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December 7, 1941 - 78-Years Ago Japan Attacks Pearl Harbor, Hawaii America Entered World War II 70-85 Million People Died WW II Ended - Germany Surrendered May 8, 1945 & Japan, September 2, 1945

All the Nations involved in the war threw their entire economic, industrial, and scientific capabilities behind the war effort, blurring the distinction between civilian and military resources.

World War II was the deadliest conflict in human history, marked by 70 to 85 million fatalities, most of whom were civilians in the Soviet Union and China.

It included massacres, the genocide of the Holocaust, strategic bombing, premeditated death from starvation and disease, and the only use of nuclear weapons in war.

It is estimated that 6 million Jews were murdered by the German Nazi's and millions of

dollars of money and valuables were looted and a majority of it has never been recovered. Japan, which aimed to dominate Asia and the Pacific, was at war with China by 1937.

World War II is generally said to have begun on 1 September 1939, with the invasion of Poland by Germany and subsequent declarations of war on Germany by France and the United Kingdom.

From late 1939 to early 1941, in a series of campaigns and treaties, Germany conquered or controlled much of continental Europe, and formed alliance with Italy and Japan. Adolf Hitler's reign of terror lasted 12-years, from 1933 to 1945.

As we head into 2020 the Socialist political policies are at the forefront of the American political electoral.

Should the American Democratic Socialist Party win the 2020 Presidential election we will become Germany 1933.

We already have political correctness which is anti-free speech, universities and colleges that prohibit free speech, gun control, judges that make up their own laws, we allow the murdering of 300,000 unborn human beings annually, anti-Christianity, anti-American flag, a \$20-Trillion debt, 12-million illegals and let's not forget Antifa, the Socialist Brown Shirts. Saul Alinsky 101.

Photo right: Smiling President Trump at the White House shaking hands with Peter McDonald former Navajo Tribal Chairman next to an unidentified Navajo Code Talker.

Photo below is a Navajo Code Talker and photos of him that appear on the cover of many books.



Iwo Jima February 23, 1945



Corporal Ira Hayes

Corporal, Ira Hamilton Hayes, and five other U.S. Marines were photographed raising the American flag in the inland of Iwo Jima on February 23, 1945 by Joe Rosenthal.

Three of the six Marines depicted in the photograph, Sergeant, Michael Strank, Corporal, Harlon Block, and Private First Class, Franklin Sousley were killed in action over the next few days.

The three surviving flag-raisers were Corporals Rene Gagnon, Ira Hayes, and Harold Schultz.

Hayes was born on January 12, 1923 at Sacaton on the Gila River Indian Reservation in south central Arizona. He died on January 23, 1955 at the age of 32.

"I am bringing a distant nation against you. An ancient and enduring nation. A people whose language you do not know, whose speech you do not understand."



Navajo Code Talkers stand for the National Anthem



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“Back To The Future” Alcatraz 1969-2019

By Eric C. Salgado Jr.

We, as a people are survivors, not victims.

Last month, at the Soboba Casino and Resort on the Soboba Indian Reservation I had a nice chat with couple of old-time friends, John Meyers an old classmate and Denis Turner.

John is a tribal member of the Santa Rosa Tribe near Anza, CA, He currently lives in South Carolina.

Denis Turner, is a tribal member of the Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians in north San Diego County CA. He is the Executive Director of the Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association, Inc. He has served in this position for the past 45-years and has been in the process of retiring for the past 10-years.

Since John and I are pushing 80 and great-grandfathers while Denis trails us by a few years, the three of us have long passed the age of retirement. John and I have both given it a shot and it didn’t take. We are well aware it isn’t in our futures.

John retired from the U.S. Army 2-months short of 32-years of service. He went from a private to a full Bird Colonel. He was also an airborne paratrooper having made 68-jumps.

He served two tours of duty as a airplane Re-Con pilot in Viet Nam as a 1st Lieutenant and in Desert Storm in Iraq as a Commander.

He was awarded 40 combat medals for his service in Viet Nam and Iraq; 1 Legion of Merit; 6 Distinguished Flying Crosses; 3 Bronze Star Medals; and 30 Air Medals. He also earned a BA and Masters Degree along the way. Not bad for a Rez kid.

John and Denis share a bit of history as they both have famous family members.

John’s great uncle was the great baseball catcher, John Meyers who played with the New York Giants from 1908 to 1917. He was also a tribal member of the Santa Rosa Tribe.

A distant uncle of Denis was Pete Calac who was the captain of the Carlisle Indian School football team when Jim Thorpe was a member of the team. They also played professional football together as well.

Meyers and Troupe were teammate with the New York Giants and roommates as well.

Our topics varied from current issues to the past and since I happened to have a copy of the November 2019 issue of the American Indian Reporter for both of them with the headline of the 50th anniversary of the occupancy of Alcatraz with a photo of Richard Oaks meeting a U.S. Office of Civil Rights Region IX representative with Denis Turner in the Center.

Denis told us that he painted the “Indian Lands” sign shown in the photo above and that he is going to go up to Alcatraz around the 20th to repaint it as a memorial.

Turner was a student at San Francisco State University in 1969 and went to Alcatraz a few day after the first group. He was 23-years old and celebrated his 24th birthday on the Island. He left the Island in September 1970 to return to his studies. He earned a BA degree

in Economics with a minor in Accounting from San Diego State.

One of the important thing many of the youngsters today fail to understand is that Alcatraz was not a protest, it was a **reckoning, an awakening and the beginning of a National Tribal Renaissance that continues to this day.**

The men, women and children that occupied the Island did so at a serious risk to their safety and wellbeing.

During those times the discrimination, prejudice and inequity of the American Indian, in California was barley subtle.

An excellent example is the murder of Richard Oaks, the leader of the occupation of Alcatraz. Shortly after leaving the Island, Oaks confronted a youth camp counselor for abusing the tribal children.

The confrontation escalated into a physical fight and the counselor pulled a pistol and shot and killed Richard Oaks.

The all non-Indian jury in central California found the Caucasian counselor not guilty because he feared for his life. Never mind he was the only one that had the means of deadly force.

And for all the tribal folks that have been sweep into the folds of the American Democratic Socialist ideology think back to the pre Alcatraz days.

The tribal governments (*Tribal Councils*) had no authority over the tribal lands or the policies that governed the lives of the tribal members or the reservations. That authority was with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Every aspect of the tribal affairs was controlled by the U.S. Government by the Department of Interior through it branch, the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Everything from tribal membership which was established by the Bureau at one quarter degree of “*Indian Blood Quantum*” to land usage and even the simple task of paying for the utilities of any tribal facilities.

And for the younger generations: Learning, understanding and practicing our tribal customs, traditions and values is



The insert photo above shows a young 21-year old Denis Turner and the top photo shows the “Indian Lands” sign he painted and modified half a century past.

of the upmost priorities. However, I now fully understand what he was learning the birdsongs, dances and sweats is only one very important aspect of our way. Studying and understanding our tribal history, tribal rights and sovereignty is equally significant. *We as a people are survivors, not victims.*

Over 200-years of historical facts is proof that Socialism has not worked very well for the American people.

In fact, Russel Means, one of the leaders of the American Indian Movement (AIM) warned the American people in 1989 in his testimony before a U.S. Congressional Committee about the failure of Socialism implemented in Indian Country through out the nations and that the American people were the new Indians. He said, “**Socialism is when the Governments has total control over the people.**”

Means was formally educated as a Certified Public Accountant and as such he was highly knowledgeable in the monetary system in the Country and on a world level.

On many occasions I had no idea what he was talking about as he rambled on about the need for a financial literacy educational delivery system for the American Indian people.

I like many of the other members and supporters of the AIM lacked the formal education to fully grasp the complexities of the monetary and political systems in play.

I now fully understand what he was talking about and with the help of John and Denis a Tribal Financial Literacy Educational Curriculum that is understandable can be developed.

Since I’m on the soap box another one of my friends and mentors was Dr. Dave Resling. He preached for the “**Education**” of our people from the roof tops.

Dr. Dave Resling was an enrolled member of the Hoopa Tribe in northern California and also served as their Tribal Chairman.



For over 20-years he was a professor at Davis University. He founded; California Indian Education Association (CIEA), California Indian Legal Services (CILS) and co-founded the Native America Indian Rights Fund (NARF).

The man was incredible, seriously take a moment to think about it. In 1967 the high school drop out rate was between 80 and 90 percent and he believed that as a Tribal Community we could make education a top priority. And time has proven him right.

Legal services for the California Indian Tribes at no cost was unheard of in the late 60’s. And getting qualified attorneys to work for minimum wages and often not even getting paid was another absurdity. But here we are 60 plus years later and CILS is still going strong.

And the political impact and success of the Native America Indian Rights Fund (NARF) is beyond anyone’s expectations except Dr. Resling and John Echohawk who the co-founder, the lead attorney and Executive Director.

“Education is not the learning of facts but, the training of the mind to think.”
Albert Einstein



Left, Richard Oaks— Center white shirt, Denis Turner, (Rincon Rez) and Right, U.S. Office of Civil Rights Region IX representative. Missing in the photo is Ed Castillo (Cahuilla) who was a Professor at UCLA at age 22, LaNada Means, (Sioux) and John Trudell (Isani Sioux), who were stand to the left of Oaks. Note the “Indian Land” sign at top of photo and the photo above.

