

Synopsis

LADONNA HARRIS: INDIAN 101 chronicles the life of Comanche activist and national civil rights leader LaDonna Harris and the role that she has played in Native and mainstream American history since the 1960s.

Harris's activism began in Oklahoma, fighting segregation and assisting grassroots Native and women's groups. She continued her work in Washington DC where she helped to introduce landmark programs and legislation including tribal land return claims, improving education and healthcare for Native Americans, ending job discrimination against women, and protecting environmental resources for tribes. Using interviews, archival footage and photographs, **LADONNA HARRIS: INDIAN 101** celebrates her life and the personal struggles that led her to become a voice for Native people and highlights her contemporary work to strengthen and rebuild indigenous communities and train emerging Native leaders around the world.