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Indigenous people have allowed themselves to achieve a taste of equality within their countries, which has been enough to allow them to feel at peace, however not enough to bring them an overall experience of freedom and happiness. This is shown in Australia's indigenous people as they have been fighting for ~~an~~ ~~an~~ an overall recognition of being Australia's first people. Although they have achieved such things as Native Title, the ability to receive an education, the ability to live in a house - wherever they like - , the ability to have freedom of movement and more, they are still not equal with Australia's Non-Indigenous race. Similarly to the Sioux Indians of the Pine Ridge Reserve in America, there is evidently cracks between the indigenous peoples and their non-indigenous peoples, resulting in a gap between such topics as health and education rates.

For both the Sioux Indians of the Pine Ridge Reserve, and the Aboriginal Australians of Yarrabah, education and health is

an issue which has had many different initiatives applied to it in order to improve the low rates in education & the poor outcomes in health. Overall, both indigenous communities have had an equal ability to gain the same education as non-indigenous people and receive the same medical treatment as non-indigenous people, however due to their lack of attendance rates, poor academic achievements, high drop out rates and abuse of drugs and alcohol, their ~~equo~~ equality becomes lessened as they are unable to perform at the same standards, leaving them feeling overwhelmed and ~~not~~ not confident to ~~receive~~ the same in the classrooms.

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On the Reserve, education levels are very poor, with 70% of the communities youth dropping out of school. Overall, 70-80% of the Ogala Sioux Indians are unemployed, renealing ~~how~~ <sup>that</sup> without gaining an education, the chances

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to further exceed in employment is slender. In Yarrabak ~~5477~~<sup>43.8%</sup> of the population live under the Federal Poverty line, leaving families who are financially ~~to~~ unable coming to a point dead end in which they cannot send their children to school. However both Indigenous communities have been fortunate enough to receive scholarships and indigenous fundings ~~into~~ Private schools and <sup>universities</sup> University, but due to the lack of knowledge these institutions have on Indigenous peoples, they lose the students and the education rates and levels remain low.

Due to Indigenous families living in one house with large numbers of people, the environment becomes one of instability and little routine, leaving the indigenous youth struggling to balance both school and home lifestyle. As



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