

Narratives Of Australian Aboriginals; Effects Of Its Stolen Generation

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Abstract

The Australian Aboriginal community has been on the land for 70,000 years and the contribution goes from medicine to food. Even in architecture, the invasion not only took the land but also destroyed them. They have covered millions of plants and weed out the poisons. This migrated community changed the barren lands of Eden to liveable space, they had a peculiar way of having urban designs, planning of architectures and even the art in the public form. During 1788, post the war The British wanted to take over the land to build prisons and have the prisoners in the island. The population of Aboriginal's were more than 250,000 later the colonists killed many due to the unnamed disease and refused to treat them. This left only with less than 50,000, they removed the indigenous people of the land and even declined the citizenship rights, they were removed in mass numbers, converted and even kidnapped to be slaves. The purpose of this research is to bring out the hardships and misery gone through the community for several hundred years. These people own the land straight away; they have been evaded and their houses have been destroyed by the ones with heavy machinery. Australia's first people were buried in the same land while their children were being slaved.

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INTRODUCTION

As of today, only three percent of aboriginals are alive and struggling to retain their culture, fight for recognition from the Australian Government. The aboriginal massacre happened in the year 1928 killing the three main communities like the Warlpiri, Anmatyere and Kaytetye. The ancestry of this race dates even back to Seventy-five thousand years ago. The Australian government decided to suppress even more by not letting people take DNA tests, later in 2016 this ban was lifted. This research concentrates more on why they've attained this level of poverty and why these ways of living should be endorsed. Sustainability and love towards the Earth always stand first when it comes to the Indigenous community. Their contribution towards the weapons always stood out. The non-metallic machinery weapons had the ability to kill any large animals, they have hunted down so many animals. After the attention diverted towards colonisation they were suppressed, their food was considered poison and the colonists started to trade food and removed the concept of eating local. Majority of the aboriginal community were against the ideology of adapting to the new constitution laid by the government. This created mass movements against the ruling. Later the children of the community were tricked by the Christians, they were supposed to get proper education instead their hair which was considered sacred was chopped off, names were changed. They were converted into Christians by the missionaries and forced them to move out of their homes. The four hundred and eighty institutions that forcefully adopted and fostered them to slaves for the white community, were denied education in order to keep them as slaves.

The punishment was hard if they tried to speak in any other language other than English, they were denied their own culture to develop a foreign culture. This was named as the stolen generation; the parents were not allowed to visit their children. The entire Australian history is filled with discrimination against its Aboriginal community, during the year 1910 The Government of Australia brought so many acts to assimilate the Aboriginal community into Europe but the separation act was still on, even though it is not in practice now. During the year 2017, they found out that 37% of Australia's home care system had only the aboriginal children. Considering the country's population these numbers were high and shocking, the rest were identified as indigenous. In the year 1905, the aboriginal parents were not allowed to have their own parents as their legal guardians, the separated children of this community always ended up in a bad state where they had to work as slaves for the privileged. They also faced sexual assault and traumatic upbringings which in further lead them to suicide and depression.

OBJECTIVES

The aboriginal community is facing the stolen generation with the impact of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare by helping them find the lost families and also found that they were living under people who treated them like slaves without any pay for the job. They had very noticeable poor health conditions and differences compared to other children. Australian history tried to suppress the Stolen Children, later they acknowledged what happened. To avoid mistakes furthermore in the future they started the child care system and addressed all the issues especially the ones which gave effectiveness to the need of the reform in a possible way.

The Parliament sent an apology to the Aboriginal community by accepting their mistake by quoting "This Parliament resolves that the injustices of the past must never, never happen again." The pain and trauma faced by the families and post-traumatic stress disorder which affected the children to run and suicide, a lot of them were not mentioned as they were removed forcefully by killing the parents who refused to give their children. Even a lot of the, confronted by saying it's their ancestors who stole the children and it was not them. The mothers are usually heavily drugged by the doctors while the baby is born and then they take the child and separate it from their mother The Federal Government reportedly declined that no such thing happened, when they were a part of this the whole time.

Authors like Sally Morgan really strived and questioned in so many places of their lives because they always felt there was something empty in their cups, this search never filled anything until one day she questioned her grandmother and still she wasn't doing fine about the answer she got. Sally Morgan grew up in an unstable household with a drunk father who had war trauma, her mother was working a wage job and her family kept growing. They were not able to move to a bigger house because of her family's situation, it grew that they had to start sleeping in different people houses which Sally wasn't very fond of. When she grew up she had to choose between her parents, she chose to live with her mother leaving her father behind. His grooving alcoholic habit was one of the major reasons for it, he stopped taking them out and spending quality time was reduced this made a huge gap in the relationship between them. Her revolutionary way of portraying the stolen generation was a game changer to the community. The more people realised the loop holes the more they got clear. Now being the "Director of the Centre for Indigenous history and Arts " at the Western Perth University of Australia. She truly wanted people to realise the pain that the community went through and how the government supported the Genocide. Her social anxiety made her do this, she was questioned about her ethnicity throughout her childhood which became a wound, she tried to fix herself and she didn't want the next generation to face the same thing that she faced.