Northern California: City of Eureka Gives Indian Island Lands Back to Wiyot Tribe

Sources: Eureka Times-Standard October 21, 2019 and Shayne's Journal #4534 October 24, 2019



The community joined together in honor of the historic land transfer from the city of Eureka to the Wiyot Tribe as an unidentified tribal elder addresses the packed house.

On October 21, 2019 in a formal ceremony the city of Eureka formally signed the transfer of lands of Indian Island back to the Wiyot Tribe in front of a packed Adorni Center.

The city had agreed to make the transfer in late 2018, but a lengthy Federal Government bureaucratic process delayed the legal transfer of the lands. However, the land now belongs to the Wiyot Tribe.

For tribal leaders, the moment is many decades in the making. The tribe lost the lands, which include the sacred Tuluwat Village, in 1860, when a dairy farmer purchased the site without the tribe's consent.

"Today is a good day to be alive," tribal chairman Ted Hernandez said. He choked up as he thanked his close friends and fami-

ly members for pushing him not to give up when the prospect of seeing the tribe's land returned grew distant at times.

"We never gave up on our land or where we came from," said Cutcha Risling Baldy, an assistant professor of Native American studies at Humboldt State University.

"And that's the story I want people to know," Baldy continued. "I know that the story of Tuluwat, which people often refer to as Indian Island, is one of a massacre for most people. But for me, it has always been a place of world renewal."

"My dad's in the middle of the quilt," Seidner said. "This was given to us by a group of individuals who saw fit to raise funds to purchase 1.5 acres of Indian Island."

The land transfer is the second of its kind. In 2004, the city returned a separate parcel of 40 acres of Indian Island to the Wiyot Tribe.

Frank Jäger, the city's former mayor who sat on the city council when it voted to return the land, suggested the city lower the flags at Eureka City Hall to commemorate the occasion.

In 2014, Jäger signed a formal apology to the Wiyot Tribe for the massacre. An earlier draft of the letter was read aloud Monday that included language not in the version approved by the council.

"Nothing we say or do can make up for what occurred on that night of infamy. It will forever be a scar on our history," Jäger had written in his apology. "We can,

however, with our present and future actions of support for the Wiyot, work to remove the prejudice and bigotry that still exists in our society today."

The hundreds at the Adorni Center applauded as a group of brush dancers performed a tribal dance — singing and stomping their feet in a steady rhythm.

Members of the city council spoke, each sharing their honor to be part of the moment. Councilmember, Leslie Castellano spoke through tears as she recognized tribal members of the past.

"I honor the people who longed for their land and never were able to set foot on it," Castellano said. "There are people who spent a lifetime longing for their land."

Sharing, A Tribal Tradition - The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Walks the

INDIAN-COUNTRY-TODAY



Photo above: With a smile as big as a grand piano Daniel Salgado, Tribal Chairman of the Cahuilla Band of Indians checks out the Cahuilla new fire truck.

The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians donated the fire engine to help the expanding fire department of the Cahuilla Band of Indians.

Chairman, Salgado said, "This gift will help us preserve life so we can continue carrying on these traditional values and someday return the blessing or carry it forward to the next people in need." "Words can not express our gratitude to the Chumash people." He added.

The Cahuilla Indian Reservation is located in the San Jacinto mountains near the rural community of Anza, in eastern Riverside County, Southern California. The Cahuilla Reservation is rural.

Chairman, Daniel Salgado was joined by several other Tribal Council members of the Cahuilla Band of Indians to accept the gift of the fire truck from the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

The Santa Ynez Chumash Fire Department originally purchased the fire engine in 2007 for \$350,000.

The Type 3 engine holds 500 gallons of water and has compiled 100,000 miles during the past 12 years of fighting fires throughout the Nation.

The Cahuilla Fire Department has battled fires in Riverside County including the 2018 Cranston Fire that charred more than 13,000 acres.

Both the Chumash Fire Department and the Cahuilla Fire Department have an agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to respond to fires throughout the United States.

The Chumash Fire Department was established in 2006 as a hand crew and became an engine crew in 2007 with the purchase of the Type 3 truck.

The department currently has six full time employees and up to 10 seasonal employees and two engines in its fleet.



Traditional American Indian Fire-Fighters

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.

Have you ever wondered why so many of the tribes have set the establishment of a tribal fire department as a top priority? It's because fire fighting is a tribal tradition that proceeds recorded history.

Fire prevention was traditionally the first line of defense. Controlled burning was used to remove overgrowth and underbrush. And to create fire breaks to keep a fire from spreading and to slow its progress. The use of backfires were also a fire fighting strategy.

However, because of the political influence of the environment groups many these preventive tactic are prohibited.

During the 1950's to the mid-60's hundreds of American Indians from tribes throughout the Nation served the U.S. forest service and the various states fire departments as independent fire fighter which were call "Hot Shots."

An Indian Hot Shot Crew normally consisted of 20 to 25 men. With many of the larger tribes having as many as 10 to 30 Hot Shot Crew. The Zuni and Navajo tribes fell into this category. Most of the Southern California tribe had one or two crews.

In addition to being a tribal tradition the money that could be earned fighting fires was a major incentive. In way of example in 1953 the top laborer eared \$1 to \$1.25 per hour while the U.S. forest service and state fire departments paid \$1.66 per hour.

Not only was the hourly rate higher but the hours that could be accumulated while on the fire could exceed 100 hours in one week which was equal or exceeded what one could earn in a month, if one had a job in the first place.

When the notice came for a fire the tribal Hot Shot Crew traveled to the fire by private vehicles. Around 1955 the crews were transported in open bed trucks. And a couple of years later buses were used.

In the late 50's the federal and state fire services began training their own Hot Shot Crews and using more prison inmates as Hot Shots. Many of the Indian youth followed the Forest Service career path.

My own experience as a tribe Hot Shot Crew member began during the school Christmas break in 1953, I was 12-years old in the seventh grade and Felix "Boy" Castello, a classmate and fellow tribal member

who was also 12-years old joined me on the Tribal Hot Shot Crew.

The reason we were allowed to go with the Tribal Hot Shots was because the fire was technically 100 percent contained and we were going in to mop-up (To put out the smoldering hot spots.) No real danger!

However, things didn't go as planned. On our second day Murphy's Law came a calling and everything started going south. The Santa Anna winds hit without any advance warning, since in those days weather prediction was not what it is today.

And in a flash the fully contained fire spread from Elsinore north to Corona, south to San Juan Capistrano and west to the U.S. Marine Corps Base at Camp Pendleton near Fallbrook and to San Clemente and other beach cities along interstate 5.

Two weeks later we were on our way home and at 12-years of age I was a seasoned Hot Shot fire fighter. My last fire was in December 1958, I was 17-years old.

I grew up in a different era, a totally different American, more to the liking of Archie Bunkers' America, "When men were men and boys were boys."

A good example is when I was 10-years old I got my first job picking apricots during the summer of 1951 with my cousin. Kenny "Candy" Torte who told the owner I was 13. I earned a grand total of \$30 (About \$360 today). I bought a single shot 22-rifle, a box of 50-bullets, all my school clothes and had money left for movies and popcorn.

I used my 22-rifle to hunt rabbits, which many of the people on the Rez would buy from me. And I kept my grandmother busy cooking them too.

For my 14th birthday I bought my first car with money I earned fighting fire the summer of 1955. And now, since I'm old, stubborn and cranky nobody will hire me, I have to be self-employed and loving it.

I thank God everyday for giving me my mom and dad, who gave me the freedom and support to challenge the unknown.

I thank God for giving me the opportunity to grow up in an American without the insanity of politically correctness, when we saluted the American flag every morning, everyone stood for the national anthem, we had freedom of speech, it was ok to honor God in public and Marxism was illegal.

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California's Lost Tribes The First Documentary About Indian Gaming

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California's Lost Tribes. Jed Riffe Films, 2005. 56 minutes * Streaming video via Kanopy

The 1987 Supreme Court decision to uphold the tribal rights to hist Indian gaming nationwide had a dramatic economic impact on the lives of California's Indian tribes much like the 1969 occupation of Alcatraz Island had on their cultural identities.

In a few short years, California Indians went from being the poorest people in the state to among the richest, and from being virtually invisible to being the state's most powerful political lobby.



Mary Ann Martin Andreas

As she remembers the dirt floor shack of her childhood, it would have been impossible to imagine the wealth and influence the tribe now holds.

Viejas tribal Chairman **Anthony Pico**, "...the abundance of today harks back to the times before contact with Europeans.

But even as some Native peoples prospered, the California RINO (*Republican In Name Only*) Governor Schwarzenegger wanted to increase the states Indian gaming taxes, which would have been much greater than the standard corporate tax rate.

For Chairman **Wayne Mitchum** of the Colusa Tribe of Wintu in central California. It is the largest employer in Colusa county.

Income from gaming has made possible the establishment of the only dialysis center that service both the Native American and non-native populations in the county.

This was a challenge to the newly found wealth of California's tribes.

Had he been able to succeed in raising the Indian gaming taxes, the dialysis center and the tribal-funded Wellness Center may have been closed.

In addition, all California tribal health, education and community services would have been seriously hampered.

'California's "Lost" Tribes' explored the conflicts over Indian gaming and places them in the context of both California and Native American history.

