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International efforts to protect the rights of indigenous peoples and other national minorities has refocused world attention on the nature of human rights. Professor Clinton argues that the rights of indigenous peoples only can be understood as group or collective rights. He further suggests that the long struggle of indigenous peoples for recognition of their collective rights constructively highlights certain weaknesses in western legal thought about the origin and nature of rights and invites reconsideration of collective rights.

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