Sally Morgan's exquisite way of writing is shown in most of her works like *My Country* is once again all about a girl who talks about her land, sea and air. All of her works talk about mental health, the country, the people. She never left out to embrace the beauty of her land, she always talked about how the land served them and uplifted them on a level. Sally Morgan avoided making negative statements in her works as she did not want to disrespect the land and sea that fed them. Her book *Sister Heart* beautifully talks about a Northern girl moving to college and trying to lead her life, with more complications of not having friends and making new friends with the other students, she finds them difficult. The story portrays how life changes unexpectedly for everyone. Most of Sally Morgan's work concentrates on how beautiful Australia is and how the stolen generation tries to fit in with the citizens of the country. Her experience made her feel she was an outsider, to make her younger generation feel better about the community she raised her voice and helped them to overcome the feeling of being treated like outlanders. Her incredible works like *The River*, *Can You Dance?* *Girls Can Fly* and many more books concentrating only on self-development of the readers , she wants to uplift the generation and make them strong not to feel weak , feeble towards themselves .

She has helped several people to identify their own identity in spite of people drowning in racism. The racism has impacted on everyone's family and identity, the fear of threats towards them drove everyone to suicide and devastating behaviour traits. Sally wanted them all to be together as a community and stand up for each other too. In her initial stages she was ignored by everyone and ridiculed for expressing herself through art , the teachers failed to see an artist instead all they saw was an aboriginal student trying to come up , the racist mentality didn't let them come through .

The Stolen generation started when any white kids who seemed to be a part of black families were taken away and sent along with the whites to live . The European families usually adopt and then take them as their families just to keep them as slaves . They kidnap the children who are below 13 , so that they will have no connection towards their original lands . Meanwhile on the other hand the black and brown people were taken into missionaries and became deadbeat converts , they were killed when they tried to escape . Many families painted their children and hid them between bushes when the rangers patrol came. Many survivors came out to talk about how this has affected them , abducting families and separating them from government aided support is the biggest crime which was done for free . The stolen generation were usually separated at the age of one year old to the maximum , their dietary needs have been declined by the upper class society . When the government laid laws for the stolen children to be set free, they had no place to go. This caused them to steal and commit crimes, most of them became

homeless and alcoholics. The next generation was vastly seen in therapy, this was not very usual for them. The people around them started questioning what was the need for therapy even without knowing in what place they come from. Most aboriginal families have parents who are not connected with their children because they are not properly healed from their traumas, their children try to heal themselves by attending therapy. Australians don't know the proper history, they are not acknowledging the trauma caused by their ancestors. The hidden history needs to be spread by education.

IMPORTANCE

In most cases the aboriginal children are taken along with their siblings, this especially happens when the parents are at work and the children are left alone. When the parents went in to see their children, the entry was denied, the children were usually made to work in farms they kept running away but still at the end of the day they got caught. The female children were treated badly so most of them who tried to escape were girls. They were sexually harassed, lied to everyday saying, "Their parents didn't want them ". Every time when they tried to escape, rangers from the other end would catch them and punish them, they had way too many conflict issues to overcome. The aboriginal girls were usually gifted during Christmas, they always needed someone to look after these people so that they wouldn't run off, most of them ran away so they locked them in the dungeon. These young girls will cry till midnight, they were beaten for crying. Their welfare officers never listened to the young children, they assumed these children wanted to run away. When they complain about getting beaten they get flogged. They usually end up saying, "That is what you deserve for being born as savages ". The officers usually lie by saying they were born because their mothers were raped. The truth was hidden for about thirty years, when these people moved out of the families they found out about their actual families with the help of their birth certificates. When they reach the destination most of these children have a huge heart-warming welcome as they look like the exact copies of their parents.

The impact this community has created and left is heart wrenching to see how they were separated from their kith and kin just for the sake of showing dominance by the Europeans. Their entire culture was spread only orally by the people among themselves. No number of authors can express their feelings towards the stolen generation. Adoption is entirely colonialism, colourism, capitalism, majorly white supremacy, family separation, violence, trauma and erasure. These people were sold and bought by the colonisers for nothing but their own pleasure and fulfilment. A lot of these children end up as orphans as they were separated from a very young age and have lost their identity, they have been manufactured by the harmful, coercive systems of family regulations, surveillance and separation. Orphan is a misleading term, the right term for this is "Stolen ", most of these kids are manufactured according to the white supremacist. The poor form of taking care of these children has often led them in death, injury, psychological harm, malnutrition and deprivation.

