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Standing Silent Nation

Hermann, Courtney, and Suree Towfighnia. *Standing Silent Nation*. Watertown: Documentary Educational Resources, Inc., 2006. HD, 53 min. https://youtu.be/1zqB49tgjkU.

> When the Oglala Sioux Tribe passed an ordinance separating industrial hemp from its illegal cousin, marijuana, Alex White Plume and his family glimpsed a brighter future. Having researched hemp as a sustainable crop that would grow in the inhospitable soil of the South Dakota Badlands, the White Plumes envisioned a new economy that would impact the 85 percent unemployment rate on the Pine Ridge Reservation. They never dreamed they would find themselves swept up in a struggle over tribal sovereignty, economic rights, and common sense. From the hemp fields of Pine Ridge to the US Federal Court of Appeals, the one-hour documentary *Standing Silent Nation* tracks one family's effort to create economic independence for themselves, their reservation, and their future generations. (Source: Official Film Website)

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Further readings:

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- Hempsters: Plant the Seed (Film Profile)
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