

Re: Retooling the Vision for Space Exploration

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On Fri, 29 Feb 2008 22:46:16 -0800 (PST), in a place far, far away,
Willie.Mookie@xxxxxxxxxx made the phosphor on my monitor glow in such a
way as to indicate that:

On Feb 29, 9:08 pm, simberg.interglo...@xxxxxxxxxx (Rand Simberg)
wrote:

On Fri, 29 Feb 2008 16:50:42 -0800 (PST), in a place far, far away,
Willie.Moo...@xxxxxxxxxx made the phosphor on my monitor glow in such a
way as to indicate that:

On Feb 29, 11:36 am, simberg.interglo...@xxxxxxxxxx (Rand
Simberg)
wrote:

On Fri, 29 Feb 2008 08:12:38 -0800 (PST),
in a place far, far away,
Willie.Moo...@xxxxxxxxxx made the
phosphor on my monitor glow in such a
way as to indicate that:

Good white Christian
soldiers roused people from
their homes for
which they had a deed for,
and had organized a
government to protect,
that was recognized in
documents signed by the
Federal government.
This was done in the dead of

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winter, putting them on a
forced march
through a blizzard with
laggards being shot, and
then those same good
Christians gave smallpox
infected blankets to those
who made it.

That's a myth.

Got references?

<http://www.bradley.edu/las/eng/lotm/TrailofTears/trailparent.htm>
<http://www.cherokeebyblood.com/trailtears.htm>

Without reading the links, is there anything in there about giving them smallpox–infected blankets?

Actually reading factual stuff is harder than repeating canards? lol.

You're the one repeating canards.

Unless there is a confession of insiders, no secret operation leaves evidence to indict those who organized it. You know this, hence your insistence on 'evidence' that you know cannot exist. So, you call it myth. The evidence however is clear. Having lost about half their number, due to European diseases for which they were ill prepared, the native Americans were forced to re–locate into the Westward frontiers and remain isolated as their numbers declined. When the germ theory of disease was discovered, do–gooders went West to inoculate native Americans. Other experts estimated that one half to one third of the original population of native Americans would ultimately survive. In response, the US government reversed its decisions related to isolating native Americans, signed legislation to attract the poor and destitute to the frontier (at the time they were thought to be harbingers of disease) and trade goods that were innocuous for generations (people in European style settlements – in close proximity with poor public hygiene transmit disease) – turned strangely toxic.

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That's what I was referring to.

In other words, you can't substantiate your claim that there was a deliberate policy to give infected blankets to the Indians.

Yeah, I know, and I know that the 'myth' as you call it was the result of a secret operation – and that such operations leave no evidence you would not call myth. Obviously the statistics speak for themselves.

This is loonytune land.

That isn't the soul of
Christian kindness. It was
done in the name
of racial purity.

What's your point? I never said anything
about Christian kindness.

By implication you did – repeating myths of your own about
supposed
Indian savagery as if that prove their culture had nothing of
substance to contribute to American culture.

The point wasn't that their culture had nothing to contribute.

That is a prejudice based on ignorance.

I see that you can't read.

My
point was that their culture was bloody,

The lies told by Europeans about native American culture, the lies you
repeat here, seemed bloody.

So tales of Indian torture, of each other, and of others are nothing

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but lies and propaganda? There was no human sacrifice in Mexico and Central America? Before the evil white man came, all was peace and harmony in the Americas?

and the notion that adopting
it would have somehow precluded wars was lunacy,

No it isn't. The defeat of Switzerland in the Swabian war in the 16th century led to a situation where there was a national decision to not engage in warfare ever again. In that age, because of that defeat Switzerland enunciated a vision for itself that did not involve warfare. Defense yes. Warfare no. It has lived in peace ever since – despite wars throughout the Swiss Empire prior to that time.

By the same token, defeat at the hands of the Europeans, the Europeans being white, and the White Maiden/White Buffalo as the bringer of mystical power, and the corruption of those warriors who looked upon the White Maiden with lust, combined with the pandemics caused by European diseases in native American communities – all led to a similar sort of insight in native American culture. Despite the breast beating of wannabe American heroes, native Americans pretty much did what they were told. This too was used to indict them. When they stood up for themselves and their culture, they savages. When they did what they were told, they were worthless ignorant excuses for men. When they explained their reasoning, they were superstitious primitives.

Had American culture embraced native American culture and saw the value in it, and in the people – as some intellectuals of the time did – our culture would be quite different indeed. Just as Switzerland's history is quite different than that of the rest of Europe.

absent any actual
arguments as to why it would have done so.

Well, I've given you the facts above.

You've given me a lot of what you believe to be facts. We are still awaiting something resembling an actual argument to support your claim that had we adopted native cultures we would have avoided the Civil War.

If you want to see cultures that
have done that, you have to look south of the border.

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You're a racist fool.

If you believe that a culture is a race, then you're the fool.

You see the word Spanish and you think it has some racial connotation.

No, I don't.

US culture is
largely Anglo Saxon.

The Peterborough Chronicle contains information about the history of England after the Norman Conquest.

it relates the events of The Anarchy in England. It is a highly moving account of torture, fear, confusion, and starvation.

Of course it was. I never claimed that England didn't have a bloody history, so once again, you toss in a non-sequitur.

<snip rest of irrelevant lunacy that I don't even have time to read carefully>

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