California Indian people are often asked whether they know their traditional language but rarely asked why their languages are not widely used in their contemporary communities. Today, many California Indians are interested in learning their languages, yet they experience difficulty in finding speakers or teaching materials within their communities. Historical events and federal and state policies have facilitated the separation of tribal communities and have had a negative impact on the transmission of cultural and linguistic information. Today, the renaissance of California Indian languages must be pursued through a collective effort of tribal families, governments and organizations. The responsibilities of preservation and revitalization are shared among us all. Despite political differences, diverse dialects and limited resources, active collaboration and cooperation are fundamental to the survival and continuity of Pomo languages.

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