

### 3.16.26 D. Cowdrey – Emotional Toll of Modern Anti White American Campaigns, An Acadian View

Traumatized: Traumatized by the anti White racial and anti American movements on social media, I find that I am increasingly comfortable with the peace and quiet that exists outside of these spheres. I continue to receive notifications that there are unusual login attempts on my Twitter accounts. To witness the hatred and vitriol aimed at Americans by newcomers is, to me, among the most disturbing realities of the present moment.

While I recognize the pain and suffering of other races, I can no longer ignore my own. As with any historical injustice, including genocide, there comes a stage at which a people must begin to focus on their own survival. After learning of what appear to be “*blood thirsty*,” anti White campaigns, as well as the horrifying slaveries inflicted upon women and children and the modern forms of slavery that are directed very much toward people like me, White women, I have made the decision to turn inward. I turn inward because I witness the violence that appears on the social and political horizon, and because I experience the street racism that I endure on a regular basis, despite having arrived at what I believed to be a recovered, neutral, and forgiving position.

As I witness rapid demographic changes, I am reminded of the Covid 19 quarantine and of the invasion of Acadia and diaspora of Acadians; I find myself exploring what these transformations mean for my own identity and historical inheritance. My heart breaks that the Acadian population is so small today. I move forward considering what reparations might mean for Acadians, and what the creation of stronger protections for Native Americans of Canadian descent might look like as we struggle for recognition, territory, and the preservation of our historical memory.

Instead, we are left with far fewer protective measures than those extended to other minority populations. We are simply categorized as White Americans, even though the truth of the suffering and racism endured by Acadian descendants runs far deeper than this simplified designation. Populations from India, China, Latin America, and the Arabian world dwarf the Native Acadian population. Yet perception, prevailing worldviews, and extreme left politics continue to suppress the voice of the Acadian people. Many Acadians still remain unaware of the history of diaspora. We were assimilated, much like the Native peoples who were displaced alongside us during the Great Upheaval and the ethnic cleansing of the Acadian population.

Today a new retelling of history emerges by left politics and by newcomers bringing with it White erasure. Verbal assaults directed toward White Americans have become readily visible, including statements instructing Americans to return to Europe, often voiced by recent immigrants themselves. If it were not for the near constant experiences of racism and microaggressions that I have endured over the past several years, perhaps my position would be different.

However, I stand with Americans during this time and support the securing of our home front. The current political climate directed against Americans, whether from ideological extremism or from immigrant perspectives, has become intolerable. I apologize to those whom this position may offend, yet I believe that America holds the right to protect and preserve itself for the sake of its safety and survival.

I do not find the current climate directed against Americans to be tolerable.