

## **The Abramoff Scandal**

By some watchdog organizations, it has been reported in the media that since the late 1990's, over 200 current members of Congress have accepted in excess of \$4 Million in contribution from Jack Abramoff. These funds came from Indian tribes and most likely a few non tribal groups, to assist in their efforts to get more friendly federal gambling legislation. This whole episode, commonly called the Abramoff Scandal, is being investigated by a number of interested entities, to include the Congress. Hopefully the Congressional probe will not end up in the same situation you get when the fox is guarding the henhouse.

The long and short of what Abramoff has been doing is using tribal monies to influence our elected leaders to vote for and support legislation and other governmental action that favor and advance federally recognized Indian tribes and their causes. Up to now the primary emphasis has been on donations made to specific elected members of the Congress in hopes that they would support the tribal interests in more favorable gambling legislation, in obtaining that coveted designation of being a Federally Recognized Tribe, and in supporting more fee to trust land designations for tribes.

At this point it appears that not one investigator or investigating group working on the Abramoff Scandal has even considered the less glamour's side of this kind of bribery, where the elected official who has received tribal donations, is provided information and requests for assistance, to stop tribes from actions and activities that deny or effectively take away a citizens Constitutional Rights and fails to respond affirmatively to a request for help in such a matter. When an elected official gives a blind eye or simply ignores such a request for help, that official violates his/her oath of office and his/her public trust obligation and the bribery efforts have been successful.

From the authors point of view and records it is clear that when certain elected officials from the states of Washington and Montana, received my information (documentation) and request for assistance regarding the effects of unconstitutional end results (hereafter called UER'S) of Federal Indian Programs (hereafter called FIP'S), to include the facts that I and my family were being governmentally controlled and taxed by certain Indian tribes, They uniformly turned a blind to my request and I received no help. In this case I provided clear and convincing proof that the UER'S were occurring. In this specific matter, my family and I were and continue to be denied our Constitutional right to live under a republican form of government, a violation of Article IV, Section 4, of the U.S. Constitution.

In the event the reader wishes more information regarding UER'S of FIP'S I urge you to

Look at the PARR website, right side of the links, at [www.parr1.com](http://www.parr1.com). In addition the Reservation Report, a monthly media letter regarding Indian and tribal matters are an excellent source covering this whole subject. The current edition as well as all previous editions since October, 2001, can be found online at website [www.TheCommunityForum.com](http://www.TheCommunityForum.com).

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