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FAQs pt 4

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hey no offense to you

but

hearing this indicates at least two things
that what I am about to hear is offensive
and that it will be about ‘Indians’

but I just don’t understand why reserves

are necessary

why don’t they all just join in with us

instead of being separated in their own

little worlds

why did you begin with ‘no offense to you’

well I know you are not from the reserve

but you have friends and family there

and besides you don’t seem like an Indian

wow thanks

no I mean it

you’re different

hey thanks again
actually I prefer interacting
in such a way that my identity
does not matter

well it doesn’t matter to me

I can see that

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you even talk different

in what way
do I sound different

I am not sure

but you talk like one of us

oh I see
and they talk funny

yeah it's almost like they can't

well I'm not sure what it is

but you don't talk like them

whew

by the way are you full blooded

last time I checked
I was full of blood
at least the same amount as everyone else

no I mean were your mother and father

both Indians

actually I grew up with my German stepfather
but my mother is Haida

is she full blooded

as far as I know
she also has the same amount of blood
that everyone else has

hah

I mean were her parents also Haida

yes

both her parents were Haida

so then you are at least half Haida

no

I am all Haida

I'm even a registered member of the Haida Nation

really

wow that's so cool

right on

you want to see my status card

you have it with you

never leave home without it

wow I wish I could have something like this

you mean you would like an official
government issued laminated piece of paper
stating that you have met their qualifications
to be identified as part of a group because
you are tribal and that you must carry this
around to prove to people who you really are

right on

hey maybe when you get a passport
you can ask them to write on there somewhere

50 percent Irish Canadian
or more than 75 percent British Canadian
or maybe even 100 percent French Canadian

no way

they wouldn't do that

why not

because it's offensive to be identified

with numbers like that

oh really

yet you would like a status card

to show you have some Indian blood

yes

now that would be cool

hey maybe a tribe will adopt you

then you can get one

right on

that would be so cool

smile big for the camera when you get your card