One of the Native American's biggest killers was illness, specifically Small Pox. The immune system of the Native Americans did not have the same tolerances as that of the European Settlers. Their immune systems could not handle exposure to the diseases that they have never been exposed to before. It has been rumored the while trading with the Native Americans, the colonists purposely gave them blankets infected with the Small Pox disease. Winona La Duke, the author of "Native America, the Economics of Radioactive Colonization," is an Anishinaabe Indian currently living on the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota. Using as examples uranium development in the Navajo Nation and in the Laguna Pueblo of New Mexico. She shows how Native Americans have been forced into dependence on the mining companies. Rather than viable economic development of the reservations, the fruits of uranium mining have been lung cancer and radioactive contamination. Ad. Do you want to read the rest of this article? Request full-text. Citations (