

GM: Gyu Min  
MJ: Myung Joon

GM: Breaking news, Finally! Sex-based discrimination eliminated from the Indian Act! I'm Gyu Min Jang, news anchor from TALONS talk, and it is November of 2017! After multiple protests for change in the Indian Act by first nations peoples, the Canadian federal government finally adjusts the Indian act to remove its sex-based discrimination. Although there are still some points that still need revision, most people are happy with the change. We now go to an interview with Myung Joon Cho of the Sto: lo First Nations people.

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GM: So what are your thoughts on the change within the Indian Act, giving indigenous women more rights equal to men?

MJ: It's been long due until this finally happened. Even as a man, the rights before were quite unfair to our indigenous women. We had more rights just because of our gender and women actually lost their status upon getting married to a non-indigenous man, while men would continue to keep theirs in the same situation. I'm just glad that we were able to push for this change.

GM: Any first nations women and their children born before 1985 will regain their status with this change.

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GM: Breaking news, Is a member of the parliament rejecting their responsibility for the Indian Act? I'm Gyu Min Jang, still news anchor, and it is now March of 2019! Parliament member and Canadian politician Jody Wilson Raybould has completely rejected the idea of taking over the responsibilities of the Indigenous Services file, which includes the Indian Act. She states that, quote, "The Indian Act is not a suitable system of government, [that] is not consistent with the rights enshrined in our Constitution." This act has demonstrated their lack of care and arrogance regarding Indian rights. So should the Indian Act continue to be modified to give Indigenous people more freedom?

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GM: Yes we should, the indigenous definitely deserve Canadian rights while still continuing to have their status as Indigenous peoples. They were here first until you all invaded their lands and revoked their freedom and culture. It isn't fair...

MJ: Well, the government understands your concerns, but this matter is not something that can be accomplished easily. We cannot simply just get rid of the chains while keeping the goods, in this case being your rights and status. If they were to cut the Indian Act in half to get rid of only the bad half while also giving you Canadian rights, the situation will get very

complicated. You will basically become your own nation within a Country. And we cannot simply give you back your land as the Provincial Governments have most of the control.

GM: So you choose to give them terrible services in awful living conditions instead? Refer to my boy Junior from the best selling book "The absolutely true diary of a part-time Indian". Living in a first nations reservation, my man is going off one dentist visit a year and getting low-end food and education every day! Is this the price they pay for their rights?

MJ: Well, the Indigenous people have been giving the government mixed requests, some people want them to get rid of the Indian act, and others want them to keep it and just modify it. In fact, in 1969, the government even offered to get rid of the Indian Act, but the Indians refused. The only reason for this being that they wanted to keep their status.

GM: First nations peoples as a group still deserve their rights as Indians. The only reason they agreed to keep the document was that they needed to stand their ground as a culture. This doesn't change the fact that we are Canadian's nonetheless. We need to modify the Indian Act in our favor.

MJ: Well... No.

GM: Yes.

MJ: We shouldn't

GM: We should.

Mj: no

GM: Yes

MJ: No

GM: Yes.

MJ: NO!

GM: YE-

MJ: WAIT!

GM: WHAT?

MJ: WE SHOULD ASK THE AUDIENCE THEIR OPINION.

GM: GOOD IDEA \*looks\* What do you guys think? \*Reads off question\*