

# The Paley Rothman Blog

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## **SEC. DEB HAALAND – FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN IN THE CABINET**

Sec. Deb Haaland is the first Native American to serve in the President’s cabinet and has been instrumental in bringing attention and action to the horrific incident rate of violence against Indigenous women.

## **HINMUUTTU-YALATLAT AND THE BANISHMENT OF THE NEZ PERCE TRIBE**

When Hinmuuttu-Yalatlal (commonly referred to in American History as “Chief Joseph”) was born to the Wallowa band of Nez Perce Native American Tribe, his people roamed a territory consisting of large swaths of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. By the time he died, the vast Nez Perce tribe had been forcibly concentrated to a land less than a tenth of their home territory and his Wallowa band had been banished from Nez Perce territory entirely – a galling consequence of promises reneged, treaties of bad faith, and violence by and on behalf of the US government.

## **DIVIDING GERTRUDE FROM ZITKÁLA-ŠÁ**

This article brings awareness to Native American activism surrounding boarding school assimilation programs imposed on Native Americans in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Zitkála-Šá was one of those responsible for documenting these institutions and their practices, and for advocating for Native American people from an alternate perspective.

## **WILMA MANKILLER – DEVOTED ACTIVIST AND THE FIRST FEMALE CHIEF OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

Our first featured historical figure for Native American Heritage Month is Wilma Mankiller, the first woman elected principal chief of the Cherokee Nation and an activist for Native American and women’s rights. Learn more about the influential woman who spent her remarkable life fighting for the rights of Native Americans.

## **HUEMANN ADVOCACY – THE STORY OF JUDITH HUEMANN**

Judith “Judy” Heumann is an American and international disability rights activist, who has significantly contributed to the development of legislation and policies benefitting children and adults with disabilities.