The film examines the historical underpinnings of tribal sovereignty and the evolution of tribal gaming rights over the last 30 years.(1975-2005)

It illustrates the impact of gaming on Indian self-determination, and the challenges that Native people face in insuring that their newly found prosperity will be there for future generations.

The film also provides insight into the thinking and motivation of those who oppose the expansion of Indian gaming. Concern over gaming is especially heightened by the development of rural lands for casinos, often placing tribes at odds with organic farmers and tract-home developers as stakes are claimed in the rush for the state's last rural lands.



Anthony Pico, Ph.D.
Chairman, Viejas Band of Kumeyay Indians

For the Cabazon and Morongo tribes of Southern California, the plaintiffs in the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling, the wealth they have achieved through gaming was unimaginable twenty-years ago.

Years of excruciating poverty have not been lost on Morongo's three-time Tribal Chairwoman, **MaryAnn Martin Andreas**. The Morongo Reservation is adjacent to interstate 10 near Palm Springs.

Justice Neil Gorsuch Continues To Support Tribal Rights

By Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF - July 2019 Newsletter



argued there is not *"any evidence in the treaty itself that Congress intended the hunting right to expire at statehood, or that the Crow Tribe would have understood it to do so."*

The Crow case wasn't the first time Justice Gorsuch – a conservative appointed to the Court by President Donald Trump two years ago - has broken a tie in favor of Native Americans.

Earlier this year, in another 5-4 decision, Gorsuch agreed with the majority that the Yakama Tribe has the right to use public roads and avoid taxes on goods brought to their reservation, based on the terms of a 164-year-old treaty.

In that case, Gorsuch was again the only conservative justice to align with the four liberal justices in upholding the rights of Native Americans.

While that may be surprising to those who adamantly opposed his nomination to the Supreme Court, it isn't to some Native American organizations.

When Trump nominated the Colorado native to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia in 2017, Gorsuch received the

support of both the National Congress of American Indians and the Native Rights Fund. *"Gorsuch appears to be both attentive to the details and respectful to the fundamental principles of tribal sovereignty and the federal trust responsibility,"* the organizations wrote in a letter supporting his nomination. Gorsuch isn't unfamiliar with tribal issues.

When he served as a judge for more than a decade on a Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, his jurisdiction covered 76 tribes in several Western states.

In the two cases this year in which he cast the deciding vote in favor of Native American rights, Gorsuch has supported the legal proposition that treaties entered into by tribes and states or the federal government are valid through the centuries.

This argument has been part of Native American legal claims for decades, but only recently has it gained traction at either the state or federal level.

With the latest decision from the Supreme Court – along with Justice Gorsuch's expanded view of tribal rights – there is now respectful consideration by the highest court in the land of America's ongoing treaty obligations to Native Americans.

Arizona's Teacher of the Year

INDIAN COUNTRY TODAY By Aliyah Chavez, Kewa Pueblo

Lynette Stant makes learning fun— and that's the word from her students.

Now the state of Arizona knows, too. On October 24, 2019 Stant, accepted the award for 2020 Arizona Teacher of the Year.



"Mrs. Stant is nice and she helps us learn so we can get smarter," says Giovanni, a student. Another student says they love her because of her creativity. *"What I love about Mrs. Stant is she lets us do artwork and I love art,"* says Kellia.

The honor came from the Arizona Educational Foundation.

Stant is a third grade teacher at the Salt River Elementary School, a Bureau of Indian Education school, located on the Pima-Maricopa Indian Community near Phoenix, Arizona.

"When I decided to get my teaching degree, I got it for a specific reason," Stant says in a video on the foundation's website. *"I want to be the Native woman that Native American students can walk in and say, 'oh that's someone like me, I can be like that' so I teach because of that reason."*

The award included an official declaration of October 24 as **"Lynette Stant"** day in the state of Arizona.

She will also receive \$15,000 and an opportunity to travel across the United States for professional development programs.

That money should come in handy. Students reported that Stant is dedicated and sometimes she stays at school late to prepare for lesson plans.

Salt River Elementary School has approximately 280 students who are all enrolled members of local tribes.

Stant, who grew up near Tuba City, has been teaching there for 16 years.

"Every student that walks into my door is my family," Stant says. *"My philosophy is that I have to build a relationship with them, because they're my family."*

After the announcement, many took to social media to congratulate Stant, including Navajo Nation President, Jonathan Nez. He posted. *"On behalf of the Nez-Lizer Administration, we congratulate Lynette Stant for being honored as the "2020 Arizona Teacher of the Year"*

She is the first American Indian teacher to earn the prestigious honor and recognition. Stant is of the Navajo Nation.

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In mid-May, 2019 the United States Supreme Court upheld the hunting rights of the Crow Tribe of Wyoming. In a 5-4 ruling, the Court ruled a Crow man *"charged with illegal off-season hunting in the state's Bighorn National Forest was protected by a 150-year-old treaty between the federal government and the tribe,"* according the National Review web site.

Justice Neil Gorsuch broke the tie, joining Justice Sonia Sotomayer's majority opinion stating that an 1868 treaty between the Crow and the U.S. still holds as the Crow man, Clayvin Herrera, had claimed, noted National Review.

Until the Court's decision, lower courts had argued that the treaty expired when Wyoming achieved statehood in 1890. But Justice Sotomayer

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Wounded Knee Massacre December 29, 1890 Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota Occupation of Wounded Knee February 27, 1973 - May 5, 1973

Mass grave for the Oglala Sioux Tribal members murdered at Wounded Knee on December 29, 1890.

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December 29, 2019 marks the 129th anniversary of the **Wounded Knee Massacre** on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota.

Time should not diminish its memory as it was only one of numerous acts of terrorism and genocide committed against our people.

Just as we celebrate Christmas in honor of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (*At least for many of us believers and not so politically correct folks*) and with the New Year right around the corner let us take a moment to remember and honor our people murdered at **Wounded Knee, South Dakota**.

On that infamous day, December 29, 1890 it is estimated that 275 Lakota Sioux men, women and children were murdered with hundreds more wounded and 25 U.S. soldiers killed and for no other reason than fear! Fear of the "Ghost Dance" was the reason given as if one could justify the incomprehensible murdering and maiming of so many innocent people. Why, because of the political policies at that period in time.

After all what more could the "Indians" want? The Government was going to take care of them as long as the rivers flow and the grass shall grow.

Again, 46-years ago on February 27, 1973, **Wounded Knee**, South Dakota became the center of national attention when the American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders, Denis Banks and Russell Means led an armed takeover and occupation of Wounded Knee. The protest followed the failure of an effort of the Oglala Sioux Civil Rights Organization (OSCRO) to impeach tribal president Richard Wilson, whom they accused of corruption.

The armed occupancy of Wounded Knee which received national attention, ended after 71 days when Lawrence "Buddy"

Lamont, a local Oglala Lakota, was killed by a shot from a government sniper on April 26, 1973. He was buried on the site in a Sioux ceremony. A U.S. marshal was also shot and paralyzed.

After Lamont's death, tribal elders called an end to the occupation. Knowing the young man and his mother from the reservation, many Oglala were greatly sorrowed by his death. Both sides reached an agreement on May 5, 1973 to disarm.

Over 200 federal armed law enforcement were joined by local law enforcement and Wilson's private militia, *Guardians of the Oglala Nation (GOONS)*.



Above: Russell Means and Dennis Banks

With the decision made to end the protest, many Oglala Lakota began to leave Wounded Knee under the cover of darkness walking out through the federal agents lines.

Three days later, the siege ended and the town was evacuated after 71 days of occupation; Government agents took control of the town.

The stand at Wounded Knee electrified American Indians, who were inspired by the sight of their people standing in defiance of the government which had so often mistreated them. Many American Indian supporters traveled to Wounded Knee to join the protest. At the time there was widespread public sympathy for the

goals of the occupation, as Americans were becoming more aware of longstanding issues of injustice related to American Indians.

AIM leaders Dennis Banks and Russell Means were indicted on charges related to the events, but their case was dismissed by the federal court for prosecutorial misconduct, and upheld on appeal.

With the support of the U.S. Government, Wilson stayed in office and in 1974 was re-elected amid charges of intimidation, voter fraud, and other abuses.

The rate of violence climbed on the reservation as conflict opened between the political factions during the following three years; More than 60 opponents of Wilson's tribal government died violently during those years, including Pedro Bissonette, director of the Oglala Sioux Civil Rights Organization. Traditional tribal members blamed Wilson's private militia, Guardians of the Oglala Nation (GOONS).

Shortly following the Wounded Knee standoff 21-year old Leonard Peltier, a young AIM leader was asked by traditional Indian people at Pine Ridge, to help protect them from being targeted for violence by Wilson's tribal GOONS. He went to their aid never to return home to his wife and children.

On June 26, 1975 two FBI agents in unmarked cars followed a pick-up truck onto the Jumping Bull ranch. The families immediately became alarmed and feared an attack. Shots were fired and a shoot-out ensued. More than 150 federal agents, GOONS, and law enforcement officers surrounded the ranch occupied by 40 Indians.

When the shoot-out ended FBI Special Agents, Jack R. Coler and Ronald A. Williams and American Indian, Joseph Stuntz lay dead. Stuntz's death has never been investigated, nor has anyone ever been charged in connection with his death.



