



## Problems Inherent in the Dawes Act

1. Natives had no experience with land ownership. Individuals sold land to whites for too little money.
2. Much of the land on reservations available for allotment was too poor for sustainable agriculture.
3. The government kept resource-rich land and allotted poor parcels.
4. The elimination of communal tribal relationships undermined traditional family and social structures and replaced them with relationships dominated by white prejudice, starvation-level poverty and alcohol.