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Letter to the editor:

I was shocked to read the comments by Robert Cornish about Aboriginal First Nation Peoples, "subsist handouts in a futile and failing effort to retain their traditional heritage and culture in the modern world."

Cornish should perhaps read the Constitution of Canada, the Indian Act and its amendments. In there, he will find just how the Canadian government planned to assimilate all First Nations People. He will also find the Canadian governments "blueprint" to deal with the "Native Problem."

We were forced, not asked, to be displaced on Indian reservations, stripped of one's identity, one's native tongue beaten out of you. One is left spiritually and emotionally weak. Not to mention, children being ripped out of their mother's hands and shipped off to residential school (the government way of dealing with the Indian problem), being raped, demoralized and killed.

Cornish should perhaps sit and talk to a First Nation person or talk to one of our survivors of the residential school system and then perhaps his sheer ignorant comments can be silenced.

Vanessa Netemegestic, Aboriginal First Nation

woman, Rama, full-time employee and mother of four

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