Leonard Peltier was convicted for the deaths of the two FBI agents killed during the shoot-out on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

He was sentenced to life in prison where he remains as a political prisoner to this day.

Yet, 60 Oglala Sioux died at the hands of the GOONS after that infamous day and no one was ever investigated, charged or prosecuted. The FBI and GOONS prevailed.

Numerous doubts have been raised over Peltier's guilt and the fairness of his trial, based on allegations and inconsistencies regarding the FBI and prosecution's handling of this case.

Even former U.S. Attorney General, Ramsey Clark served *pro bono* as one of Peltier's lawyers and has aided in filing a series of appeals on Peltier's behalf. In all appeals, the conviction and sentence have been affirmed by the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The sad irony is that 129-years after the December 29, 1890 **Wounded Knee Massacre** and 46-years since the 1973 armed protect on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota very little has changed for the American Indians.

However, progress is being made as more tribes are getting involved in the political process but dependency is hard to break.

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.

Ghost Dance Founder, Wovoka (AKA Jack Wilson)

By Teresa Rodriguez (Mescalero, Apache)

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Wovoka (AKA Jack Wilson) was born in Smith Valley area southeast of Carson City, Nevada, around the year 1856. Quoitze Ow was his birth name.

From the age of eight until almost thirty he worked for a rancher in the Yerington, Nevada area, David Wilson and his wife Abigail, who gave him the name Jack Wilson for when dealing with European Americans.

David Wilson and his wife were devout Christian, and Wovoka learned Christian theology and Bible stories while living with the Wilson's.

One of his chief sources of authority among Paiutes was his alleged ability to control the weather. He was said to

have caused a block of ice to fall out of the sky on a summer day, to be able to end drought with rain or snow, to light his pipe with the sun, and to form icicles in his hands.

Wovoka claimed to have had a prophetic vision during the solar eclipse on January 1, 1889. His vision entailed the resurrection of the Paiute dead and the removal of whites and their works from North America. He taught that in order to bring this vision to pass the American Indians must live righteously and perform a tra-

ditional round dance, known as the "**Ghost Dance**", in a series of five-day gatherings. His teachings spread quickly among many American Indian peoples, notably the Lakota. The **Ghost Dance** movement is known for being practiced by the victims of the **Wounded Knee Massacre**; Indian Agents, soldiers, and other federal officials were predisposed towards a militaristic posture when dealing with a movement that was so antithetical to their views and ideas.

Wovoka's preaching's included messages of non-violence, but two Miniconjou, Short Bull and Kicking Bear, allegedly emphasized the possible elimination of whites which contributed to the existing defensive attitude of the federal officials who were already fearful due to the unfamiliar "**Ghost Dance**" movement.



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STAND STRONG PSA DEBUTS AT NATIVE AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS

By Kandi Maxwell, Tsalagi



Left to right: Ann Sanchez, Christina Cruz, Lisa Craig, April Lea Go Forth, Kandi Maxwell, and Mary Beth Bullock.

On November 2, 2019, six singers from the Thoz Womenz drum group, attended the 19th annual Native American Music Awards as honored nominees in two musical categories of best linguistic recording and best powwow/drum recording.

The awards show was held at the Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino in Niagara Falls, New York to recognize Native American authored music in a diversity of genres, such as rock, blues, folk, hip hop and traditional Native music. The nomination process involved over 200 artist who had submitted recordings.

This year's sold out NAMA event was hosted by actor Wes Studi and professional wrestler and country singer, Mickie James. Notable performances were given by The Cody Blackbird Band, Keith Secola and DJ Shub.

The Thoz Womenz Drum singers were pleased that NAMA debuted the public service announcement video "Stand Strong" as an edited version to reveal the silent crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous woman, girls and two spirits.

The NAMA event featured the PSA segment with Congresswoman Debra Anne Haaland(D). Haaland is an American Indian lawyer serving as the U.S. Representative from New Mexico.

She expressed the need for legislation in Congress to address the tragedies facing Native American women in the United States if America.

Thoz Womenz' drum-keeper, Dr. April Lea Go Forth, was the executive director of the PSA. The video was produced and edited by Jack Kohler, a member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe and the executive producer of the non-Profit Media Organization 'On Native Ground.'

We encourage everyone who sees the PSA to share the video with others for awareness, prayers and justice for all Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

The video can be viewed online at <https://vimeo.com/370150629>.

For more information you may contact: thozwomenz@citlink.net

The Myth of Tribal Sovereignty Our People and Indian Gaming

By Eric C. Salgado Jr.

If the federally recognized American Indian Tribes are sovereign Nations, why do they need permission from the various state to provide gaming?

Granted in the 1978 Supreme Court ruling in Martinez vs San Carlos it recognized the tribes authority to regulate its tribal membership even though it was a clear violation of gender discrimination and the Constitution.

The ruling also gutted the American Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 even though the reason it was enacted in the first place was due to the abuse of power by corrupt tribal elected officials.

Yes, the American Indian Tribes have sovereign powers over their own people who have no Constitutional rights or protection against any tribal actions. However, the tribes have no jurisdiction over non-Indians and limited authority over land usage.

Currently several states and tribes are in the process of re-negotiating their gaming compacts. Oklahoma has 130 casinos and California with 70 for a combined total of 200 of the 474 Tribal Casino's in 29 States.

The irony is that both Oklahoma and California Governors have given the tribes unprecedented acknowledgement and apologies for the historical mistreatment of the American Indians while they attempt to increase the state fees/taxes.

Again, why as sovereign nations does the tribes have to pay a tax to the state? Call it what you want but it is a tax. It is also much higher than the states cooperate tax rates.

And regardless of their political ideology, Republican or Democrat the agenda is the same, more money for them.

Never mind that Tribal Gaming employees

thousands of people and generates billions of dollars into the states economy. Basic economic 101 shows that every dollar generated into the economy is re-invested into the economy six times and every time it is turned over the states collects a tax.

Oklahoma's Attorney General Mike Hunter began Indian casino gambling negotiations with a majority of the Tribal Governments. but remain stuck in a gridlock over whether the existing gaming compacts automatically renew at the end of the year.

In Oklahoma the 15-year compacts expire at the end of the year and the state wants to renegotiate the terms to give the state a larger share of casino revenue. This has caused a 'Major dispute' between the tribes and the state over the gaming compacts. However, Oklahoma's 35 gaming Tribal Governments are unified in their position that the compacts automatically renew after January 1, 2020.

"The way forward is to come up with a process that resolves the dispute, getting that resolved, getting it in a trajectory where it is no longer a barrier to looking at ways to modify the compact in a way that benefits the tribes and the state mutually and cooperatively," Hunter said. Again, the language is still about the state getting additional casino revenue.

In California while the terms of the compacts may be varied the bottom line is what's the cost of doing business within the states.

However, for the first time in over 40-years the California tribes have united with 95 of the states 109 tribes formally organizing in a legally binding method under the laws of the State of California and the federal Government. The California Tribal Chairpersons Association, Inc., in the coming years will become an American Indian political power.

Federal Court Rules Ok to Pray

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a state ban on prayers at school championship athletic events.

The decision endorsing a Florida High School Athletic Association decision. The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday reversed a state ban on prayers at school championship athletic events.

The appeals court reversed a key part of a lower court's decision endorsing a Florida High School Athletic Association decision.

The organization had prohibited two Christian schools from having a prayer over a loudspeaker at the Citrus Bowl prior to a state championship game.

But the appeals court said the complaint has merit and should proceed to trial.

"We are grateful to have won this appeal and look forward to presenting our case on behalf of Cambridge Christian School to the district court," said Jeremy Dys, special counsel for litigation and communications at First Liberty Institute. "The First Amendment protects the rights of students and teachers at a private Christian school to pray before a football game, especially when both teams are Christian and have a tradition of prayer before games."

It was back in 2015 when Cambridge Christian School met University Christian School in the state championship football game.

"The FHSAA suggested that because the stadium was city-owned and the FHSAA a state agency, it would violate the Constitution to allow two private Christian schools to pray over a state-owned microphone for less than a minute," the institute said.

In 2017, a judge sided with the state regulators, but First Liberty went to the appeals court.

The court decided there certainly is enough doubt to have more hearings or a trial if needed.

"As we see it, the district court was too quick to dismiss all of Cambridge Christian's claims out of hand. Taking the complaint in a light most favorable to the plaintiff, as we must at this stage in the proceedings, the schools' claims for relief under the Free Speech and Free Exercise Clauses have been adequately and plausibly pled," the appeals ruling said.

"There are too many open factual questions for us to say with confidence that the allegations cannot be proven as a matter of law. The question of whether all speech over the microphone was government speech is a heavily fact-intensive one that looks at the history of the government's use of the medium for communicative purposes, the implication of government endorsement of messages carried over that medium, and the degree of government control over those messages.

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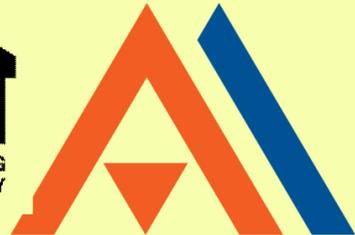
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The Race Is On! Can the Deep State Get Rid of Trump Before Barr Can Indict?

