In a Washington Post piece entitled "More cities celebrating 'Indigenous Peoples Day' amid effort to abolish Columbus Day," Peter Holley writes:

"a growing number of cities are seeking to abolish (Columbus Day) and replace it with a day that acknowledges and celebrates the millions of people who were already living here when Christopher Columbus arrived."

Much of this anti-Columbus sentiment originates from importing illegal aliens and teaching them from alleged communist Howard Zinn's, "A Peoples History of the United States." Zinn quotes Columbus, "With fifty men we could subjugate them (Natives) all," then concludes:

"These Arawaks of the Bahama Islands were much like Indians on the mainland, who were remarkable ("European observers were to say again and again") for their hospitality, their belief in sharing."

Like most of Zinn's America hating screed, that's total make believe, at least according to Harvard University historian Oscar Handlin writing in The American Scholar:

"Hence the deranged quality of this fairy tale, in which the incidents are made to fit the legend, no matter how intractable the evidence of American history."

In actuality American Indians were savages and pre-Columbus America a living Hell for the weak. We've noted, "According to archaeologist James Chatters and Dr. Hugh Berryman the first Americans are culturally and facially European. The spear point found in white European Kennewick Man's pelvis 'appears' to be a late Prehistoric American Indian weapon." The Indians committed such comprehensive genocide it wasn't even discovered until thousands of years later. Yet more Indians are alive today than when Columbus arrived. Hmmm.

The Indians weren't very nice after they slaughtered the Europeans either.

According to sources from Wikipedia, "Alva Cortés Ixtlilxochitl, a Mexica descendant . . . estimated that one in five children of the Mexica subjects was killed annually," and "post-conquest sources report that at the re-consecration of the Great Pyramid of Tenochtitlan in 1487, the Aztecs sacrificed about 80,400 prisoners over the course of four days."

Eighty thousand murders in four days. Happy Indigenous Peoples Day!

"The Incas also performed child sacrifices during or after important events, such as the death of the Sapa Inca or during a famine. These sacrifices were known as capacocha." "The Skidi Pawnee practiced human sacrifice, specifically of captive girls, in the 'Morning Star ritual.' They continued this practice regularly through the 1810s and possibly after 1838, the last

reported sacrifice . . . "The practice of human sacrifice was widespread in the Mesoamerican and in the South American cultures . . ."

"In 'the eastern one-half of the United States, and the southern portion of Quebec and Ontario', cultural traditions for dealing with captives predated the arrival of Europeans, and involved . . . execution by torture. Some captives . . . teenage boys, would face death by ritual torture. . . . The torture was conducted publicly (children) watched and participated . . . burning the captive, . . . one hot coal at a time, . . . cutting with knives, beatings with switches or sticks, and jabs from sharp sticks . . . fingernails were ripped out . . . fingers were broken, then twisted and yanked by children (What fun!!!). Captives were made to eat pieces of their own flesh, and were scalped alive." "In contrast to the Eastern Woodlands tribes, peoples of the Northwest Coast enslaved war captives. Slaves were traded . . . given as gifts . . ." "To make the torture last longer . . . (Eastern tribes) would revive captives with rest periods during which time they were given food and water . . ."

You think that's wrong? Seriously?

Bigot! Racist!

Christopher Columbus was born the son of a humble weaver, but through courage and effort became one of the greatest explorers of all time. Most Indians weren't murdered, they died of disease. Columbus didn't employ forced labor until he returned on his second voyage to discover Villa de la Navidad destroyed and all 39 of the shipmates he'd left behind murdered. He was a man of his time, a brutal time, and was certainly no saint . . . unless you compare him to the "Indigenous Peoples."

Christopher Columbus deserves his day. So do we.

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