

Author D.G. Comer Examines the Quiet Forces Undermining Tribal Sovereignty

An examination of internal governance dynamics, accountability gaps, and systemic patterns that quietly undermine long-term tribal self-determination.

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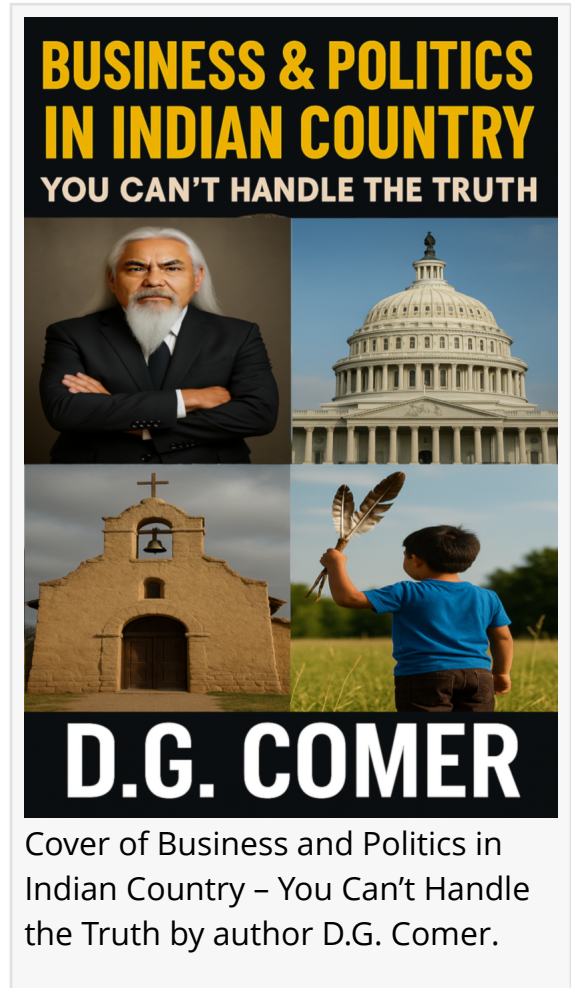
/EINPresswire.com/ -- Author and business executive D.G. Comer is drawing renewed attention to the less visible forces shaping governance and economic outcomes in Indian Country, arguing that systemic dysfunction often persists not because of a lack of resources, but because of entrenched political, administrative, and cultural incentives that resist reform.

In his book, [Business and Politics in Indian Country – You Can’t Handle the Truth](#), Comer examines how poverty, dependency, nepotism, and internal political dynamics continue to undermine tribal sovereignty—often from within—despite decades of federal programs, economic development initiatives, and well-intentioned reforms.

“Much of the conversation around tribal governance focuses on external forces—federal policy, historical injustice, and underfunding,” Comer said. “Those realities are undeniable. But they don’t explain why some systems fail repeatedly even when opportunities, capital, and authority are present. That conversation is far more uncomfortable, and it’s the one we tend to avoid.”

Unlike conventional political commentary, Comer’s work is grounded in operational experience across tribal enterprises, governance structures, and economic development environments. The book does not offer partisan prescriptions or abstract theory, but instead documents patterns that recur across regions and institutions—patterns that, left unexamined, quietly erode long-term self-determination.

Key themes explored include:



The unintended consequences of dependency-based economic models

How internal political incentives can discourage transparency and merit

The tension between sovereignty and accountability

Why reform efforts often fail without cultural and structural alignment

Comer emphasizes that the book is not an indictment of tribal governments, but a call for more honest internal dialogue.

“Sovereignty isn’t just about authority—it’s about responsibility,” he said. “If difficult questions can’t be asked internally, they eventually get answered externally, and usually not on our terms.”

Business and Politics in Indian Country – You Can’t Handle the Truth continues to gain attention among readers interested in governance reform, economic sustainability, and long-term institutional health within tribal communities.

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The book is available through major online retailers.

About the Author

D.G. Comer is a business executive and author with experience in tribal enterprise operations, governance environments, and economic development initiatives. His work focuses on the intersection of policy, accountability, and long-term sustainability in complex organizational systems.

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Written by a Native business leader who's lived it from the inside, this book doesn't ask for permission or forgiveness. From casino profits and per-capita wars to dis-enrollment, failed leadership, and identity politics, D.G. Comer calls it like it is—chapter by chapter, truth by uncomfortable truth.

“We cannot heal what we're too afraid to name. And in Indian Country, fear has been running the show for far too long.” — D.G. Comer

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

D.G. Comer is an enrolled member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and a U.S. Army veteran. He's spent decades seeing the truths in tribal governance and politics up close. He has been deeply involved in economic development and federal contracting across Indian Country. In this book, he presents a brutally honest view and a zero tolerance for softening the message. Comer doesn't write to be popular—he writes to wake people up.

“The most honest book ever written about Indian Country—and the most necessary.”



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