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Western Civilization

Columbus Day celebrates the gift of Western Civilization: private property rights.

The notion of private property - that the common citizen can have and hold property - is a value unique to Western Civilization.

All other cultures have been either dominated by an imperial world view or a communal one. Take your pick, the ancient Babylonians, the Chinese, or the cultures of the Indus River - the ancient world was dominated by the belief that the centralized power (an emperor, king, pharaoh, or war-lord) alone retained the right to property.

Other cultures, such as in Africa or the Americas, either held to this same imperial worldview or they were communal in the sense that the tribal group held claim to the land of an area, not the ordinary person.

When the Europeans came to North America, they found that there was no such thing as private property among the indigenous populations. The tribe held the land in common and was not attached to any particular person.

Today, the indigenous tribes want sovereignty and the right to continue this tribal custom of communal ownership.

The American people must resist this agenda because it is antithetical to the values of the Constitution. The Constitution was designed to protect private property rights. Communistic beliefs undermine the Constitution and personal freedoms.

“Property that belongs to everybody really belongs to nobody.”

Look up Henry Grady Weaver’s classic *The Mainspring of Human Progress* (1947) to learn more about your European heritage.

On Dismembering Benewah County

The reservation system in the United States has become a Trojan Horse in a growing web of communist racketeering and suppression of private property rights of not just Native Americans, but state citizens, as well. With half of Benewah County within tribal boundaries, this communistic entity poses a real threat to the County’s viability, which has now been proved by the gutting of its largest employer and single largest taxpayer: Stimson Lumber.

Bought out by the Tribe in a deal they couldn’t refuse, County Commissioners expect a substantial erosion of revenues, since land owned by a taxpayer (Stimson) has been transferred to a tax-free entity (the CDA Tribe).

Former Commissioner, Jack Buell, saw this coming and complained for decades about this unfair practice.

The current County Commissioners think that they can make up for this loss by raising fees. Dream on. It would take too many new residents to make up the difference in raw tax numbers.

But it is worse than that..

The mill wasn't just bought out. It was closed. Rule of thumb is that for every dollar earned by a value-added company, it generates seven more dollars as it circulates in the community. The closure will be devastating to the local economy.

The Commissioners should have contested the sale, just like some states are prohibiting the sale of land to Communist China. Obviously, they are not getting good legal advice.

The CDA Tribe uses federal money to buy private property. This undermines local government in an ideological quest of exclusive sovereignty within their imagined territorial boundaries.

Starving out county services will eventually have the effect of transferring these services to the Tribe. And for state citizens who are not members of the Tribe, they will either have to pay exorbitant non-member fees for these very same services, or sell-out.

NGO's & Fake Government Agencies

Do Indian Tribes really have sovereignty?

No, they are creatures of the Federal government. Indian Tribes are managed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs which is controlled by the Department of Interior which is a part of the Executive Branch: the President of the United States.

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Their so-called "sovereignty" exists under the various clauses of "treaties of subjugation" which are - at law - known as "implied hazardous contracts." Citizenship in an Indian Tribe falls under the 14th Amendment which is completely dependent upon the statutes of their real sovereign: the Congress of the United States.

Their rights are not Constitutional; they are statutory. Only if tribal members embrace state citizenship do they share in the Constitutional rights the rest of us have.

As for non-tribal landholders (i.e. state citizens) within the "boundaries" of the Indian Reservation, they received land titles that descended from land patents issued under the authority of Congress. Their land titles arose from the various Homestead Acts of the late 1800s, not from the Indian Tribes.

For more analysis go to savebenewahcounty.com.

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- Christopher Columbus

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