

Leonard Peltier

INDIGENOUS RESISTANCE PRISONER

imprisoned since 1976



Leonard Peltier is an American Indian Movement leader. In 1977, he was convicted and sentenced to two consecutive life sentences for murder after the deaths of two FBI agents in a shootout in defense of a prayer camp on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. In 1979, after learning about a planned attempt on his life, Leonard and two other native prisoners escaped from USP Lompoc in California. One of the prisoners was shot in the back and killed, and the other was quickly detained. Leonard Peltier eluded the manhunt that ensued for 5 days before being captured. He has served more than 40 years despite repeated calls to free him.

“I don’t know how to save the world. I don’t have the answers or The Answer. I hold no secret knowledge as to how to fix the mistakes of generations past and present. I only know that without compassion and respect for all of Earth’s inhabitants, none of us will survive—nor will we deserve to.”

Check out Leonard’s support website for more information as well as a mailing address. Writing letters is one of the simplest and most important ways to support political prisoners. **They’re in there for us, we’re out here for them.**

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