**Chapter 06 Objectives:**

After reading this chapter, you should be able to:

* Identify the significance of the historical treatment of American Indians in this country;
* Understand the importance of federal intervention in the form of laws and agencies in regulating life both on and off the reservation;
* Describe the current condition of many Native Americans in this country;
* Understand the involvement of Native Americans in the criminal justice system, particularly in light of the tension between self-governance of tribes and the influence of federal laws.