

**VIOLENCE:
UNNATURAL LIFEWAY**

Destruction
Materialism
Sexism
Incest
Homophobia
Ritual Abuse
Rape
Murder
Battering
Isolation
Classism
Cultural Abuse
Ageism
Fear
Child Abuse

**NON-VIOLENCE:
NATURAL LIFEWAY**

Compassion
Honoring of Relationships
Freedom
Humility
Hope
Health
Sovereignty
Peace
Laughter
Understanding
Love
Wisdom
Generosity
Courage
Respect

**BRANCHES:
OUTGROWTH**

**TRUNK:
CONTRIBUTORS**

VIOLENCE:

- ◆ Chemical abuse
- ◆ Boarding schools
- ◆ Witnessing violence
- ◆ Stereotypes
- ◆ Confusing anger with violence

NON-VIOLENCE:

- ◆ Prayer, ceremony
- ◆ Honor the gift in others
- ◆ Ways of non-violence and respect modeled
- ◆ Mental self-discipline
- ◆ Seek advice of Women and Elders

**ROOT:
CAUSE OF**

**VIOLENCE:
IS THE BELIEF SYSTEM**

- ◆ Values might over right
- ◆ Power defined as violence
- ◆ Colonization
- ◆ View reality as a male dominated hierarchy
- ◆ Justifies violence and oppression
- ◆ Promotes myths of white male superiority
- ◆ Treats women and children as property of men

**NON-VIOLENCE:
IS THE BELIEF SYSTEM**

- ◆ Understand that all things have spirits and are related
- ◆ Respect is the foundation of all relationships
- ◆ People are spirits in physical bodies on individual lifepaths
- ◆ Women are sacred
- ◆ All people and things of creation are part of the sacred circle of life

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