

**FREE**  
LEONARD PELTIER

## Get involved!

*First learn more.*

Good starting places are:

- buy Leonard Peltier's book, **Prison Writings: My Life Is My Sundance** (1999, St. Martin's Press, ISBN 0312203543)
- check out the Peltier website at <http://www.leonardpeltier.org>
- rent the movie produced by Robert Redford **Incident at Oglala** (1992)

*Then lend your support.*

- Contact the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee - Canada (Coalition)  
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(416) 439-1893  
[lpdccfd@sympatico.ca](mailto:lpdccfd@sympatico.ca)
- Write the Prime Minister or President Obama.  
Check with the LPDCC for draft letters you can modify and send.
- Approach your union, community group or friends to:
  - pass resolutions calling on the Canadian government to request the release of Leonard Peltier;
  - financially support the campaign;
  - organize a support committee.
- Make a donation to the campaign fund.  
Make cheque payable to:  
**Leonard Peltier Clemency Campaign Fund**  
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**WHY  
THIS  
HELL**

There are a lot of nights I lie in my cell and I cannot understand **WHY THIS HELL** and this terror I have been going through for 21 years hasn't ended. But yet I know in my heart that someone has to pay a sacrifice to make things better for our people. The sacrifice I have made, when I really sit down to think about it, is nothing compared to what our people of 100 years ago, or 50 years ago or 25 years ago made. Some gave their lives. Some had to stand there and watch their children die in their arms. So the sacrifice I have made is nothing compared to those. I have gone too far now to start backing down. I don't give up, not until my people are free will I give up. If I have to sacrifice some more then **I sacrifice some more.**



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**HE IS STILL NOT FREE. Leonard Peltier is still locked behind bars in an American prison—still condemned to serve out a double life sentence for the 1975 shooting deaths of two FBI agents.**

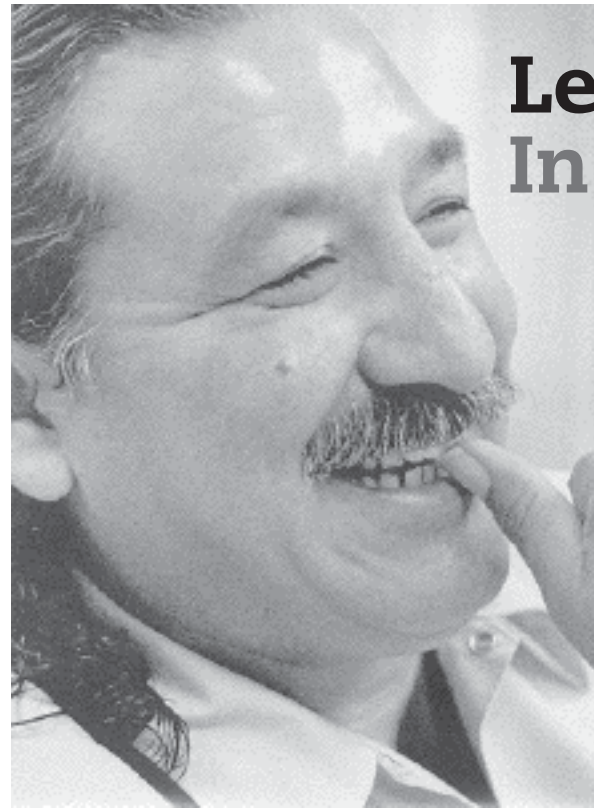
**This is wrong.**

**It is wrong** because there is no solid evidence even to accuse Leonard Peltier of the deaths—let alone convict him. It is true that Leonard was a leader of the American Indian Movement. It is true that he was on the Pine Ridge Reserve in South Dakota when the agents were killed. It is true he fled home to Canada after the killings on that June 26th morning in 1975. But that is all that has ever been proved to be true about Leonard Peltier's connection to the deaths.

**It is wrong** because the process used to return Peltier from Canada to the USA to stand trial was a crime in itself. The truth is: key evidence to incriminate Peltier was fabricated; and the chief FBI witness was a victim of FBI manipulation and coercion.

**It is wrong** because once back in the USA Leonard Peltier was tried and convicted on false evidence. The FBI now admits it. They also admit they cannot now—and never could—link Leonard Peltier to the crime scene.

**It is wrong** because if Leonard Peltier did anything wrong June 26th, 1975 on the Pine Ridge Reserve, whatever it might be has never been presented or proven at any time, to any court of law, anywhere on earth.



## Leonard Peltier In the Spirit of Crazy Horse

- establishing an entrepreneur program for talented Native youth;
- a Native American scholarship program at New York University;
- a Native American newspaper in Washington State;
- sponsoring two children in rural El Salvador and Guatemala;
- annual clothing and toy drives for the people of Pine Ridge Reservation, halfway houses, and women's centers;
- assisting other prisoners' display their art work across the country, to promote prisoner art programs and increase prisoner self-confidence and esteem.

### Prison takes its toll

Three decades in prison exacts a price on your health and well-being. Leonard suffers from the critical combination of a

heart condition as well as diabetes. He has already lost most of the vision in one eye due to poor medical care.

### The campaign

Support for Leonard comes from around the globe.

In Canada, the National Union and its members continue to work hard to keep the campaign to free Leonard Peltier a prominent public issue.

In the fall of 2000 we all concentrated our efforts on a push to convince President Bill Clinton, in his final days of office, to grant executive clemency to Leonard Peltier. Clinton gave real indications that he was at last ready to do the just and right thing.

The FBI would have none of it, however. They are still not prepared to admit any mistakes or manipulation. In the end, Clinton did grant clemency to a number of

friends and cronies. He did not grant clemency to Leonard.

This turn of events rocked us all. But the campaign to win Leonard's freedom burns bright. Our campaign continues and will continue until justice is finally done!

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Our current efforts involve:

- winning the release of more than 6,000 pages of FBI suppressed documents relating to the case;
- having the Canadian government acknowledge that the extradition hearing was misled and flawed;
- raising the case as an international human rights issue;
- convincing the US government to grant Leonard a new trial.

### Leonard today

#### The spirit stays strong

Leonard Peltier is in prison—but his spirit remains free. Sometimes as a painter, sometimes as an author, always as a tireless activist for the cause of aboriginal people's rights. His interests and activities include:

- working with medical experts to improve health-care delivery on reservations;

*I spoke with him. He is a remarkable person and the depth of his spirituality shows. I would hope that the campaign to have him freed will succeed. I certainly support it very passionately.* BISHOP DESMOND TUTU