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**Colville Chairman to Fox News:
Educate Stossel on Reservation Real Life**

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NESPELEM, WA—The Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, joining Tribal leaders throughout Indian Country in protest of Fox News' latest rant by commentator John Stossel, has some advice for Fox President Roger Ailes: don't fire Stossel, re-educate him.

Michael O. Finley today sent the attached letter to Ailes, recommending that Fox attempt to improve its dismal reputation for biased reporting by sending Stossel to a course on American Indian History and then to live on a reservation for a month.

Stossel had claimed, on a recent segment of Fox and Friends, that American Indians have benefited from the generosity of the federal government more than any other group.

"[These remarks] would be merely ludicrous and undeserving of a response, were they not expressed before a nationwide or even international audience," Finley wrote. "That Fox News has allowed such irresponsible and false statements to be made by one of its spokesmen does more than spotlight Stossel's lack of basic knowledge and understanding of US history, federal policy, and the current status of Indian Tribes in this country--it again calls into question the integrity of Fox News as a whole."

Finley reminded Ailes that Fox News has become known for broadcasting outrageous commentator rants in order to boost ratings and advertising revenue, but these merely "continue to lower the level of public discourse and encourage knee-jerk reactions to complex and important issues."

If Fox News would send Stossel back to school, Finley concluded, "we would be happy to have Mr. Stossel see how life is lived on the rez, and what 'benefits' Indians receive from the federal government. Perhaps, with some basic education and a little real-life experience in the matters of which he speaks, he will have gained perspective, understanding and will come back to tell the truth. Fox News could use more of that."

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