Source: Rush Limbaugh Website

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Talk-radio host Rush Limbaugh said. *"The Democrats had it their way under Barack Obama, funding an unverified dossier of wild claims about Donald Trump that was used to spy on his campaign and prompt a special counsel probe that concluded after two years there was no "there" there."*

Now, under a Republican administration, the Justice Department is conducting a criminal probe of the origins of the Obama investigation, investigating the *investigators*.

Limbaugh said. *"Folks, we have finally a criminal investigation." "What happens in criminal investigations? A grand jury!"*

A grand jury, that's where they go in and they don't get their lawyers in there and they don't get their representatives in there.

They're not on CNN. They're in a grand jury and everybody knows what happens with grand juries: indictments.



It's obvious that Barr and Durham are going to be thorough here and it's obvious that this step has been taken because they have found criminal behavior.



And I'm pretty certain that they are dead serious about getting to the bottom of it, which means they're not going to rush it.

And so the race is now really on. But because of that we're not gonna get any answers to that any time soon. That's the downside.

If they're just now forming an official inquiry, the grand jury has to be impaneled and the testimony has to be taken.

Now, as I have emphasized a lot, what's going on in the country right now with this particular story is not so much a partisan divide, left versus right, conservative versus liberal, Republican versus Democrat. It's bigger than that.

What we are in the middle of and it does not ever get presented this way in the nation's mainstream media, we are literally the middle of constitutional crisis.

Talk-radio host Rush Limbaugh said with the subpoena and grand jury powers a criminal probe affords, an Obama official is likely to turn. Talk-radio host Rush Limbaugh said with the subpoena and grand jury powers a criminal probe affords, an Obama official is likely to turn

He explained: *"One of them is gonna decide, 'You know what? Do I really want to go to prison for James Comey? Do I really want to spend time in jail for John freaking Brennan? Do I want to give up my future for James baldy Clapper?"*

He Continued. *"These things are gonna become factors as the grand jury's work begins. These are things that these people never believed possible to happen to them, just like Hollywood actresses cannot believe they're going to jail for trying to get their kids into USC."*

Limbaugh said the Obama officials who brought the charges believe *"...they are immune from the regular rigors of the law like you and I are not."*

"They believe they are. They did not think this day was gonna come. They may have fretted about it, but they never let themselves believe this day would come. Now it has, and all of the perceptions that they hold are going to be change dramatically."

He said there is *"obviously a palpable fear running through the Washington establishment now that Attorney General [Bill] Barr and his investigator have officially opened a criminal inquiry into the investigation of the investigation of Donald Trump."*

Fox News analyst Chris Wallace said the issue exposed the huge *"hypocrisy"* in Washington. Democrats are happy with investiga-



tions as long as they are running the show, he said, pointing to their current impeachment inquiry. And the GOP is happy running investigations into what Democrats have done.

Limbaugh said. *"It appears the Democrats impeachment inquiry led by Rep. Adam Schiff and others really is about reversing the 2016 election results."*

"If the Department of Justice may be used as a tool of political retribution or to help the president with a political narrative for the next election, the rule of law will suffer new and irreparable damage," they said.

The investigation, however, is into whether the Democrats did exactly that.

Limbaugh explained: *"This is a brazen attempt by the people in Washington to tell the rest of the country, 'What you think and how you vote really doesn't matter in the end 'because we're gonna have this country run the way we want to run it with us running it. And every election is just a little exercise making you think you matter, but you really don't.'" That's what this is. Make no mistake about it. That's what this is.*

"Barack Obama and his political allies have been using the powers of the intelligence community, which is the government and the FBI, which is the government, and the entire Department of Justice, which is the government, and the State Department, which is the government, and the media, to go after their opponent, Donald Trump," he said.

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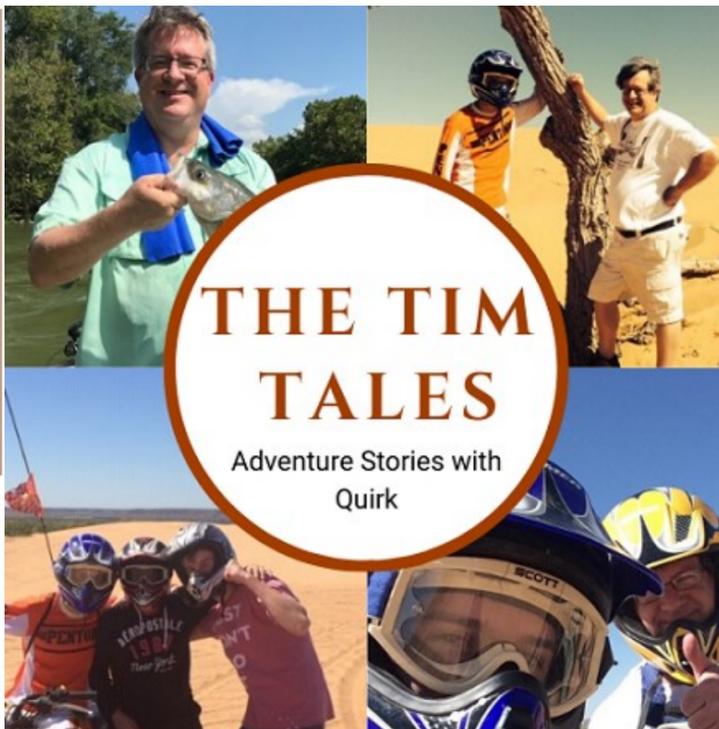
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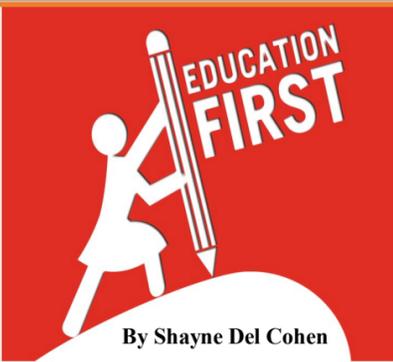
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By Shayne Del Cohen

Shayne's Journal

“He who does not know his own history is doomed to relive it.”

Aristotle, a Greek philosopher 384-322 BC



“Not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers.” – “The only thing new in the world is the history you do not know.” – Harry Truman

So much thought in so few words.

In our instantaneous world today, the present is almost gone and the future is tomorrow. Why, then, do we need to “study history”?

To tribal communities it is obvious...their history isn't taught, and what is taught, often only tells one side of the story, if at all.

And yet, tribal history has been a part of world history since time immemorial.

The concept of tribalism has been getting a bad rap in world news over the last few years which is a discussion for another time, but the history of tribes, and within the focus of this column, is rich with lessons for today.

Technology is assisting in the discovery of new communities, travel and trade routes heretofore undiscovered. From communities now underwater to those now accessible by laser and drone technologies, new revelations are to be anticipated and added to world knowledge.

And yet, there are the stories of other lands and rulers who had “Indian” policies.....policies which left their marks on American Indian tribes, that still influence the playing field today.

From the Pope dividing the world between Portugal and Spain to the legacy of British and French colonization, there are deep caverns of stories, some already told, some still needing daylight.

But these were not the only players on the chess board. For instance,

Sweden formed the New Sweden Company in 1637 to establish commercial ties in the new world.....no colonization sought.

This company fell to the Dutch who had founded the Dutch West India Company in 1621 to carry on economic warfare against Spain and Portugal. It was the DWI that established New York City in 1623 which they ceded to England in 1667.

Russia had activity in the Kamchatka Peninsula as early as 1680 and had many fur expeditions between 1729 and 1796. Paul I founded the Russian American Company in 1784. The Company financed the Church (Russian Orthodox) in order that the Church become the custodian of the Company's morals and to provide spiritual and intellectual nurturing, and, as most western Churches, pass these on to the natives. Company morals and practices often were in opposition to one another.

Lesser known (and maybe never to be known) are the policies of the “Scandinavian” countries, of Genghis Kahn and the many Asiatic leaders who

had empire-building impulses that may have sent exploration or settlement parties into American Indian territory.

Did the red-haired Lovelock cave dwellers inherit DNA from Eric the Red?

Ghengis Kahn's community development and military policy was that whenever conquering a community, the victorious military unit would be left there to intermarry with the “new” subjects. And never return to their home of origin, thus spreading the base of loyalty and precluding any dissension in the homelands.

Are your students aware of these monarchs and their programs? Have they evaluated the legacies on your community? Are there any stories that have survived narrating some of the interaction? Do your students see/understand the parallels in today's world? Are they ready to create a new history?

California Democratic Socialists Conference Long Beach

Source: The Daily Caller

Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini and Joseph Stalin would have been proud of the California Democratic Socialist Conference at Long Beach, California in November 2019. Anyone of them may have been the keynote speaker but Adam Schiff, Bernie Sanders and a host of other “Green New Deal or Red Deal” advocates were on hand to maintain their legacies.

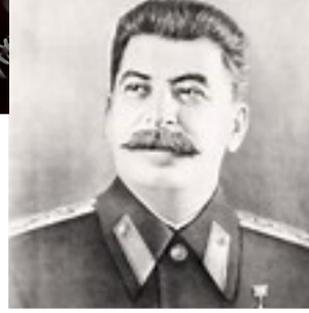
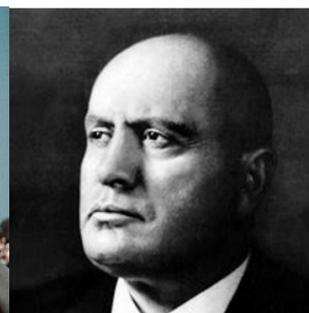
It appears that the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), has been highly successful in its efforts to bring about the transformation of the Democratic Party into the American Socialist Party. And it seems to be that only a name change ins in order. The DSA is the largest socialist political organization in the Nation.

