

FIRST LAUGH. In traditional Navajo Indian culture, the child is viewed as the ultimate gift, a precious gift that must never be abused. The First Laugh ceremony ensures that an infant is constantly watched over and kept in a cradle board until the child laughs for the first time. This moment marks the child's birth as a social being. The member of the family or friend of the family who makes the baby laugh must then provide for a celebration in honor of the child.

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