



BUSINESS & POLITICS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH



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D.G. Comer is an Army Veteran, Native executive, and truth-teller whose work challenges power, politics, and complacency within Indian Country. His decades of experience in tribal business and governance give him a rare inside view — and a fierce commitment to accountability and reform

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About the Book / Summary

Business & Politics in Indian Country – You Can't Handle the Truth is a powerful exposé that pulls no punches in revealing the hidden systems that shape, exploit, and often paralyze tribal governance in the United States. Written by Native executive and Army veteran **D.G. Comer**, the book strips away decades of political theater, bureaucratic control, and cultural manipulation to reveal how “sovereignty” has too often been reduced to a slogan rather than a reality.

Drawing on lived experience, historical analysis, and firsthand tribal business leadership, Comer dissects the tangled web of tribal, federal, and private interests that dominate Indian Country. Each chapter unearths uncomfortable truths about disenrollment, corruption, economic dependency, treaty betrayal, and the manipulation of identity for profit. Yet, woven through the critique is a deep respect for the resilience of Native people — and a call to reclaim true sovereignty through transparency, ethics, and unity.

More than a book, *Business & Politics in Indian Country* is a reckoning. It challenges tribal leaders, policymakers, and citizens alike to confront the uncomfortable question: **Are we protecting sovereignty, or merely preserving systems of control dressed in Native regalia?**

“The truth is not meant to comfort — it’s meant to awaken.”

Key Topics & Chapter Highlights

- **Tribal Sovereignty and Governance Reform**
A penetrating examination of how federal oversight and internal politics have diluted true tribal sovereignty — and the frameworks needed to reclaim it through transparency, unity, and accountability.
- **Economic Dependency and Self-Determination**
A hard look at how reliance on federal funds and casino revenue has created modern economic bondage, and how tribes can build sustainable, sovereign economies rooted in cultural values and innovation.
- **Historical Betrayals and Modern Parallels**
Reveals how 19th-century treaty violations echo in today's federal contracts, disenrollment cases, and tribal politics — exposing cycles of exploitation that persist under new names.
- **Education, Leadership, and Generational Identity**
Explores how education has shaped Native identity, from boarding-school trauma to modern tribal colleges, and how the next generation must balance tradition with critical, independent thought.
- **Cultural Revitalization and Mental Health**
Connects the resurgence of ceremony, language, and community healing to breaking cycles of addiction, depression, and suicide within Native communities.

Chapter Highlight: *Beyond Casinos – Building a Diverse Economic Base*

This chapter challenges the notion that gaming is the cornerstone of Native prosperity. Comer outlines real pathways to financial independence through construction, technology, renewable energy, and intertribal enterprise — emphasizing that true sovereignty begins when the funding no longer comes from someone else's table.

Chapter Highlight: *The Future of Native America – 100 Years Ahead*

A visionary close to the book, this chapter imagines Indian Country a century from now — where sovereignty is no longer symbolic but lived, technology serves culture rather than erasing it, and the grandchildren of tomorrow finally inherit what was promised centuries ago: freedom on their own terms.

Discussion Guide

(for educators, readers, and community dialogue)

“True discussion begins where comfort ends. These questions are designed to challenge, provoke thought, and inspire truth-driven dialogue.”

Reflection Questions

1. **Sovereignty vs. Independence**

How does D.G. Comer distinguish between sovereignty and independence in tribal governance? What responsibilities come with each, and how are they often misunderstood in modern tribal politics?

2. **Urgent Reform in Indian Country**

What does the author identify as the most pressing reform needed within tribal governance, and what cultural or structural obstacles make that reform difficult to achieve?

3. **Economic Dependency and Leadership**

How does economic dependency on federal programs, grants, or gaming revenues shape modern tribal leadership and decision-making? In what ways can tribes reclaim economic sovereignty?

4. **Cultural Preservation in a Modern World**

What role does cultural revitalization—through language, ceremony, and education—play in shaping the future of tribal nations? How does Comer balance tradition with the need for progress?

5. **Accountability and Power**

Why does D.G. Comer emphasize transparency and ethical leadership as essential components of sovereignty? How do personal relationships and politics influence justice and fairness in tribal systems?

6. **The Role of Education**

In what ways does the author link education to empowerment? How might reimagining tribal education systems alter the course of economic and political self-determination?

7. **The Path Forward**

After reading *Business & Politics in Indian Country – You Can’t Handle the Truth*, what personal or collective actions should readers take to strengthen sovereignty, integrity, and unity within Indian Country?

Educator Note

These questions may be used individually or grouped thematically—such as *Governance & Sovereignty*, *Cultural Revitalization*, and *Leadership & Accountability*. They are designed to foster both classroom-level analysis and open community conversation.

“Discussion is not about agreeing — it’s about understanding why truth matters.” — D.G. Comer

Press Quotes / Advance Praise

“A bold and unflinching work — D.G. Comer doesn’t just tell truths; he demands we face them.”
— **Editorial Review, Heck Fuzzy Publications**

“An indispensable read for anyone seeking to understand the real forces shaping Indian Country today.”
— Placeholder – Future Review Blurb

“Courageous, raw, and unapologetically honest. Comer’s voice cuts through decades of silence.”
— Placeholder – Future Review Blurb

“A rare work that bridges policy, history, and heart — destined to redefine the conversation around sovereignty.”
— Placeholder – Future Review Blurb

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— D.G. Comer

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