The DSA officially endorsed Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders for the U.S. Presidency. And their DSA star and Marxist poster girl, New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Corte has been touring the country with Sanders. Pure Sanders is their candidate period. If he does not win the Presidential nomination, they void not to endorse another candidate, attesting to their Marxist ideological. t the resent DSA's national convention, the delegates addressed each other as “comrade.” They passed a resolution calling for the abolition of private property (Agenda 21) and the acceptance of public housing as “a human right.”

In California Prop 13 is the only thing standing it there way from taxing the homeowners out of their homes which would eventually bring about the end of prviste property as professed in Agenda 21 and the DSA. They supported the centralization of our economy as set forth under the Green New Deal, which would initiate public ownership of all major energy systems and resources, including coal, oil, and natural gas. Their code name for the Green New Deal, by the way, is the Red Deal.

The DSA's foreign policy is anti-nationalist and would have the United States approve the Iran nuclear deal, end sanctions on Iran, Cuba and Venezuela, honor the Paris climate accords, and reverse recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

The DSA convention called for self-determination and full sovereignty for Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and all “indigenous” nations. One can only assume that the current financial assistance provided them would become “Foreign Aid?” Yet, the American Tribal Governments would continue to be under the control of the central Government as would the entire Nation. And if they were to be included as “indigenous” nations the ques-



tion is, What become of the Tribal Rights guaranteed by the various Treaties?

Convention delegates encouraged DSA members to seek jobs in key industries like K-12 public schools, and health care to multiply rather than “scatter our efforts.” They approved the abolition of ICE and all forms of border protection as well as the “uninhibited transnational movement of peoples.”

They endorsed reparations for African Americans and the 1619 Project, which distorts U.S. history and the story of American blacks beyond belief. They endorsed universal voting rights and the elimination of Voter ID laws, full amnesty for all asylum seekers and a pathway to citizenship for all non-citizen residents. And to demonstrate just how democratic they are, they excluded law enforcement officers from DSA membership.

Delegates also cited recent national surveys that indicated four in 10 Americans have a positive view of socialism. But they failed to mention that most respondents were unable to define socialism and did not know that the first law of socialism is, “Abolish private property.”

Socialists do not accept the fact that Israel, India, and the United Kingdom all turned to socialism after World War II but rejected it for one simple fact, because it did not work. As soon as these quite different nations turned capitalist, they entered an era of significant economic growth and widespread individual prosperity. India, for example, now has the largest middle-class in the free world. As the Democratic presidential candidates continue to propose many radical programs few have bothered to ask: “and fixed wages and still was not able to end the economic ills of the Country.

How much is this going to cost and who is going to pay for it?”

Sanders has said he is going to tax “the 1 percent,” but all the taxes of all the billionaires and all the corporations in America would not cover the estimated \$27 trillion cost of Sanders' budget.

A historical fact worth noting is that Franklin Roosevelt during the great depression taxed the wealthy at a 95% rate, controlled manufacturing

“The problem with socialism is that eventually you run out of other people's money.”

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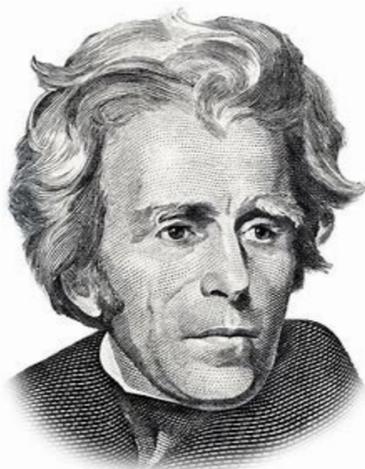
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Andrew Jackson, Seventh President of the United States Of America

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Jackson's life and legend would serve as inspiration for James Polk throughout his life.

Born 1767 in the Waxhaw region of the Carolinas, Jackson grew up in deprivation. His father had died before his birth, and his mother moved with her three boys into the plantation home of her sister and brother-in-law, the Crawford's, who had eight children of their own.

With his mother busy earning her keep through household devotions and the Crawford's focused on their own offspring, the skinny lad quickly learned self-reliance.

He developed an independent, pugnacious demeanor, always ready to fight for his interests and never willing to surrender even when bigger boys beat him up.

He had almost no formal schooling, and his lack of mastery over spelling and grammar would become something of an identity scar in later life, ridiculed by political opponents frustrated by his tendency to rise in society despite these limitations.

Young Jackson grew up quickly during the Revolution, when the Carolinas were ravaged by the British force known as Tarleton's Raiders. Judged too young to carry a rifle, the thirteen-year-old served as courier and scout. At one point, caught in a

firefight, young Jackson witnessed a cousin killed at his side. Later he became a prisoner of war.

When a British officer ordered the young rebel to polish the officer's boots, Jackson defiantly refused -- and almost lost his life when the enraged officer brought down a sword upon his head. Jackson managed to deflect the blow but gashes on his hand and head left lifelong scars only slightly more apparent than his lifelong hatred of the English.

During these travails, the boy lost his two brothers to war and his mother to cholera.

After Independence, orphaned and alone at seventeen, Jackson apprenticed in the law at Salisbury, North Carolina, and developed a reputation as a wild young man who drank, gambled, and roistered. But his commanding presence slowly gained dominance over his wilder tendencies.

Tall, well proportioned, and always well dressed, he carried himself in polite society with dignity and courtliness.

The intense gaze of his welkin blue eyes suggested an immense self-regard. One young woman of the area wrote that he possessed 'a kind of majesty I never saw in any other young man.'

At twenty-one, in search of financial betterment, he left North Carolina for the fledgling outpost of Nashville, in what would become Tennessee.

He practiced law, acquired property, became a merchant of eastern goods, married a young divorcee named Rachel Robards, and took up with the territorial militia.

He became Tennessee's first congressman

in 1796 and later served a one-session stint as U.S. senator. But he thrived particularly in the militia. Frontier citizens could accept a certain lassitude in their prosecutors, judges, and politicians, but not in their elected military leaders.

Those were times when the area lost a man, woman, or child to Indian attack every ten days or so, and the tenuous existence of pioneer whites necessitated the high-est degree of competence in their military commanders.

Jackson possessed the desired attributes, quickness of mind, boldness of action, an ability to gain sway over other men, a deep sense of rectitude. And his occasional impetuosity and flashes of temper only added to his commanding mystique.

In 1802, at thirty-five, he was elected major general of the Tennessee militia.

There followed a number of years when his military exploits and personal proclivity for roustabout conduct seemed in conflict.

His reputation as a man out of control lingered as a result of a number of duels, that notorious gunfight with Thomas Hart Benton and his brother, and a tendency toward hotheaded reactions to presumed slights and insults.

And yet, with the outbreak of the War of 1812, as major general of the United States Volunteers and later in the Regular Army, he ran up a string of military victories against the Creek Indians and the British that brought him national attention and wide-spread adulation.

Displaying a toughness that stirred his

troops to identify him with the hardness of hickory, he acquired his famous nickname.

A noted example was the day he put down a mutiny of disgruntled troops by ordering artillery guns to be pointed at the troops as he confronted them.

He then demanded that the mutineers return to their posts or he would order the guns to be fired, destroying them and himself in one barrage.

The action stunned the wayward soldiers into subjection. Bringing his troops back into line, he destroyed elements of the Creek Indian tribe bent on terrorizing settlers in Mississippi.

And he devastated a British army seeking to seize New Orleans and its strategic dominance over the Mississippi River Valley.

The British reported 2,037 dead, wounded, and missing on that fateful January day in 1815, while Jackson's troops suffered only thirteen killed. Instantly he became a national hero and potential presidential contender.

Subsequent military exploits against the Seminole Indians and a stint as governor of Florida Territory bolstered his country-wide standing. And yet he invited detractors with displays of defiance and a tendency to substitute his own judgment for those of his superiors. Most often he was right on the merits, but these traits provided an opening for critics to suggest he couldn't be trusted with power.

By the 1820s, Jackson was probably the country's most revered figure, but also one of its most controversial

Cholena Cree Wright to Serve as Hatfield Fellow Tribal Member Klamath Indian Tribe, Oregon

By Holly Owens, November 2, 2019 - [Klamath Falls Herald and News](#)
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GRAND RONDE – Cholena Cree Wright an enrolled member of the Klamath Indian Tribe Chiloquin, Oregon, has been chosen as the 2019-20 Hatfield Fellow, according to a news release from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the Spirit Mountain Community Fund.

Wright is a graduate of the University of Oregon where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and a minor in native studies. She has a passion for education, indigenous studies and building tribal nations.

She is very active in Indian country, with past work as the Native American recruitment coordinator and director of the Native American Student Union at the University of Oregon, as well as serving on the board for the Oregon Indian Education Association.

