

you look at it, it's politics, in a community, anywhere. You got to get involved in politics. We could organize as a group of Indian people and let somebody know, county commissioner or whatever he's running for, we are as a group, not as an individual. We're not going to get nothing as individual. And we got to let them know that we got our leaders, and we are as a group and we're going to vote as a group. But like I say there's too much jealousy. Somebody wants to be leader here and there. Then, that's what hurts your organization.

(Just like you cattlemen's association get organized and your farm groups get organized...)

Right, then somebody comes along and he says will you vote for me, I'll buy you this, I'll give you five dollars if you run over there and he gets it, and here splits your organization right there. And it's not helping nobody. Now, you got to realize, if we organize, knowing in politics, as an Indian group, right here in Oklahoma as one group, that we gonna vote one way together, we're gonna do this. And then you take the other groups, like the Navajos. They say them Indians gonna vote, we're gonna vote with them. Not in just in Oklahoma, or just in your community, but in the U.S. We begin to find out well, here's an Indian that's gonna vote one way and we're gonna stick together and I'm running for office. Well, all right, I'm gonna have to consider these people.

THE INDIAN MUST LEARN TO BE SELF-RELIANT

(That'd be real important locally, don't you think? Local level?)

Right. The, we Indians, we're too dependent on, say the BIA, we're too dependent on anything. Say, if we're gonna do something, we