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"Leadership and Legal System In the Light of Justice: Walter Echo-Hawk on Native Americans in a Global Context"

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ABSTRACT
How does the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007) impact Native Americans? The U.S. was founded on the human rights principle, but failed to live up to that core value in its treatment of Native Americans. Instead, U.S. law eschewed human rights when American Indians were colonized. That legacy still influences the law. By contrast, the UNDRIP asks nations to define indigenous rights through a human rights framework. Compliance will require significant law reform in the United States.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE
Walter Echo-Hawk (Pawnee) is an author, attorney, tribal judge, law professor and activist. He is of counsel to the Crowe & Dunlevy law firm of Oklahoma and an adjunct law professor at the Tulsa University College of Law. For thirty-five years, he represented indigenous tribes and peoples in the United States as a staff attorney of the Native American Rights Fund. He authored several books, including *In the Courts of the Conqueror: The 10 Worst Indian Law Cases Ever Decided* (2010) and *In The Light of Justice: The Rise of Human Rights in Native American and the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (2013).
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