Wright also interned in Peter DeFazio's District Office, working as the staff assistant for Veterans Affairs in 2015-16. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde established the Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship in 1998 as a living tribute to Senator Hatfield to honor his accomplishments as governor of Oregon and United States senator.

Each year, the Spirit Mountain Community Fund sponsors a highly motivated Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow, and intern in a congressional office for an eight-month term. Placement of the Fellow traditionally rotates through the Oregon congressional delegation to enhance the mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C. and Indian country.



Orientation & Placement

Wright begins her Fellowship in November 2019 with a month-long orientation at the American Political Science Association (APSA) in Washington, D.C.

Following orientation, she assumed her congressional placement in Congressman Peter DeFazio's office.

This is the congressman's second Hatfield Fellow. "Congratulations to Cholena Wright, the 2019/20 Hatfield Fellow — we're excited to welcome CC back to the team," said DeFazio. "CC is a proven leader as demonstrated through her work in her community, as a student at the University of Oregon and most recently Coordinator of Native American Recruitment. She was an asset to my Veterans Affairs case-work team during her time in my Eugene office several years ago, and I'm glad she's coming back to learn more about the legislative process in our D.C. office. Her passion for public service, law and public policy will serve her well in this fellowship and will benefit the 4th Congressional District as she works with us to respond to the

needs of my constituents. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the Spirit Mountain Community Fund's Hatfield Fellowship is a distinguished program that has brought mutual benefit for years to fellows, Pacific Northwest Tribes and Oregonians."

Leadership & Resilience

Wright looks forward to being a part of the Congressman's team again to gain a deeper understanding of the government-to-government relationship between tribal, state and federal governments and to gain the practical experience needed to navigate tribal politics and policy. "I am excited by the prospect of working in a bipartisan environment and experiencing the challenges of working with those with whom I may disagree. This experience will make me a more resilient leader," said Wright.

"Adversity and struggle are some of the most effective teachers. I would love the opportunity to embrace political difference and advocate on behalf of the interests of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and Indian Country in general."

Wright's future plans include earning a joint PhD/JD in indigenous studies with a research emphasis on indigenous governance and Klamath feminism, and a JD in American Indian law.

She would like to work as a professor and/or policy analyst, with hopes to someday move back to her tribal community and serve the tribal government and Klamath people directly.



Karen Bedonie a Navajo woman and tribal member, is seeking the New Mexico Republican nomination for the House of Representatives seat in Congress.

WHEN elected, Bedonie will be the first Native American Republican woman in Congress and Reservation resident.

She is the second Republican to announce, while, 10 Democrats, including Marco Serna and Valerie Plame, are vying for the Democratic nomination.

The seat is opening because Representative Ben Ray Lujan is running for Tom Udall's U.S. Senate seat. Udall was first elected to in 2008. A member of the Democratic Party, he previously served as the U.S. Representative for New Mexico's 3rd congressional district from 1999 to 2009 and was the Attorney General of New Mexico from 1991 to 1999.

"I want that vacated seat Lujan, and I'm coming for it!" said Bedonie on social media. She calls

for term limits in the House and Senate. She doesn't have any political experience, according to her campaign website. Her campaign didn't respond to a request for an interview.

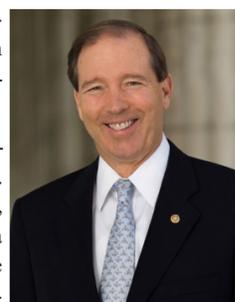
The GOP candidate makes her positions on abortion, the 2nd Amendment, small businesses, and immigration clear.

As a business woman, Bedonie supports small businesses around the country. With her

husband, they own four businesses in total.

"Small businesses employ the largest percentage of our nation and therefore we pay the most in taxes. Small businesses are not the rich 1 percent," she said. "We need to lighten the load."

She says all of the taxes on small businesses from the federal level and down to the commercial permit tax are "all too much," including the working class paying for social programs."



Bedonie
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LOCAL AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES UNITE MARCH IN SAN DIEGO PRIDE PARADE RECEIVE GRAND MARSHALL AWARD

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La Jolla Indian Reservation, CA, November 18, 2019, – Representatives from twenty American Indian Tribes in San Diego and Riverside Counties marched in the San Diego Pride Parade on July 14, 2018, in the Hillcrest neighborhood of San Diego. It is the second time that the San Diego Pride Parade featured a local intertribal contingent. 2018 was the first time in 30 years that there was a visible Tribal Nations presence.

Organized by the Avellaka Program Rainbow of Truth Circle, the contingent featured 100 American Indian LGBTQ marchers, supporters, 20 tribal flags, and a float with the theme, “Decolonize Love and the 50 years of Stonewall celebration”.

“We are looking at how colonization has impacted our LGBTQ/2S folks that have become the invisible people in our community. We are reclaiming/awakening traditional teachings so we can use our culture and language to re-establish life-affirming ways (in our Tribal Nations) that governed Institutionalized Religion, and us as a Native people pre U.S. Constitution that have disrupted our natural life-ways. Their introduction of our traditional

teachings will support and empower our people to move forward together! Stronger together!,” says Wendy Schlater, Director of the Avellaka Program.

Organizers invited all American Indian LGBTQ/2S community members, Friends/Straight Allies to join the contingent and march in the 2.5-mile parade in order to honor our LGBTQ/2S Elders and Decolonize Love. “It is letting everyone know that we don’t discriminate. We don’t separate. We evolve as a people and a culture. This is what being a good relative to each other is about,” explains Dee Magante, Pauma Band of Mission Indians and a Straight Ally.

July 13, 2019 Participants walked alongside a parade float that featured our elders, a sacred symbol to the Native people of San Diego. Marchers walked forward along with 20 Tribal nation flags represented in the parade.

It was the First time that the Rainbow of Truth Circle led the Pride Parade. This was history made both with the San Diego Pride and the San Diego/Riverside County Tribal Nations.

October 10, 2019 The Rainbow of Truth Circle Received the Grand Marshal award for first place in the 2019 Pride Parade.

“With the efforts of our small but amazing team and Volunteers this would not have been accomplished. We stride toward creating safe spaces and re-establishing the visibility on and off the Reservation for our folks who identify under the LGBTQ/2S umbrella.” Says Timothy Ruise, of the Rainbow of Truth Circle.

Our project is funded through grant and donations that we utilize for materials needed for our meetings, Pamphlets/handouts, Pride Parade fees, T-shirts, and travel.

We have meetings once a month in the North county and the East County of San Diego.

The group is planning on raising money to attend the second Annual Two-spirit Powwow on February 29, 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona. The Native PFLAG chapter in Arizona puts on this event.

About the **Avellaka Program:** Created in 2010, the Avellaka Program is dedicated to educating and organizing for social change. Avellaka upholds the La Jolla

Band of Luiseño Indians’ authority as a sovereign Indian nation to protect its women citizens and create the laws, policies, protocols, and advocacy services to address violence against Native women.

We humbly Thank our Supporters S.C.T.C.A., La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians, Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Nation, Native PFLAG Phoenix Chapter, San Diego Pride Organization, The Avellaka Staff, the many allys, supporters and our volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

If you are able to support our efforts to make a difference in our tribal community. You may also contribute by mailing a check to the following address.

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Photo left: Juana Majel-Dixon, Pauma Tribal Member has a lot to smile about as she was re-elected as Secretary for the Nation Congress of American Indians Board of Directors by receiving 65% of the vote. Fawn Sharp, president of the Quinault Nation, was elected the organization's 23rd president. She is only the third woman to lead the intertribal congress.

NCAI leadership team: Fawn Sharp, Aaron Payment, Clinton Lageson, and Juana Majel-Dixon.

Tina Marie Osceola, Seminole Tribe of Florida, said she has watched Sharp in action as a member of NCAI. "I see a dedicated Native woman who's ready to take this country, Indian country, to where we need to be in the dialogue," she said. "We've been so irrelevant for this past administration and I think that with her voice and her vision, that we'll finally be able to reclaim our relevance on the global stage."

