

## **She hoped to shine a light on maternal mortality among Native Americans. Instead, she became a statistic of it.**

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[Maternal morbidity](#) and [perinatal harm](#) can be exacerbated due to [implicit bias](#). This story discusses a case of an [American Indian/Alaska Native](#) mother and infants whose deaths may have been preventable had her concerns been more effectively addressed. The situation illustrates conditions in the broader indigenous peoples' community that indicate a lack of respect and patient-centeredness as factors contributing to poor care.