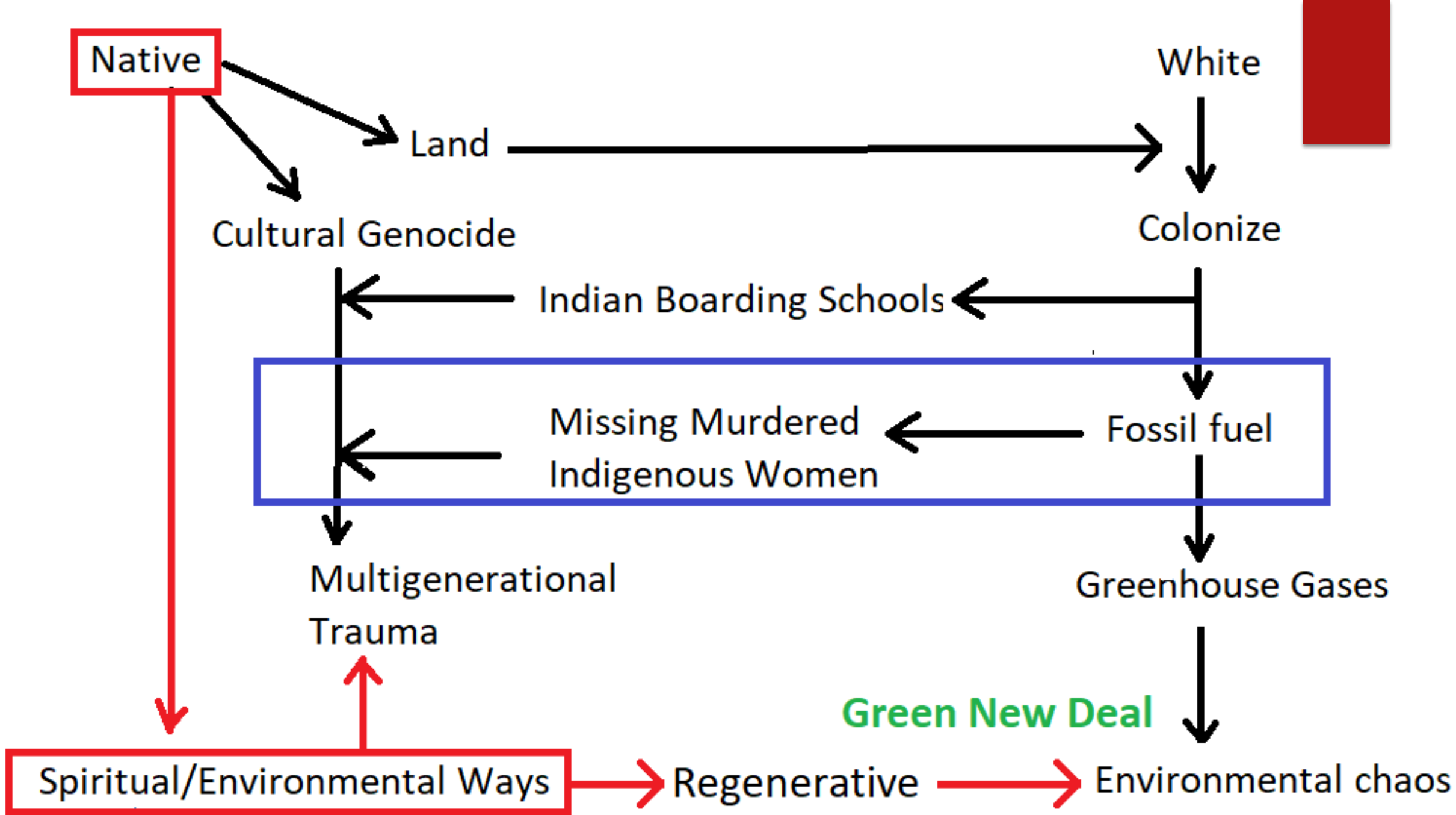
Green New Deal

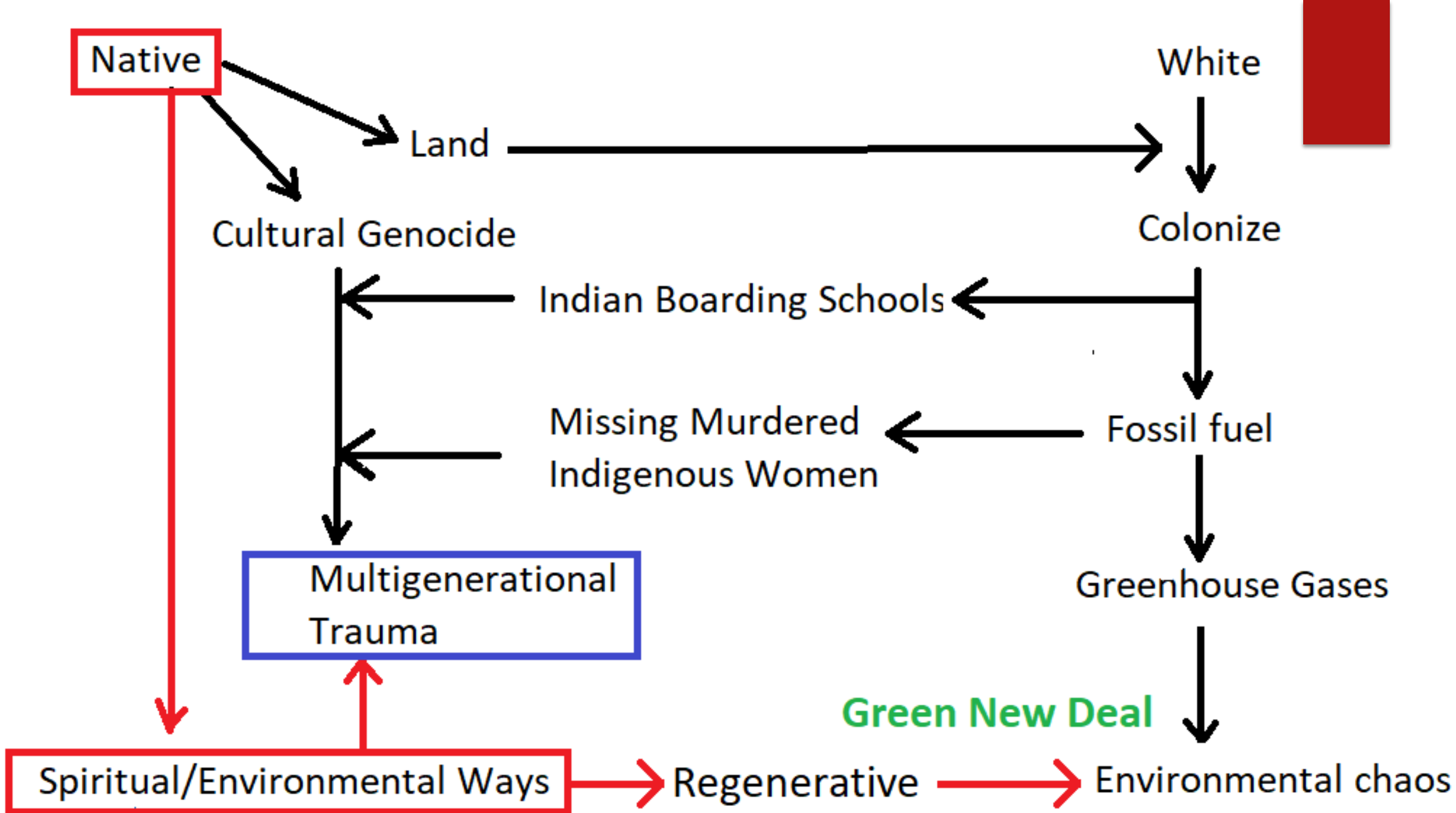


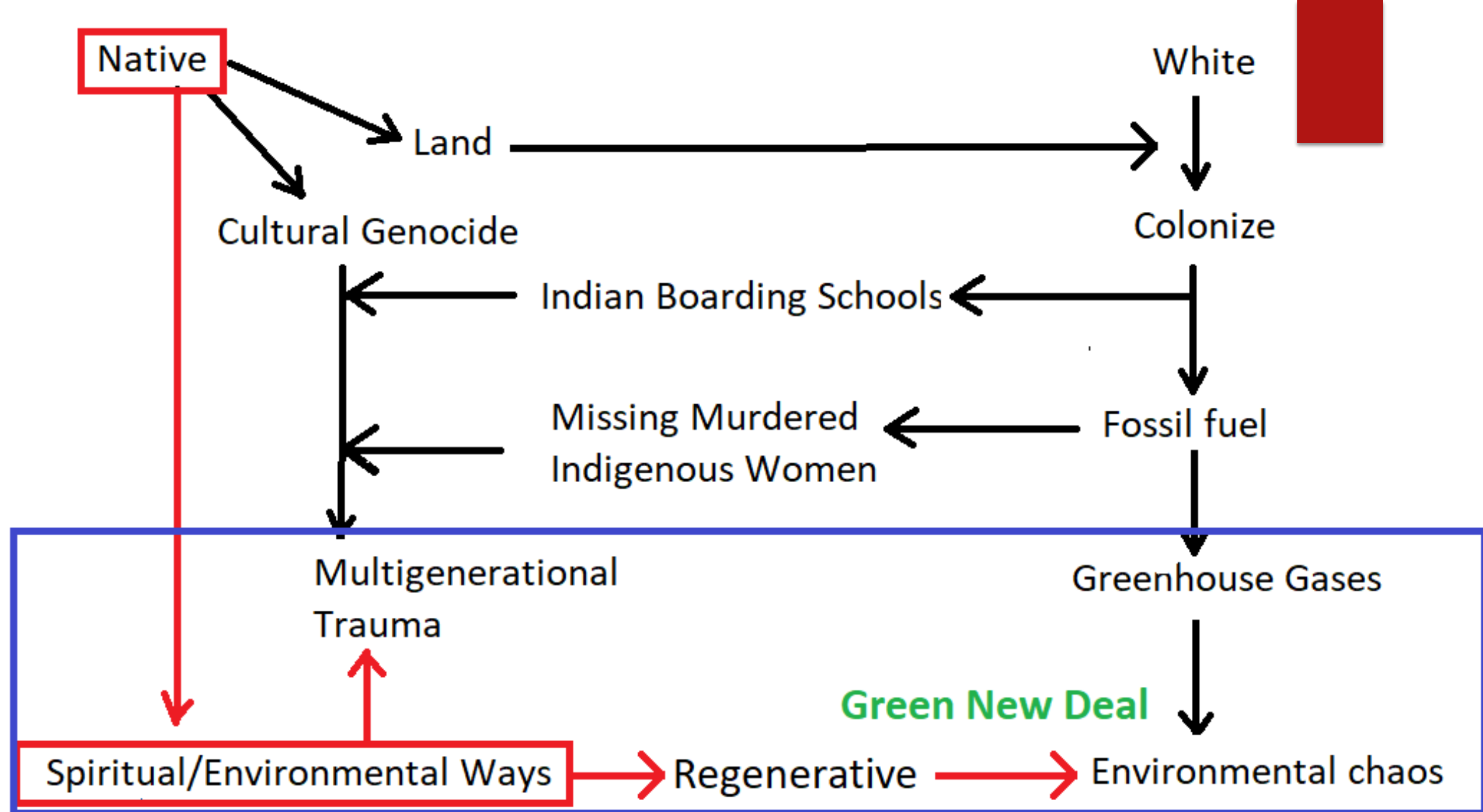
Regenerative —→ Environmental chaos











At Senator Grassley's Des Moines office to talk about Native issues legislation



Indigenous Led Green New Deal



Indigenous Led Green New Deal

Let's look at the Indigenous Peoples that have survived genocide and continue to carry on their ways—ways which can save the world. Let's look to our tribal nations for an Indigenous-led regenerative economy created through traditional ecological knowledge. An effective way we can protect, preserve and restore the climate is by seeing and taking the word of people who fight colonial oppression by tenaciously holding onto traditions that tell a different story about this planet.

Let's get funds to Indigenous Peoples first. We have answers.

Let's break the money cycle that stays in white circles, Christine Nobiss,
Seeding Sovereignty, Sept 2, 2019

The water protector movement that started at
Standing Rock will find a home in the Green New Deal.
Chase Iron Eyes





<https://seedingsovereignty.org/>

<https://www.lakotalaw.org/>

<http://boldiowa.com/>

<https://kislingjeff.wordpress.com/>