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I am not in favor of allowing whale hunts.

This is the 21st century a treaty composed and finalized in the late 1800's could not have foreseen the advancements of civilization in the following 100 years. The original intent of the treaty must have been to assist in the nourishment, native tools or other implements that comprised the Indians normal living conditions.

Today Indians are subsidized with cash and tax-free incentives to assist with their "needs". Killing of the whales is not a "necessatity", they wish to kill the whale in order to uphold a provision in an "out dated" treaty (which should be revised in accord with advancements in civilization). If they need food, go to the grocery.

This reflects the same treaty scenarios regarding fishing, the original treaties were initiated when Indians used spears and the bow/arrow to catch fish and not modern monofilament nets. If the Indians wish to exercise the rights granted by treaties over a 100 years old then they should use the same technologies that where used during the time the treaties where initiated.

Do the original treaties also require the government to provide blankets, cooking utensils, crop seeds and such? If so why aren't the tribes calling for these "rights"? Why do they always take aim at some unique provision? When all they need to live is in the local grocery or departmental store.

If anything the Indians need more motivation to integrate into society, which is what my grandparents did when they came to this country in the 1904.

Maybe a proposal to give up some of the Federal funding, which is provided to help subsidize "daily living" in lieu of modern hunting privilidges.

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