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"In The Light of Justice: The Rise of Human Rights in Native America and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples"

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ABSTRACT INFO:
How does the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) (2007) impact the Red Indians of America?
The U.S. was founded on the human rights principle, but failed to live up to that core value in its treatment of Native Americans. Instead, U.S. law eschewed human rights when Red Indians were colonized. That legacy still influences the law. By contrast, the UNDRIP asks nations to define indigenous rights through a human rights framework. Compliance will require significant law reform in the U.S.

BIO:
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