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It's hugely cultural – people in many Asian cultures are less direct than in the West and social / unspoken cues are way, way more important. It is always worth holding on to a bit of one's dignity, avoiding humiliation will hasten the journey towards hope, and this woman will think you are crazy if you confront her. So how does this all relate to Japan? Let's get back to Debito's article. There are numerous problems to address, but the core point I'd like to make (aside from the one above that the group classification of these problems as 'microaggressions' is terribly misleading) is that Debito conflates many different examples of problems foreigners in Japan experience in their day-to-day lives. The following is a selection of Survivor stories drawn from the Our Stories...Our Strength video collection. We are grateful to the men and women who have shared their personal and often painful accounts of their experiences of residential school and its legacy.