



Letter to the editor: Judge Native Americans fairly

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I would like to comment on *Haaland vs. Brackeen*, the case brought to the U.S. Supreme Court on Nov. 9. This case is like a wolf in sheep's clothing. The plaintiffs argue the case is about a simple adoption custody case, but it has bigger implications for the Native American nations in America.

The Indian Children's Welfare Act was made law in 1978 to protect Native American children from being separated from their families and their tribes. In 2016, a baby was dropped off at a hospital and was given to a foster family to be cared for. The foster family wanted to adopt the baby, but it was later found that the baby was a Native American and that the family and the tribe wanted to adopt the baby, too.

The Cato Institute, right-wing organizations, the adoption industry, and legal law firms have assisted the plaintiffs in this case, because they are interested in gutting Native American laws. Unfortunately the court has behaved in a racist manner and is ill-informed about Native American law. One Supreme Court justice bought up that the Native American tribes were all fighting among each other before the Europeans came to America.

For more than 250 years, Native Americans have had treaties broken by us, the American government. Let's write to the Supreme Court and ask them to judge Native Americans fairly and do not judge based on racist views.