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We have ideas about how we can get our people working there, because Pine Ridge, Nebraska, it goes to Pine Ridge Reservation on to Rapid City, and there is no gas station, restaurant, anything there. And this is why I'm trying to get one there close to the housing projects on Two Rapid City, get someone to get gas station restaurants there so they can come to the restaurants. But there's nothing there.

Anything that money comes into, the tribe, the Oglala Sioux Tribe, they give us lots of money, but the Oglala Sioux Tribe government is the people that govern. The center of the Oglala Sioux Tribe gives us money to the Indians, goes to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and we don't give nothing. Because it's in their name, Oglala Sioux Tribe, the government. And the Bureau of Indian Affairs is another one. And now there's a Shannon County Board of Commissioners, another one. So there are three entities there. They get their own money. They got their own money.

BIA got their own money. And we don't get nothing. They just use us. How many people are there? Yeah, just this many people, okay. I don't know where they get their funding, but they get their money. And how about these guys? Well, they use the same system. They get their money in the Bureau of Indian Affairs too. have nothing. They give us Social Security. That's all they do. They push us off on Social Security. Grants, they call it a grant. And these other governments, they have our money. In fact, there's three of them.

What's the last one, Sharpsville? No, it's not Sharpsville. Thunder Valley. There's another one. They get reform and cooperation. They get their own. There's Pocopan District. There's a government committee, each one. We live in everything. But the reform and cooperation, it's not how it was set up a long time ago for the Lakota or Indians. Now it's all gone. And we are all just like out here. Just like out here. State, do anything you want to, but you have to go with, to the county or state or that way.

So you can sit by land and you just create something there. See, that's simple. The tribal government is not tribal government no more. It's just Shannon County, tribal government, Bureau of Indian Affairs, three entities, three bosses sitting on primary resolutions.