

The following is from an article in the South Florida Reporter 9 Oct 2017:

“Colorado first observed Columbus Day in 1906 as it became an official state holiday. More and more people and states began to recognize Columbus Day. In 1937, Columbus Day became a federal holiday in the United States. There are many instances of people observing Columbus' voyage since the colonial period. In 1792, there were celebrations in New York City and other US cities, celebrating the 300th anniversary of his landing in the New World. President Benjamin Harrison called upon the people of the United States to join together in celebration of Columbus Day on the 400th anniversary of the event. During the anniversary in 1892, teachers, preachers, poets and politicians used Columbus Day rituals to teach ideals of patriotism. These patriotic teachings were framed around themes of support for war, citizenship, boundaries, the importance of loyalty to the nation and celebrating social progress. In 1970, Columbus Day was changed to the current observation on the second Monday in October.”

Some Hispanics and “Native Americans” want to abolish Columbus Day because they’ve been brainwashed by Left-Wing, Liberal, Socialist, Secular Democrats to believe that Columbus was a bad, evil monster of a devil from Europe. Some Hispanics and “Native Americans” believe that the Europeans destroyed the “paradise” that was pre-Columbian (named after Columbus) America (named after another Italian, Amerigo Vespucci). Factual historic accounts have proven them wrong: pre-Columbian America was anything but a “paradise”. But why ruin a good “story” with facts, when the facts prove the “story” to be fictitious:

-tribes were constantly at war with one another

-slavery existed here long before Europeans brought Black Africans here

-human sacrifice was the norm with “priests” cutting the hearts out of living people and offering them up to their gods. Columbus brought Christianity to The New World.

-massacres of white Europeans occurred more than the “peace loving” “Native Americans” would have us believe - with men, women and children being scalped

-and as far as this land being "their land": anthropologist, archeologists and historians have proven that the ancestors of the "Native American" came from modern day China. Their ancestors just happened to arrive here before our ancestors did.


I was born here; both of my parents were born here; and one of my four grandparents was born here. **I AM A NATIVE AMERICAN!**

It matters not what you politicians do here today. Columbus Day is a National Holiday and it will be celebrated in Colorado no matter what you do. It would be a shame, however, if the first state to recognize Columbus Day would be the first state to abolish it.

I never understood – and I still don't – why some Hispanics do not embrace their Spanish / European Heritage as much as they embrace their "Native American" Heritage. If I were Hispanic and despised my European roots, I would change my Spanish (as in Spain) name. I would also stop speaking English (as in England).

It must be hell to hate your heritage and history.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles M. Prignano".

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