

# Reader disagrees with Cole's political position

Dear Sir,

Is it fair to say, that the future will hold a dichotomy, when the implication is that we as Natives are not responsible enough to shape our own destiny? Mr. Cole, are you really that ignorant of the cultural implications of our politics, or is it that you are really preaching this separation that you are so blatantly talking about in public? Mr. Cole, you are obviously of the old class. That is to say, keep the money in the urban areas, we'll give you an allowance, if and when we can, or rather if you choose to.

This new generation of Natives will stand and tell you that those days are over and on their way out. Imperial colonialism, with all its privilege, however

it may be said and whatever political outcome it may have, is that Natives of Alaska have the right to self determination. The fear of urban politics is that they are losing control of resources, and along with it the puppet strings to our destiny.

The very fact that, "A way of life," has a very low priority in your interpretations of self sustenance, is the statement that your own pleasures are far more important than our very own lives. Such ignorance, or blatant superiority, can only be tolerated in a sense that you be treated like a child that wants its own way regardless of the consequences.

*Cordially yours,  
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