



COMMERCIAL TOBACCO USE AMONG NATIVE 2SLGBTQ+

American Indian Cancer Foundation.

Colonization outlawed several forms of free expression related to Native culture, tradition, gender, and sexuality including Two-Spirit traditions and the use of ceremonial tobacco. Many issues stemming from the effects of colonization continue to negatively impact the Native 2SLGBTQ+ community, including:



BIG TOBACCO

Native 2SLGBTQ+ are targeted more by big tobacco marketing
(Source: Acosta-Deprez et al (2021))



HEALTH CARE AND SUPPORT

Lack of robust healthcare services and support have impacted health outcomes
(Source: Ridings et al (2016))

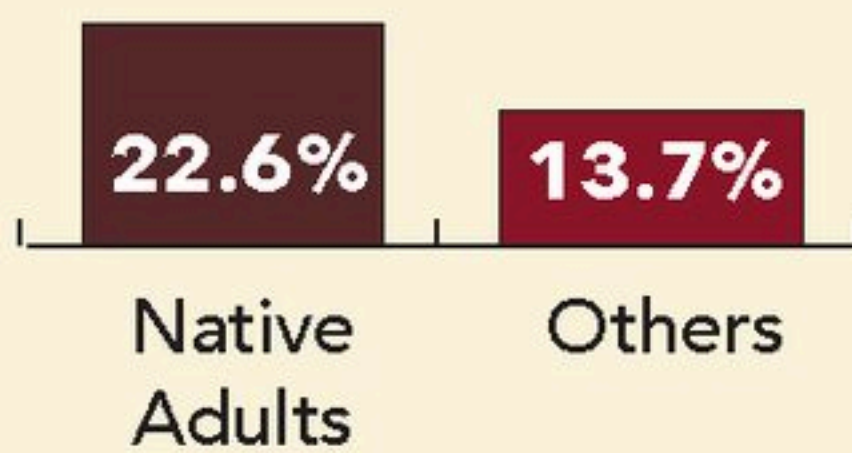


RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

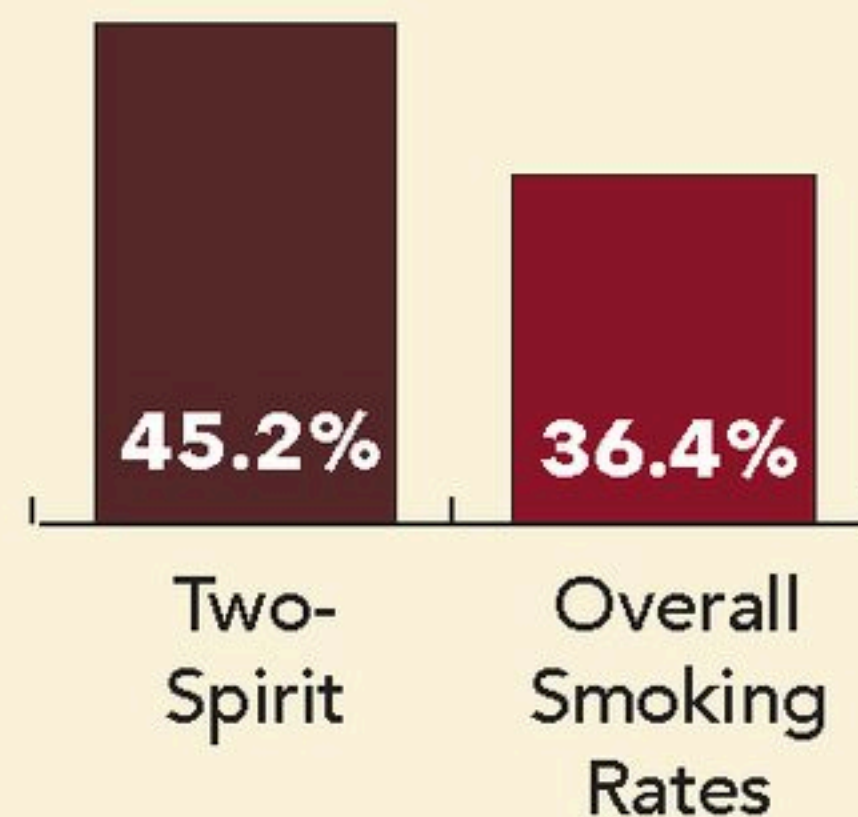
Racial discrimination continues to influence the increased commercial tobacco use among the Native 2SLGBTQ+ community
(Source: Johnson-Jennings et al (2014))

BECAUSE OF THESE FACTORS:

Native people have higher rates of smoking compared to other ethnic groups
(Source: CDC)



Two-Spirit individuals have higher daily smoking rates compared to others
(Source: Johnson-Jennings, 2014)



Two-Spirit individuals are **1.5 - 2.5X more likely**

to smoke cigarettes than straight individuals
(Source: Truth Initiative)

If you are interested in quitting or need more information visit AICAF.org or the American Indian Quitline at 1-833-9AI-QUIT (1-833-924-7848).

TWO-SPIRIT

a term exclusive to Native people that represents individuals of a wide range of gender roles, sexual orientation, and gender expression who carry significant cultural and spiritual roles across Indian Country.

2SLGBTQ+

an abbreviation used to identify two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, and additional gender identities and sexualities as a community.

