

Cherokee Chief

The old Cherokee chief sat in his hut on the reservation, smoking the ceremonial pipe, eyeing the Indian Affairs officials sent to interview him.

“Chief Two Eagles,” one official began, “you have observed the white man for 90 years. You have observed his wars and his material wealth. You have seen his progress and the damage he has done.”

The Chief nodded that it was so.

The official continued, “Considering all these events, in your opinion, where did the white man go wrong?”

The Chief stared at the government officials for over a minute, and then calmly replied, “When white man found the land, Indians were running it.

No taxes.

No debt.

Plenty buffalo.

Plenty beaver.

Women did all the work.

Medicine man free.

Indian man spend all day hunting and fishing, all night making love to women.”

The Chief leaned back and smiled, “White man dumb enough to think he could improve system like that.”