These practices cause coercive practices that directly cause physiological and psychological trauma to both the parent and child. The oppression is shoved down to every individual, most likely this continues. The churches at that period were gas lighting the adoptees, abusing the adoptees and became a place unsafe. The children were sent to safer homes, the welfare organisations were not trustworthy, they were likely to get bribed and send more children, death after death. This violent family separation is nothing but a capitalist response to the crisis, they thought this was going to support the families that were in crisis. That idea made them separate and put the children to work. Alongside was the neglect and abuse which took tolls on themselves as they were not taken into consideration or took accountability for their own actions.

This unresolved trauma response made them voice out and set boundaries for themselves, they were not ready for the next generation to go through the same thing they went through. With the minimal education that was available for them, they tried to expand their knowledge and write their sorrows for the world to know. They wanted to differentiate between healing and being normal.

The adoption trafficking in the European community always prioritised themselves and their wants and needs. They did everything that they desired according to their interests which is best for them and their families. More likely they always said it was good intentions which was also spelled as white intentions in all the time they were an unformed and self-centred tendency changed how they abandoned all the children that they stole from their parents. They manifested their destiny of ruling and any person who is not white was referred as savage, uncivilised. The whole community decided that this was the most primitive way and executed their plans. This was oppressive, traumatic and harmful in the most unnecessary way.

The children were likely to become nurses or end up in jail for stealing as they have no life, these threatening situations forced them to become alcoholics and led them to suicide. In fact, the government never kept their word, the funds never reached the ones who needed, they were treated badly like slaves and refugees at this point. What was missing out? that the land belonged to the aboriginals originally from the dawn. Did they get what they wanted? Yes, the government later acknowledged the indigenous people and let them gain their lost citizenship. Throughout this they all had to face racism in their own land because of what the white supremist did. Many of them lost their families, went into care homes mentally disturbed.

The Indigenous community of Australia began to take over the media field by becoming the top star, Deborah Mailman, who figured out she was an aboriginal only when she went on a rodeo circuit and she found out about her parents. She was even trolled and ridiculed by saying that, "She had a temper, because she's a savage ". This truly broke many people, representation

matters so much, people are not willing to accept. Archie Roach, a famous Australian songwriter and singer wrote a song called, "Took the Children Away ". This song in particular truly shows the face of whites, because he was stolen when he was two years old and sent to foster, saying he was an orphan. The lines, "The welfare and the policeman Said you've got to understand, we'll give them what you can't give". The amount of lies said in one single sentence by the welfare is what made everyone believe. A better future for their children even when the parents is not around. The aboriginal people believe in a community that builds together and stays together. This was not a general policy for the whites as they wanted to rule over anyone and want to show that they are the most dominant people of all.

Every time when an author tries to express what it feels to be an aboriginal and how wrong they were treated, a spark gets out and irks the people who are living on their land, the invaders never worried about how it'll affect the history of Australia. The community that raised a whole country is now becoming extinct, the European men with their machines destroyed every other family that was against them, this continued for centuries together and came to heaven solved only during the last decade. No man can own lands but what happens when the invaders take advantage of other people's hard work and show it out as their own. Was any accountability taken at the point? No, they really wanted to own every last piece.

Most of these works didn't come out of the community because of one reason, but in later days these started to flare everywhere around the world, in a short period of time. During Sally Morgan's college year she wanted to let people know about how it was difficult for her and people like her to come up in life, facing racism in everyday life is not an easy task. People coming after you saying you don't belong can hurt, but knowing the truth and forwarding towards the future is where you can question everyone. Educating from one's life lessons has to be the most valuable learning.

CONCLUSION

This paper concentrates on the stolen children and aboriginal and how it has affected them, also how the white supremacy and the missionaries did not take accountability for their action except for making an apology in the courtroom. This did not change anyone's life, no family was brought back together. The personal self-help program is the name given to most families who stole the children but it was nothing but an abusive violent act. The racial adoption is always a geocidal way, adopting and destroying a whole group because the colonists did not like the original people of the land hence they decided to erase and destroy the identity. The more people voice about the issue, the more this comes to light irrespectively the killing and substance abuse hasn't gone down a percentage ever since this was stated. The absurd standard of racism and the length goes towards generations to generation beyond traumatising.

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