

Wilma Mankiller

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Cows run away from the storm while the buffalo charges toward it - and gets through it quicker. Whenever I'm confronted with a tough challenge, I do not prolong the torment, I become the buffalo.

~Wilma Mankiller

An Indian is an Indian regardless of the degree of Indian blood or which little government card they do or do not possess.

~Wilma Mankiller

Take care how you place your moccasins upon the Earth, step with care, for the faces of the future generations are looking up from the Earth waiting their turn for life.

~Wilma Mankiller

The secret of our success is that we never, never give up.

~Wilma Mankiller

If you argue with a fool, someone passing by will not be able to tell who is the fool and who is not.

~Wilma Mankiller

Whoever controls the education of our children controls the future.

~Wilma Mankiller

Remember that I am just a woman who is living a very abundant life. Every step I take forward is on a path paved by strong Indian women before me.

~Wilma Mankiller

In Iroquois society, leaders are encouraged to remember seven generations in the past and consider seven generations in the future when making decisions that affect the people.

~Wilma Mankiller

I don't think anybody anywhere can talk about the future of their people or of an organization without talking about education. Whoever controls the education of our children controls our future.

~Wilma Mankiller

I've run into more discrimination as a woman than as an Indian.

~Wilma Mankiller

A lot of young girls have looked to their career paths and have said they'd like to be chief. There's been a change in the limits people see.

~Wilma Mankiller

Women in leadership roles can help restore balance and wholeness to our communities.

~Wilma Mankiller

Everybody is sitting around saying, 'Well, jeez, we need somebody to solve this problem of bias.' That somebody is us. We all have to try to figure out a better way to get along.

~Wilma Mankiller

Every single person has leadership ability. Some step up and take them. Some don't. My answer was to step up and lead.

~Wilma Mankiller

We must trust our own thinking. Trust where we're going. And get the job done.

~Wilma Mankiller

I want to be remembered as the person who helped us restore faith in ourselves.

~Wilma Mankiller

Look forward. Turn what has been done into a better path.

~Wilma Mankiller

Individually and collectively, Cherokee people possess an extraordinary ability to face down adversity and continue moving forward.

~Wilma Mankiller

Prior to my election, young Cherokee girls would never have thought that they might grow up and become chief.

~Wilma Mankiller

I learned a long time ago that I can't control the challenges the creator sends my way, but I can control the way I think about them and deal with them

~Wilma Mankiller

America would be a better place if leaders would do more long-term thinking.

~Wilma Mankiller

People say that crisis changes people and turns ordinary people into wiser or more responsible ones.

~Wilma Mankiller

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