**FOUR QUOTES ACTIVITY HANDOUT—SIDE ONE**

What is the perspective of the federal government, as articulated by Senator Abourezk and C.L. Walker? That is to say, what values, beliefs, assumptions, worldview, and/or narrative are being expressed?

**Senator James Abourezk** - “The federal government for its part has been conspicuous by its lack of action. It has chosen to allow the child welfare agencies to strike at the heart of Indian communities by literally stealing Indian children, and on the premise that

most Indian children would really be better off growing up non-Indian.”

**[BIA Official] C.L. Walker** - “Here we are on the Western Navajo Indian Reservation in Northern Arizona among our friends, the Navajo Indians. Through the agencies of the government, they are being rapidly brought from their state of comparative

savagery and barbarism to one of civilization. Here on the one hand, we have the children as we find them before we bring them to the government schools. Few of these boys and girls have ever seen a white man. We bring them in, clean them up and start them on their way to civilization.”

**FOUR QUOTES ACTIVITY HANDOUT—SIDE TWO**

What is the perspective behind these quotes? That is to say, what values, beliefs, assumptions, worldview, and/or narrative do the quotes reflect?

**Chief Joseph Socobasin** - “We have customs and ceremonies, a language, a way of life that is very different. And to pull us away from that I think is what's most concerning to me.”

**gkisedtanamoogk** - “Everything that state policy and federal policy is doing is about the eradication of us from the earth. Now probably the softest example of eradication is social integration. But the results are the same: No more treaties. No more Indian rights.

No more lands. No more Indians.”