

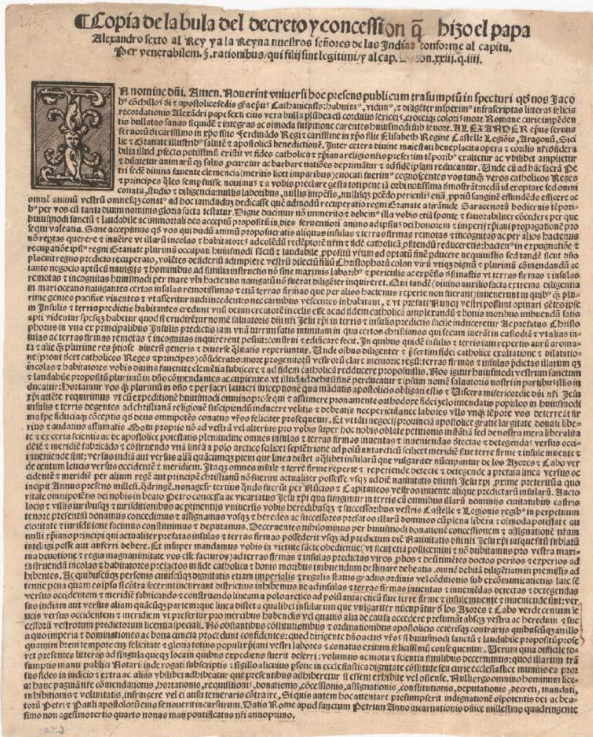
# History and Formation of NAGPRA

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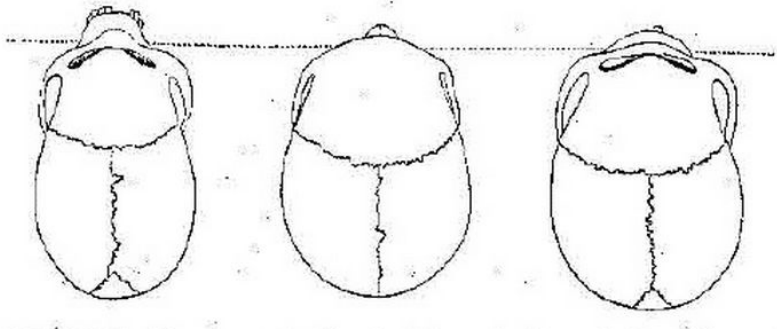
# The Legitimizing



- Doctrine of Discovery
- 1455 Papal Bull “Romanus Pontifex” authorized Portuguese trade and enslavement of African people
- 1493 Papal Bull “Inter Caetera” solidified Spanish claims in the America’s
  - Any land not inhabited by Christians was available to be “discovered”
- Early example of Indigenous people not considered human

# The Collecting

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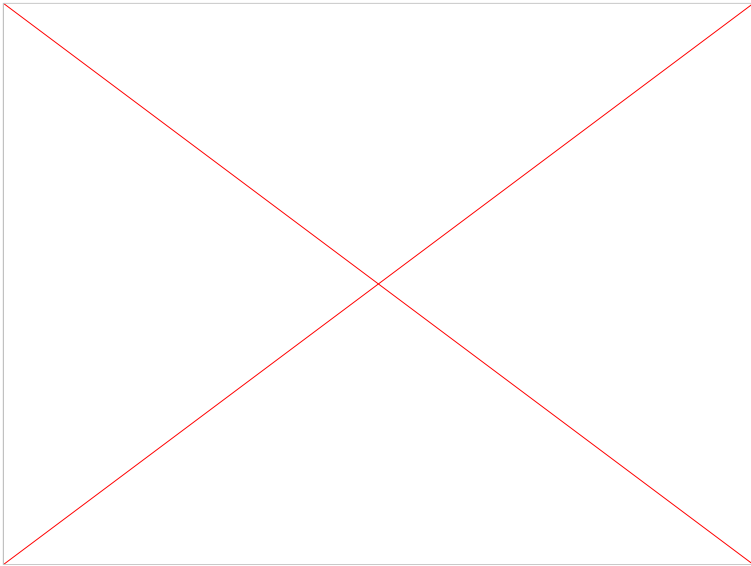
- 1823 Samuel Morton, the founder of physical anthropology in the USA, began collecting skulls
- 1839 published the *Crania Americana* which claimed that Native Americans were intellectually inferior to whites because of a smaller skull size
- Widespread looting and grave-robbing of Native American graves from the 1830's - 1980's



- Sites of massacres were desecrated, soldiers ordered to take anything of 'value'
- 1900's, skeletal remains had gained a dollar value
- The Great Depression only added to the looting and grave-robbing
- Curio collectors and museums contributed to grave robbing
- By the 1930's Native American skeletons had become tourist attractions and burial sites had been opened for public viewing

# The Rising Up

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- 1960's Civil Rights, Pan-Indian and Red Power Movements
- 1969 Custer Died for Your Sins: an Indian Manifesto Vine Deloria, Jr.
  - "Into each life, it is said, some rain must fall. Some people have bad horoscopes, others take tips on the stock market ... But Indians have been cursed above all other people in history. Indians have Anthropologists" (Deloria 1969).



## 1978 American Indian Religious Freedom Act

- Exercise traditional religion by ensuring access to sites, use and possession of sacred objects and freedom to worship through ceremonies and traditional rites

1978 Zuni Ahayu:da repatriation via ethical means

1971 Finding/1979 Iowa first state to enact grave protection and repatriation law-several states followed

1988/1989 Ohlone repatriation from Stanford

# NAGPRA Laws

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- 1990 Passage of NAGPRA
- 2001 Passage of Cal-NAGPRA
  - AB-52, 2015
  - AB-275, 2020

# Questions?

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