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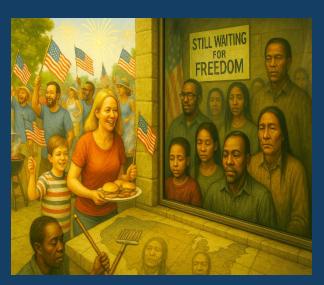
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REPENTANCE DAY: A DECLARATION OF TRUTH

Why July 4th Should Be a Day of National Mourning Instead of a National Celebration for Independence

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June 30, 2025 – A Reflection and call to conscience



I Will Not Celebrate a Lie

I will not celebrate the 4th of July. Not because I hate America—but because I love the truth. And the truth regarding the machinations that were used to establish America is not a legitimate reason for fireworks. Every year, this country asks its people to gather and celebrate a freedom that was never meant for all. It waves the flag of liberty over land that was

stolen and built by the labor of those who were chained. It calls for unity while suppressing the very history that would make unity possible.

I live among white people in peace. Moreover, I do not bring up the past—not because I have forgotten, but because I have forgiven.

Nevertheless, what hurts is not just the fact that they bring up the past and lie about how they establish their independence and freedom, but they even expect me to cheer and celebrate with them, and act as if it belongs to all of us.

The Longest War in American History

Let's speak clearly: the war for this land began in 1607, when English settlers first arrived and declared what was not theirs. From that moment on, a war began—not just for territory,

but for dominance, control, and erasure. That war lasted more than 400 years. In many ways, it has never ended.

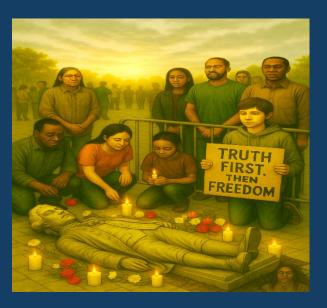
When George Washington became president in 1789, white settlers had already waged generations of warfare against Native people, which was 182 years. Washington became a symbol of stability—not because peace had been made between the white settlers and the Indigenous people, but because domination had been established on the East Coast.

When Abraham Lincoln rose to power, he signed off on the largest mass execution in U.S. history—38 Dakota Sioux men hanged in 1862 for resisting the broken treaties and starvation forced on their people. Lincoln also served voluntarily in the Black Hawk War as a young man—a war marking the final defeat of Native resistance in the Midwest. That war helped clear the way for white expansion and became known as the longest war in the history of humanity. Moreover, these white settlers became known as "the founding fathers" and "national heroes"—but what were they founding, and who was it for?

Genocide, Then Silence

America does not want to remember what it did to Native people: so, it rebranded conquest and decimation of the Indigenous people as destiny. It labeled the defenders of this land as "savages," even in the original Declaration of Independence.

"He has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages..." — Declaration of Independence, 1776



These are not just words. This is a propaganda, which was written into the soul of the country. They told the story as if the Native people were monsters, and the invaders were the victims. They called self-defense "barbaric," and mass murder "civilization."

Today, when we see a group of people forced onto "reservations," we know what that means. That's how we talk about endangered species.

America does not like to say it, but the first people of this land were

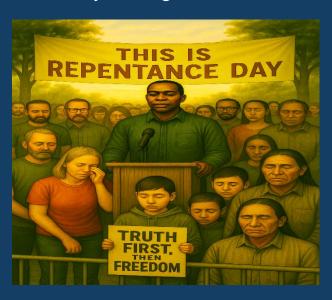
nearly wiped out. And instead of repenting, it made a holiday out of the victory.

Heroes or Judges?

Many white Americans still see themselves as the judges of all. They decide who belongs and who does not. Even though they came here with no permission, no moral right, and no peaceful intent.

They mock undocumented immigrants (that is, people who come here in desperation, not with muskets and war flags like the white settlers). These immigrants take the lowest positions, cook your food, clean your yards, and beg for a chance to survive. Yes, entering illegally is wrong—but who are these white settlers to claim moral authority?

They stole the land and now claim to own the keys to the gate.



What Is Freedom Without Truth?

They label July 4th as a national holiday, that is, a time when all Americans should unite. But unity can only exist where truth is welcome. Freedom for one group, built on the suffering of another, is not freedom. It is supremacy. Therefore, I will not celebrate it.

I do not celebrate Juneteenth either—not because I am bitter, but because I know that I am still not truly free.

Notice how white people do not acknowledge and celebrate Juneteenth as the official holiday for Independence Day. Why? Because they still do not fully acknowledge Black people as equals or free. A holiday means nothing if your humanity and freedom is questionable.

Repentance Day

If we ever reach a day where freedom is real, which is not just for white people, but for Native people, Black people, and all people, that will be the day when I celebrate together. Until then, I will label this day as "Repentance Day". I will do this to not destroy America, or divide us, but to remember the truth and refuse the lie. I will not riot, or burn flags; however, I will mourn, I will speak and expose the truth that July 4th tries to hide under red, white, and blue. America needs healing; however,

healing only begins with repentance, not denial.

My Declaration

I will not bow to false freedom. I will not salute a story that is soaked in lies and blood. I will not remain silent while the nation celebrates conquest.



Moreover, I will tell the truth. I will mourn. I will remember that this is Repentance Day. And the real celebration will begin when truth does.

