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Process Paper

When we first heard of Vermont's History Project this year, we felt that the nationwide dismissal of Indigenous and Native women is largely connected to "Debate and Diplomacy." Every day there is an increasing amount of human trafficking cases against Native Women and young girls. This topic can be rather fragile to start a debate on as many have biased and clouded views. Many will argue that they as much attention as other races. But those who have done further research know that Native/Indigenous women and children receive the bare minimum of attention and publicity. As we discussed this topic further we realized the lack of diplomacy that Native Americans receive, specific to cultural diplomacy. Cultural Diplomacy refers to the exchange of ideas, values, traditions and other aspects of culture or identity. Information on missing Indigenous and Native women continues to be unacknowledged by the US Government. The governmental interest in changing these current and past events is yet to be seen. Our intentions are to provide Native women around the country the justice they deserve.

First, we started on basic information on Native and Indigenous women, we looked at websites to donate for the cause, information on women that are still missing without any coverage years later. Once we had our basis we began looking for deeper information, such as missing profiles of women and children. We delve deeper and deeper with every website we looked for.

We decided that a website would be the best way to support our cause. We could provide links for donations, links to look at these missing profiles, as well as further information on how to receive help.

Our argument is that Native women do not get the same recognition as most races. These people continue to go missing from their own land every day. Without change, Native and

Indigenous women will continue to be kidnapped and trafficked. We need to come together and make civilization an easier place for our Native women and children.