

## Propaganda vs. Whole Story

The propaganda on the left, often promoted by left wing activists, Black activists, Hispanic activists, foreign activists, and Jewish activists, frequently focuses on the past and is not reflective of the present. While it is important to honor the past, and I believe our nation has made efforts to do so, when targeting of White people is normalized within this literature and storytelling, without acknowledging the present, it can lead to the dehumanization of White individuals. Worse, it can inflame racial targeting, which ultimately harms Americans as a whole.

The truth is that there is much more to America's story than slavery and the oppression of Black Americans. Much of that story is overlooked, suppressed or muted. Slavery was far more prevalent in the South, however, there were Northern enclaves that did not participate in slavery. Many in these regions experienced their own forms of hardship, including suppression, erasure, and economic struggle, the Acadians are an example. Northern culture was largely centered around work, supporting farms, raising families, and building communities. Black culture and the direct legacy of slavery were not central parts of daily life in many of these areas.

Because of this, the constant framing of issues as "White versus Black," along with terms like "White supremacy" and "White fragility," can feel outdated and emotionally abusive, like verbal assault. More concerning, this language often contains generalizations that unfairly target White American families, many of whom are also experiencing hardship and victimization in the present day.

Additionally, the influence of foreign or newcomer activism, combined with mass domestic movements, is overwhelming, negative, and divisive. When Americans move to other countries, they are often seen as newcomers rather than minorities, or mobilizers, just the same, this perspective should apply within the United States. America is made up of people from many backgrounds, and no group is immune to extreme or polarizing ideologies. In many ways, the country is struggling with these conflicts in the present moment, especially modern propaganda and politics, slavery and historic territorial invasion.

Historically, Northern Americans played a major role in the Civil War, they were called the "**Union**." Over 360,000 to 400,000 Union soldiers sacrificed their lives in the war, which ultimately led to the end of slavery. Additionally, during the lynchings of the early 1900s, a notable percentage of victims were White, 28 percent. This included individuals who opposed racial oppression and supported Black Americans. These aspects of history are often less discussed but remain part of the important narrative.

This raises an important question for us, can activism expand its focus to support all Americans, including White individuals, while remaining grounded in present-day realities? Can it move beyond past-focused narratives and work toward a more inclusive and unified vision of humanity?

While movements that highlight injustice are important, at this moment in history, there is a grave concern of race war. In many areas there is a 50 to 60 percent decline in White populations. If these populations were Black, would they be more discussed? More than likely. Current social spheres are dominated by Black-centric activism, White, or all-encompassing "humanity" activism, is a very rare bird.

Over time, the messaging has become repetitive, divisive, hateful, violent, and often overly focused on a single perspective, one which harms Whites in general. The primary goal, arguably, should have been a shared commitment to humanity. However, it is fair to say that this goal has been lost amid anger and polarization.

Worse, it has contributed to corruption, crime, and violence. If the movements are passionate and willing, why not consider humanity, and, important to our modern times, anti-slavery, rather than Black versus White? Telling these stories remains important, but it is equally important to recognize that no single narrative represents the whole truth. There is more to the American story. We can honor the history, while also honoring the present, and how beautiful our country has become, much thanks to the hard work of all Americans, and immigrants alike.