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The Indian Act is the legal imposition of Apartheid, Canadian style, and it boggles the mind that so many who claim to speak for the needs of the disenfranchised First Nations peoples get all epileptic when it is suggested that one way to dis-disenfranchise someone would be to insist he or she have the same rights and responsibilities as everyone else.

Here is what the Indian Act says, between the lines: the evil White Man of generations ago conquered your proud tribes, and we feel terrible about it, so much so that we will confiscate billions of dollars from that evil man's descendants and all other immigrants who had nothing to do with that conquest, in order to feed a First Nations Industry(TM) made up mostly of non-native people who will profit from your misery, so much so that they will interfere with any attempt to, you know, relieve you of your misery. But we will make sure to tout your special status as useless, incapable and unproductive welfare bums in order to maximize resentment on the part of the citizens who are funding that aforementioned Industry that does nothing useful for you. And we will make sure you understand that you are insignificant scum incapable of taking responsibility for your own behaviour: by all means, blockade our roads & railways, behave like a mob of thugs, beat up a few citizens; sure it's only a few of you, but it sure does help tarnish the country's view of the whole lot of you as pampered lawless misfits when our law enforcement folks choose not to enforce the law. And your sense of self-worth can remain so depressingly low that you can wallow in your poverty, your drugs, your violence, your fetal-alcohol syndrome, but for heaven's sake wallow where no taxpayer or voter can see you, ok? Have nice day, suckers!

Here's a suggestion that explains why I will never be a successful politician: the evil White Man of generations ago conquered your proud tribes, so deal with it, we're not going anywhere. We are trying to develop and prosper in the 21st century, and we can't understand, regardless of the historical nonsense that got us all this far, why your societies hidden away on reserves should be the only civilizations denied the right to evolve with all other peoples of the world. "You" were here first (well, wrong, your ancestors were), but we're all here now, why don't you join us? So many of your leaders would put the kleptocratic corrupt incompetents ruling third world countries to shame, don't you think you deserve better? Surely there should be more to define you as a person than whether you have enough genetic heritage to be properly defined according to some racist treaty? You want to be an unproductive welfare bum? Move to the city, join the significant taxpayer-subsidized poverty class among us already, where at least the plumbing and housing is better. You want to be a productive contributor? Great! Move to the city, get educated, get a job, get going! You want nothing to do with us, because you wish to remain frozen in some romantic notion of a centuries-old way of life? Well, ok, but the road/clinic/school/RCMP for your reserve will close, the airstrip will never be repaved, and the water treatment facility that never worked anyways will be shut down next Wednesday. Enjoy your traditional way of life, and we will feel sorry for your kids. Bye!

