

## **Erasing History**



**Senator Robert Byrd**

**I see in the news that the City of San Francisco is going to spend Six Hundred Thousand Dollars to eradicate murals of George Washington's life including scenes from Mount Vernon.**

**Rather than uniting us, sadly, such decisions and events serve more to divide us further as a people. I believe they mimic the actions of both the Taliban and ISIS in destroying treasured Historical Icons that are a reminder of where we have come from.**

**I am remembering an article I posted less than two years ago about what I can only describe as a "Pogram" at the time to remove all statues and other landmarks and public reminders of anything connected to the Civil War and slavery, to include destroying all historical tributes to Christopher Columbus and others.**

**Back then, in September of 2017, I began the article condemning the institution of Slavery in the strongest terms and believe that it was, is and will always be wrong. I don't believe God intended for humans to live in slavery or to own slaves.**

**Having said the above I also wrote the following which is excerpted from that article and I believe we should all be mindful of:**

**I am witnessing in our media and on our streets a form of mass hysteria and hate. It scares me in the sense that I can see it ripping our society apart. I hear and read about “non-negotiable” demands to erase and tear down any relics of real or imagined links to slavery in our nation.**

**It seems that anyone with any cultural, racial, or historical ties to slavery by any association or relationship in any way, is marked for removal from the annals of our nations heritage.**

**The other day it was announced that ESPN removed a Sportscaster from the commentary at a Sporting event because the man, who had an Asian background, shared the same name as a Confederate General.**

**Let me share something with you. I have a 60+ year fascination with history.**

**Don't take my word for it, study for yourself. When you study you will find that slavery in various forms was practiced by: The Carthaginians, the Romans, The Greeks, The Persians (Iranians), The Babylonians, The Chinese, The Mongols, The Huns (Europeans), England, The Vikings, The Russians, Southern Asian Peoples (including India), Egyptians, Middle Eastern and North African Islamic States, Native Americans (North, Central and South America), The People, Tribes and Nations of Central and South Africa. Also, many Island Nations including Japan. And, I have probably missed naming a few.**

**Also keep in mind that the horror of slavery is still practiced in parts of the world.**

**I could be wrong but the only Continent that I am aware of that has no history of slavery in some part or way is Antarctica. So, if you can firmly establish that all of your ancestors were Native Antarticans you are stain free. Otherwise, join the rest of us in the cesspool.**

**Virtually all of us have a skeleton or two in our closet if we want to dig a little and drag them out.**

**If it is decided to eradicate all statues, memorials, hospitals, schools, parks, highways, malls, airports, landmarks etc. etc. etc. with the names of anybody who has any ties in history to slavery, racism, a now despised group or family heirloom associated with such, you are going to be very**

**busy.**

**Just one example: Democratic Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia. Besides being a Senator, was a former Grand Wizard in the Ku Klux Klan. I have heard an estimate, probably exaggerated, that perhaps half the airports, schools, hospitals, parks, highways etc. in the State of West Virginia are named after him. You are going to need a lot of shovels, backhoes, “whitewash” and other equipment to eradicate his name and memory from the state.**

**But, not to pick on just the Senator. Many, most or all of our great leaders, as well as us common folk, have historical skeletons we would probably just as soon not know about. If we decide to eliminate everything and everyone who has ever had some trace of Slavery in their family history at any time ever, there won't be very many of us left.**

**Slavery was abolished in the United States more than 150 years ago.**

**The stain of racism is still with us and is practiced by people of all colors. It will be with us until we all learn to love one another, forgive one another and be enriched by one another. You cannot erase it by painting over historic works of art, law, edict, marching in the streets or hating one another. Unfortunately, the latter is what I see being practiced in the media and on the streets.**  
**Pity.**

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