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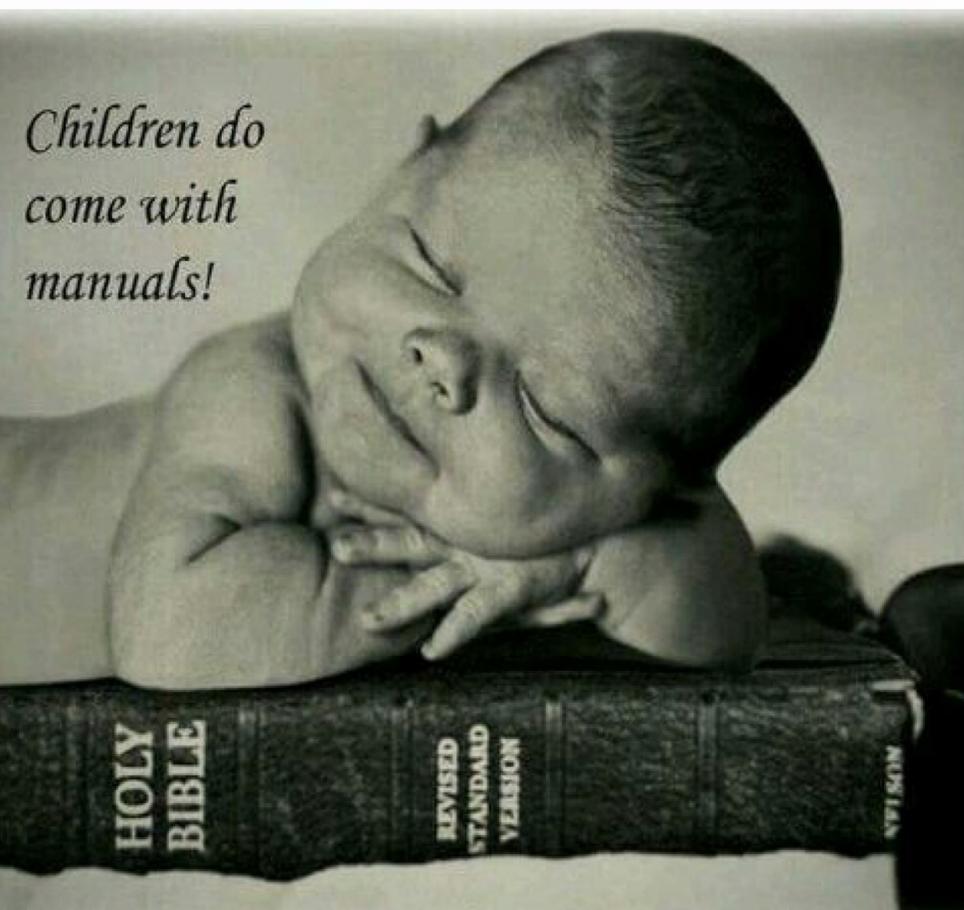
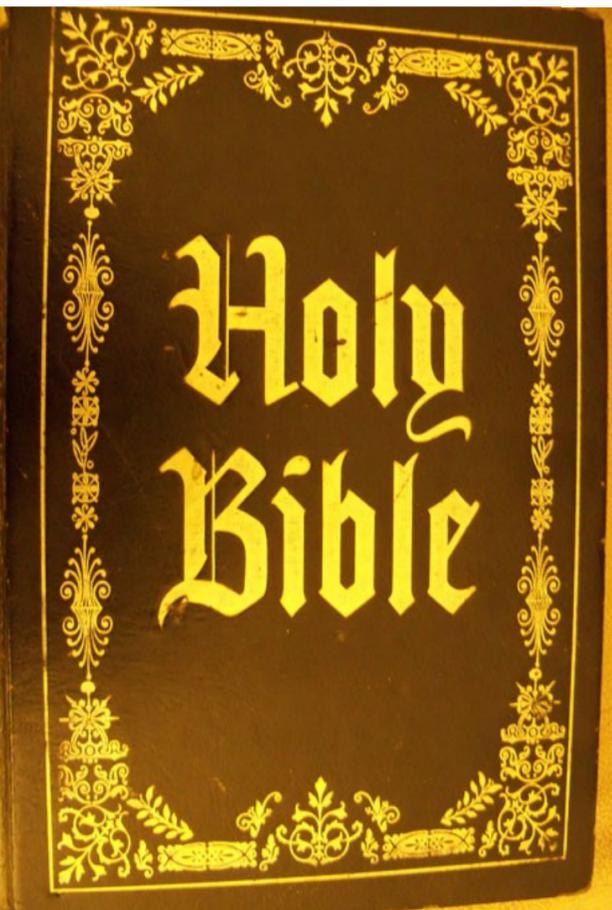
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American is Under Siege From Within by a “Shadow Bureaucratic Government”

What we are facing now is not political conflict, it's not a clandestine fictional novel, it's not politics-as-usual. What we are witnessing is an seriously funded and organized attempt to tear down the foundations of our republic by corrupt, unelected bureaucrats who have decided the American people, the taxpayers and patriots of the United States of America that their votes do not matter, it is secondary to their will to power.

It matter not if you are Republican, Democrat or Socialist it's all about the power to control the Government. This hasn't happened overnight it has been coming about for years. I offer three examples;

First, The Internal Revenue Service has enormous power that can be unleashed on anyone without any reason, justification or recourse. It has the power to confiscate all your assets which includes taking any and all money you may have in the bank or credit union, take your wages and



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your home without the benefit of a court order. They can also imprison you, but they do have to allow you the benefit of a court trial. However, the deck is stacked ageist you because all they have to show is that you didn't pay your taxes.

Second, the Federal Bureau of Investigation who's authority has been abusive since it's inception under the guidance of its founder J. Edgar Hoover. In the 70's the agency was found to be abusing its authority in a scandal that became known as COMTEL, Yet, nothing happened, Hoover kept

his job and the Bureau continues business as usual. And to make matters even more trying Congress circumvented the U.S. Constitution by passing legislation making it a criminal offence to lie to the FBI. And they have the digression to determine what constitutes as a lie.

And finally I offer Department of Interior and its subordinate, the Bureau of Indian Affairs *BIA). Although the American Indian Tribes are considered independent "Sovereign Governments" nothing could be farther from the truth. All land use decisions must

be approved by the Department of Interior or the BIA bureaucrats.

How dangerous is this “*Shadow Bureaucratic Government?*” I'll give you one greatest example of their uncontested abuse of power. During the 2012 Presidential campaign, Senator Obama while campaigning encountered a young man minding his own business in the front yard of his home who became known as “*Joe the Plumber*” who responded to the Senators campaign pitch with theses famous words. “*...That sounds like Socialism to me.*” which went virial.

And, within a day no less than 11 government agencies conducted illegal investigations of “*Joe the Plumber*”. All in an attempt to find anything to discredit him. “*Joe the Plumber*” a regular American citizen for exercising his Constitutional right to free speech.

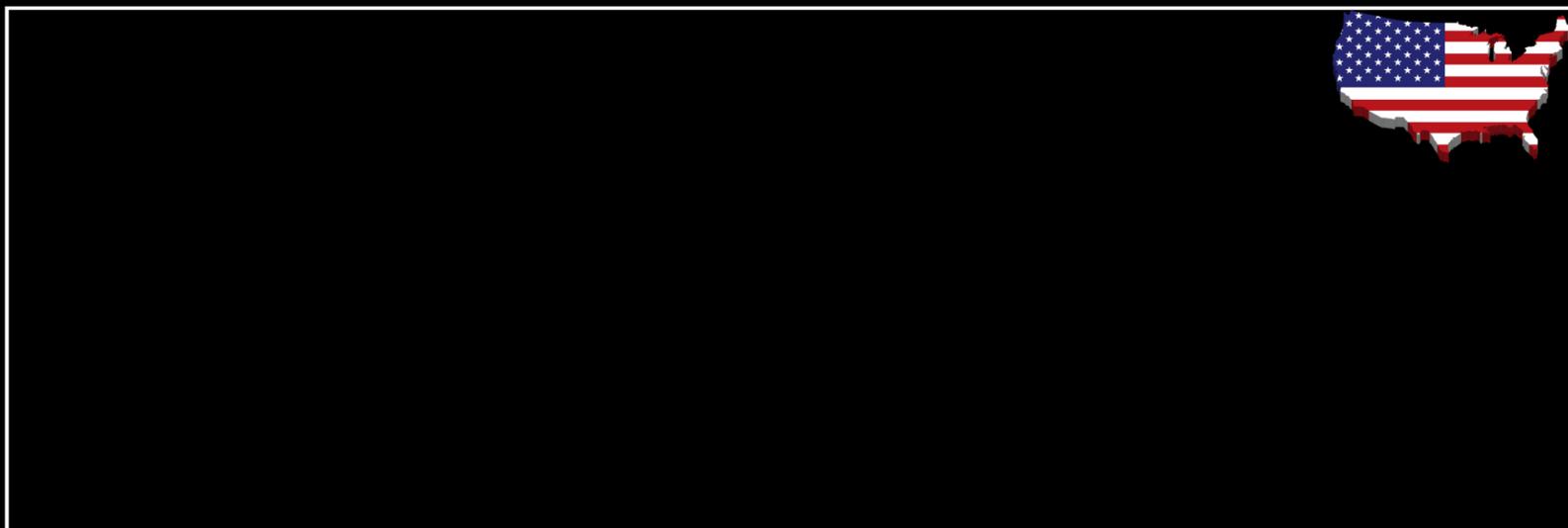
Between *President Trump* and “*Joe the Plumber*” our only sal-

vation and hope to save our freedom and Country is to make sure we vote to stop this tyranny.

If anything, regardless of which political party you identify with just watching the so called impeachment process by the House of Representatives Committee against the President of the United States of America should send chills down your spine.

The dictatorship and the blatant disregard for his Constitutional Rights to Due Process should be enough to scare anyone in their right mind. Not to mention the barring of the Republican members of the Committee.

These people represents a lethal threat to our freedom and open system of government, and if this coup succeeds – whether through impeachment proceedings, or through an election that (*if the last three years are any indication*) they are clearly willing to take by any means. *The nation will cease to be a constitutional, democratic republic.*



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I would like to say that many of us felt that disdain for President O'Bama. It was hard to take when he went overseas and apologized for America. It was hard to bear when he announced that America was no longer a Christian nation. It was very upsetting when he told us that all bathrooms would be genderless. And when he told us to get used to the job situation, that no big jobs would be coming back to America, it took away our American dreams!

But we bore him as much as we could. We waited and prayed for a president who would take a stand for America. We think God answered our prayers and gave us Donald Trump!

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