Dakota Access Pipeline Information

What is it?
- The Dakota Access pipeline is a 1,134 mile long U.S crude oil underground pipeline
- The $3.7 billion project is being executed by Dakota Access, LLC, a subsidiary of the Dallas, Texas Corporation “Energy Transfer Partners.”
- The pipeline, if constructed, will run through South Dakota and Iowa, and end in South Central Illinois
- Pipeline will carry 1 million gallons of oil per hour

Environmental Impact
- Pipelines of this sort commonly have leaks which in the past have caused irrevocable damage to bodies of water, wildlife, and property
- If the pipeline were to leak, the oil and chemicals released would leave the clean freshwater resources that the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and all inhabitants downstream the Missouri River depend upon, inconsumable
- A leak would not only result in millions of dollars in property damage, but also create an environmental disaster
- Farmers have raised concerns about drain tiles in Iowa being damaged
- The state of Iowa only requires private companies to have $250,000 in reserve in case of a leak and damages were to incur. This amount is fiscally irresponsible, and does not have the ability to pay for the entirety of damages that would occur if there were to be a leak

Social Impact
- In June, the US Fish and Wildlife Services temporarily revoked their construction permit because the Upper Sioux Tribe informed them that construction was being conducted on a historic and cultural site, including burial grounds in Lyon County
- The Standing Rock Tribe united more than 200 Native American tribes which is one of the largest unifying and gathering of Native Americans in the last 100 years
- There are implications of allowing the state to condemn privately owned land, particularly agricultural land, on behalf of a company that has not demonstrated any significant benefit to the residents of Iowa
- The Judicial system has failed Native American Indians for over 200 years, and infrastructure projects need to fully recognize the indigenous people
- The pipeline’s original path crossed the Missouri River just North of Bismarck, a city in which the population is 90% white. When concerns were raised about the pipeline, it was then rerouted South to go under the Missouri River, right next to Standing Rock.
- The pipeline is ALL RISK and NO REWARD
Sex Trafficking/Drug Impact

- The Dakota Access Pipeline will create anywhere from 8,000 to 12,000 temporary jobs, and these workers will live in camps for weeks or even months during construction.
- Men are socially isolated in these camps, and they are centers for drugs, violence, and sex trafficking.
- These camps endanger females for miles around.
- During the Bakken Boom, there was a large increase in levels of violent crime against women and girls, particularly Native women and girls.
- The number of domestic violence, and sexual assault cases increased by hundreds.
- Victim service providers reported that the number of calls that they received for domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking tripled during this time.