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## THE TRUTH BEHIND "THANK\_SKILLING

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The mainstream version of the Thanksgiving story paints a picture of courageous, Christian settlers, braving the perils of the New World and with the help of some friendly Natives, finding a way to make a new life for themselves. In the days around Thanksgiving, <mark>many teachers focus on this happy story</mark>, helping students make American Indian headdresses out of construction paper and holding Thanksgiving reenactments in their classrooms.

Very few teachers realize that construction headdresses and school re-enactments create a lump stereotype that Native Americans all wear the same regalia. These school activities also encourage young students to think it is okay to wear culture as a costume. This makes it hard for students to recognize the diversity of Native American tribes and makes students believe it's okay to mimic Native American traditional wear, without having an understanding of its spiritual significance.

Very few teachers get a chance to tell students about the massacres of Native tribes like the Pequot that took place in the years that followed. They also do not mention that English settlers robbed Wampanoag graves and stole food from them in order to survive during their first years on this new continent.

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

# Turkey (Dead Native American Body), Cranberry sauce (Blood), Stuffing (Guts)



Myth: The "first Thanksgiving" started the tradition that founded the holiday. Truth: The harvest celebration of 1621 was not called Thanksgiving and was not repeated every year. The next official "day of thanksgiving was after settlers massacred over 400 Pequot men, women, and children

Every year, news outlets and social media are a-buzz with Thanksgiving themes.

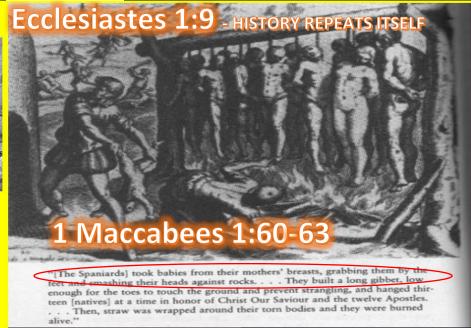
There is little coverage of the fact that November is Native American Heritage Month or that the day after Thanksgiving, known to most as Black Friday, is Native American Heritage Day.

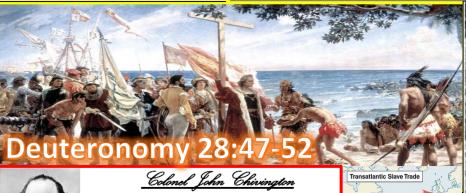


These atrocities happened to our brothers and sisters of the tribes of Gad & Reuben of the nation of Israel



Colonialism is defined as "control by one power over a dependent area or people." It occurs when one nation subjugates another, conquering its population and exploiting it, often while forcing its own language and cultural values upon its people.







Before Chivington and his men left the area, they plundered the tipis and took the horses. After the smoke cleared, Chivington's men came back and killed many of the wounded. They dressed their weapons, hats and gear with scalps and other body parts, including human fetuses and male and female genitalia.

Custer was the Hitler of the Plains. His cavalry murdered, pillaged and raped their way across Indian country in the late 1800s while he sat in the saddle and orchestrated the entire scene. His troopers made coin purses from the scrotums of Indian men and ornaments for their saddle horns out of the vaginas of Indian women.



TRAIL OF TEARS

The National Day of Mourning plaque on Cole's Hill in Plymouth, Massachusetts

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NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

Since 1970, Native Americans have gathered at noon on Coles Hill as Prymouth to commenceria a National Day of Mourning on the U.S. Thunksgring holiday, Many Native Americans do not orightest the arrival of the Pilgrims and other European settlers. To them, Thanksgring Day is a remitted of the genocide of millions of their people, the theft of their lands, and the relectives assessit on their culture. Participants in National Day of Mouraing hosor Native ancestors and the struggles of Native peoples to survive study. It is a day of remembrance and spiritual connection as well as a profess of the recisim and oppression which Native Americans continue to experience.

Erected by the Town of Flymouth on behalf of the United American Indians of New England

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As president from 1829 to 1837, Jackson is perhaps most famous for his pivotal role in Native Americans' painful and violent history in the United States. He signed the Indian Removal Act in 1830, which forced the relocation of more than 60,000 Native Americans to clear the way for white pioneers. The act helped lead to the "Trail of Tears," in which an estimated 4,000

Cherokee died during the harsh conditions of a long march during a forced relocation in 1838 and 1839. The Cherokees called Jackson "Indian killer"; the Creek called him "Sharp Knife."

The National Day of Mourning is an annual demonstration, held on the fourth Thursday in November, that aims to educate the public about Native Americans in the United States, notably the Wampanoag and other tribes of the Eastern United States; dispel myths surrounding the Thanksgiving story in the United States; and raise awareness toward historical and ongoing struggles facing Native American tribes. The first National Day of Mourning demonstration was held in 1970 after Frank "Wamsutta" James's speaking invitation was rescinded from a Massachusetts Thanksgiving Day celebration commemorating the 350th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower.