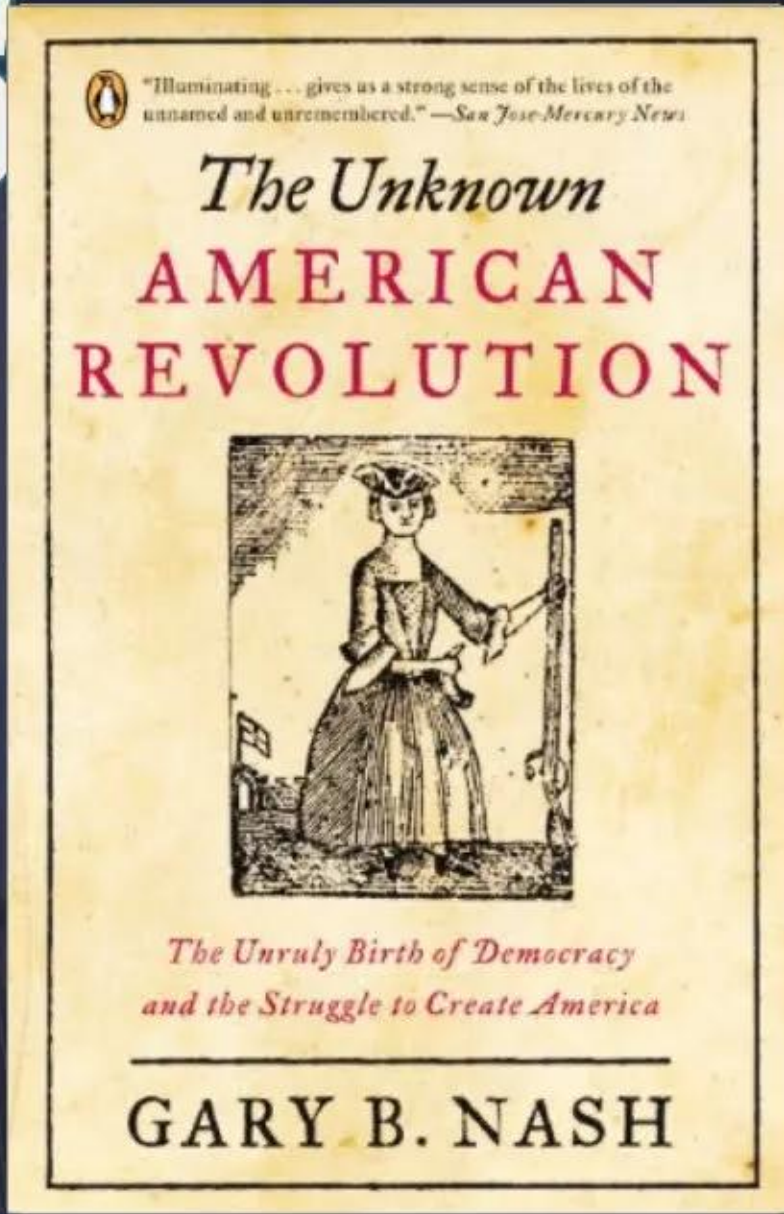


HIDDEN TRUTH SHOW WITH JIM BRESLO



DR. GARY B. NASH



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[Music]

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country is very divided right now

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00:00:11,830 --> 00:00:10,480
i think in my lifetime it seems like

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00:00:13,030 --> 00:00:11,840
it's the most divided i don't know if

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00:00:15,430 --> 00:00:13,040
you happen to

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00:00:18,390 --> 00:00:15,440
agree with that but you know this

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00:00:20,470 --> 00:00:18,400
dichotomy as far as the attitudes and

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00:00:22,390 --> 00:00:20,480
in politics in california and new york

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00:00:23,509 --> 00:00:22,400
versus a place like texas and florida i

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00:00:25,910 --> 00:00:23,519
mean texas and florida

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00:00:26,950 --> 00:00:25,920
are wide open arizona is mostly wide

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00:00:31,589 --> 00:00:26,960
open

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00:00:34,549 --> 00:00:31,599

um but you know the talk of secession

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00:00:35,030 --> 00:00:34,559

yeah is like a real thing now yeah well

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00:00:38,709 --> 00:00:35,040

yes

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uh uh one crazy thing

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it will never happen um it's thrown out

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there i think like

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00:00:48,549 --> 00:00:47,840

you throw red meat out and look for

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00:00:54,150 --> 00:00:48,559

people

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00:00:56,549 --> 00:00:54,160

i think it's absurd and i doubt that

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00:00:59,830 --> 00:00:56,559

this will go anywhere

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00:01:02,549 --> 00:00:59,840

but but i sometimes wonder is it really

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absurd and here's why i asked that in in

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00:01:07,750 --> 00:01:04,559

i'm asking an expert like you

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00:01:13,030 --> 00:01:07,760

i mean did the founders ever

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00:01:15,749 --> 00:01:13,040

envision that we would be this big

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00:01:17,510 --> 00:01:15,759

they knew the population was growing

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00:01:20,789 --> 00:01:17,520

rapidly that we were

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00:01:23,670 --> 00:01:20,799

the colonies were overtaking

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00:01:26,149 --> 00:01:23,680

the mother country franklin wrote about

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00:01:29,270 --> 00:01:26,159

that a kind of demographic exercise

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that he put out so they knew they were

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00:01:32,630 --> 00:01:31,439

growing very rapidly because the birth

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00:01:36,149 --> 00:01:32,640

rate was high

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00:01:38,950 --> 00:01:36,159

and the death rate was much much lower

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00:01:40,230 --> 00:01:38,960

than in europe or other parts of the

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00:01:44,950 --> 00:01:40,240

world

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00:01:46,950 --> 00:01:44,960

i don't think they imagined 330 million

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00:01:47,990 --> 00:01:46,960

but they definitely were counting on a

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00:01:51,190 --> 00:01:48,000

big

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00:01:54,389 --> 00:01:51,200

uptick in population not only

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the natural increase but very hefty

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rates of immigration

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well i look at there's talk about

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00:02:01,749 --> 00:02:00,159

breaking up google right now

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00:02:04,870 --> 00:02:01,759

breaking up facebook they're facing

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00:02:06,389 --> 00:02:04,880

antitrust claims and so on and

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00:02:08,070 --> 00:02:06,399

my attitude toward that is i think you

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00:02:09,990 --> 00:02:08,080

know what that's probably a good

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00:02:11,510 --> 00:02:10,000
thing to break up these companies and

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00:02:14,550 --> 00:02:11,520
when a company gets too large

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00:02:15,350 --> 00:02:14,560
the levels of bureaucracy and so on is

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00:02:18,630 --> 00:02:15,360
just

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00:02:20,229 --> 00:02:18,640
too much to manage if i was a owner of

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00:02:21,910 --> 00:02:20,239
google stock

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00:02:23,350 --> 00:02:21,920
i think i'd be in favor of a breakup

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00:02:25,750 --> 00:02:23,360
because instead i'm going to own

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00:02:27,589 --> 00:02:25,760
stock in 10 different companies each one

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00:02:30,309 --> 00:02:27,599
of them is probably going to be

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00:02:30,710 --> 00:02:30,319
more efficient than them together as a

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00:02:31,830 --> 00:02:30,720
whole

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00:02:33,670 --> 00:02:31,840

and i'll bet you and you know this

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00:02:33,990 --> 00:02:33,680

happened with the breakup of ma bell

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00:02:35,430 --> 00:02:34,000

right

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00:02:37,110 --> 00:02:35,440

i mean it's broken up into multiple

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00:02:40,229 --> 00:02:37,120

companies that ended up doing

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00:02:41,110 --> 00:02:40,239

independently very well and one of the

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00:02:44,309 --> 00:02:41,120

things we're

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00:02:45,509 --> 00:02:44,319

after here is competition right every

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00:02:48,550 --> 00:02:45,519

time a merger is

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00:02:50,630 --> 00:02:48,560

announced the pr is that it

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00:02:51,589 --> 00:02:50,640

will lead to greater efficiency and

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00:02:54,630 --> 00:02:51,599

therefore

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00:02:57,910 --> 00:02:54,640

lower price to the consumer

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00:03:00,229 --> 00:02:57,920

uh a year later turns out i don't know

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00:03:01,589 --> 00:03:00,239

about efficiency but the prices don't go

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00:03:03,750 --> 00:03:01,599

down

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00:03:05,030 --> 00:03:03,760

yeah so competition has been one of the

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00:03:07,430 --> 00:03:05,040

keys yeah

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00:03:08,949 --> 00:03:07,440

so so just as just as those companies

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00:03:12,229 --> 00:03:08,959

have gotten too large

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i mean the idea of politicians in

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washington dc

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having to manage this country that

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stretches over

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six time zones and it's 340 million

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00:03:25,589 --> 00:03:22,800

people

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and you've got such a divergence of

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00:03:29,670 --> 00:03:26,560

views now

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between those in california oregon and

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washington

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versus those in texas and florida versus

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00:03:39,670 --> 00:03:36,319

those in the northeast

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um why would this necessarily be a bad

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well if america broke in three we'd have

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00:03:51,910 --> 00:03:48,959

three state departments three

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departments of agriculture we would have

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uh tax revenue problems uh

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i think it would be a disaster for for

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00:04:02,070 --> 00:03:59,040
the seceding

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00:04:05,750 --> 00:04:02,080
states if we count them

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00:04:08,710 --> 00:04:05,760
as read today because

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00:04:10,869 --> 00:04:08,720
wealth is concentrated on the two coasts

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00:04:14,470 --> 00:04:10,879
and then in texas of course

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00:04:18,469 --> 00:04:14,480
but the seceding states would be

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00:04:21,110 --> 00:04:18,479
mostly rural um and i think incapable of

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00:04:24,629 --> 00:04:21,120
competing on this global market

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00:04:29,909 --> 00:04:28,150
did not anticipate the civil war um

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00:04:32,870 --> 00:04:29,919
but they did think that governments

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00:04:34,870 --> 00:04:32,880
should be close to the people

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00:04:36,550 --> 00:04:34,880
yeah i i don't think this is going

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00:04:38,390 --> 00:04:36,560

anywhere as i said

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00:04:40,150 --> 00:04:38,400

yeah but it's it's the close to the

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00:04:43,270 --> 00:04:40,160

people part that i'm kind of

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00:04:45,430 --> 00:04:43,280

focused on because it's gotten a lot

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00:04:47,270 --> 00:04:45,440

further away from the people i mean

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00:04:50,550 --> 00:04:47,280

didn't the founders believe that local

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00:04:52,870 --> 00:04:50,560

government was the best government

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00:04:54,070 --> 00:04:52,880

uh depending on your point of view the

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00:04:58,070 --> 00:04:54,080

federalists

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00:05:01,749 --> 00:04:58,080

uh let's take hamilton as a leader there

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uh believed in more concentration of

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power in the federal government than the

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jeffersonians

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00:05:09,270 --> 00:05:07,360
who thought that the power should reside

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00:05:10,950 --> 00:05:09,280
in the states primarily

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00:05:12,870 --> 00:05:10,960
and that's one reason the electoral

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00:05:16,550 --> 00:05:12,880
college was invented

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00:05:19,350 --> 00:05:16,560
because it would curb the

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00:05:20,070 --> 00:05:19,360
democratic impulses centered in the

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00:05:27,670 --> 00:05:20,080
states

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00:05:28,390 --> 00:05:27,680
but but even hamilton being a federalist

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00:05:30,070 --> 00:05:28,400
and and

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00:05:31,590 --> 00:05:30,080
wanting more centralized powers than the

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00:05:34,310 --> 00:05:31,600
others compared to the amount of

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00:05:36,230 --> 00:05:34,320
centralized power there is today

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00:05:38,230 --> 00:05:36,240

doesn't that go even far beyond even

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00:05:41,350 --> 00:05:38,240

what hamilton had envisioned

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00:05:44,390 --> 00:05:41,360

oh sure way way beyond but this is

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00:05:47,430 --> 00:05:44,400

250 years later 275

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00:05:49,029 --> 00:05:47,440

years later so how do you feel about

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00:05:50,950 --> 00:05:49,039

some attempt to

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00:05:52,790 --> 00:05:50,960

correct that are you familiar with uh

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00:05:55,909 --> 00:05:52,800

mark levin's

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00:05:59,830 --> 00:05:55,919

book the the um

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00:06:02,390 --> 00:05:59,840

liberty amendments i'm not

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00:06:03,510 --> 00:06:02,400

so i think it's a mark levin who's a big

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00:06:04,950 --> 00:06:03,520

conservative

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00:06:07,510 --> 00:06:04,960

thinker and he was in the reagan

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00:06:10,150 --> 00:06:07,520

administration and so on and so he's a

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00:06:11,430 --> 00:06:10,160

strict constitutionalist conservative

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00:06:14,629 --> 00:06:11,440

however

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00:06:18,230 --> 00:06:14,639

he actually is promoting the idea of

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10 new amendments to the constitution

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00:06:23,909 --> 00:06:22,160

the idea being to help bring it back

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00:06:25,749 --> 00:06:23,919

to what the original intent was because

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00:06:26,309 --> 00:06:25,759

so many things have gone too far whether

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00:06:27,990 --> 00:06:26,319

it be

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00:06:29,590 --> 00:06:28,000

you know the commerce clause getting

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00:06:32,950 --> 00:06:29,600

blown up or what have you

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00:06:34,469 --> 00:06:32,960

that we we need a full correction to get

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00:06:35,590 --> 00:06:34,479

it back to what the original intent of

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00:06:37,909 --> 00:06:35,600

the founders

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00:06:38,790 --> 00:06:37,919

were that essentially through a series

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00:06:41,590 --> 00:06:38,800

of supreme court

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00:06:42,950 --> 00:06:41,600

decisions etc etc that it's it's gotten

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00:06:46,390 --> 00:06:42,960

away from its

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original uh intention kind of as you

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00:06:49,510 --> 00:06:47,759

just pointed out that you know even

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00:06:50,950 --> 00:06:49,520

hamilton wouldn't have envisioned

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00:06:53,909 --> 00:06:50,960

the centralized government getting this

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big well i'd have to look at those 10

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00:06:56,710 --> 00:06:55,680

amendments so that would be very

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00:07:00,629 --> 00:06:56,720

interesting

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00:07:03,189 --> 00:07:00,639

but every amendment requires both houses

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00:07:04,550 --> 00:07:03,199

and and three quarters of the states to

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00:07:06,790 --> 00:07:04,560

endorse it

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uh and if we were to say well let's

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start over again

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and ten new amendments sounds almost

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like we're

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he's asking to start over again uh

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we think they're just unified now

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try to start over again on the

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constitution then

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then i don't know this would be chaos

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take it to the highest level yeah one

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one humorous thing i was thinking about

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is

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if you were to break up into three

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countries

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so now you'd have three constitutional

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conventions theoretically i guess one of

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them could

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could say oh we love the constitution as

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00:07:41,909 --> 00:07:40,880

it is so we're going to stick with it

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00:07:44,869 --> 00:07:41,919

but

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if if california was drafting its

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constitution

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00:07:50,390 --> 00:07:48,160
it would be quite different wouldn't it

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00:07:51,909 --> 00:07:50,400
be about

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00:07:53,430 --> 00:07:51,919
all the rights that people are entitled

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00:07:55,990 --> 00:07:53,440
to you're entitled to

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00:07:57,270 --> 00:07:56,000
health care you're entitled to a home

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00:07:59,430 --> 00:07:57,280
you're entitled to

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00:08:01,270 --> 00:07:59,440
a job would be all these things that

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00:08:04,550 --> 00:08:01,280
government is required

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00:08:05,990 --> 00:08:04,560
to provide for you yeah well california

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00:08:07,830 --> 00:08:06,000
certainly would be different than let's

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00:08:10,469 --> 00:08:07,840
say north dakota

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00:08:12,950 --> 00:08:10,479
but we have in california have had for

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00:08:14,390 --> 00:08:12,960

quite a long time the movement to split

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up california

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that were those in the northern rural

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mountainous

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areas have very little in common

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with the people in san diego los angeles

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and san francisco

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the coastal earth the coastal urbanites

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so we've always had that secession

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movement in

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california they wanted northern

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california

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to be called jefferson or something like

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that

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so from a constitutional perspective

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00:08:49,829 --> 00:08:44,159

what would be

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00:08:54,470 --> 00:08:52,829

is there a mechanism for a state to

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00:08:57,590 --> 00:08:54,480

self-divide

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00:08:57,990 --> 00:08:57,600

not that i know of it would have to take

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00:09:02,310 --> 00:08:58,000

a

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00:09:06,949 --> 00:09:02,320

of here

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00:09:08,070 --> 00:09:06,959

lose social security they would lose

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00:09:10,949 --> 00:09:08,080

medicare

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00:09:12,790 --> 00:09:10,959

they would lose federal water rights at

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00:09:14,790 --> 00:09:12,800

a cheap rate

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00:09:17,590 --> 00:09:14,800

they would lose an awful lot and they

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00:09:19,750 --> 00:09:17,600

couldn't produce the income to support

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such programs on their own

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so it's a pretty um

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much a splitter splitter group and uh

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not a very realistic idea and if a state

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wanted to secede

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from the united states there's no

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00:09:43,190 --> 00:09:38,959

is there a process for that uh well

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00:09:45,269 --> 00:09:43,200

i guess that takes us back to 1861.

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we would the federal government would

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00:09:53,910 --> 00:09:51,110

so the the founders did not envision any

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00:09:57,829 --> 00:09:53,920

process by which a state could decide

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on its own to leave the union

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no they didn't imagine this

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they knew that there were tensions

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between the northern states

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and the southern states and they managed

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to compromise on that

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hamilton got his financial economic

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program through

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the south got the nation's capital

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moving from philadelphia to the banks of

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the potomac

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so when we last spoke we talked a lot

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about what's going on in

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in the schools and you played a central

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role in

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in developing national history standards

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and

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received a lot of criticism from the

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right for

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things that you chose to include in

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there

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starting with that what is it that you

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saw

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when you were involved in that that was

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not being taught

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up in in our u.s history classes that

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you thought needed to be taught

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well um not me so much as

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the advisory council

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of the 100 of 31 organizations

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who were pulled under the big umbrella

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and hundreds and hundreds of teachers

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who participated in joining scholars

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to to answer the question you've just

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asked what's left out what do our kids

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need to know

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it was the biggest consensus building

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00:11:30,870 --> 00:11:27,519

project

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00:11:31,670 --> 00:11:30,880

in american education that we've ever

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had

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00:11:35,670 --> 00:11:34,079

where teachers in the trenches and

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00:11:38,470 --> 00:11:35,680

scholars in their

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00:11:40,310 --> 00:11:38,480

ivory or not so ivory towers were

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00:11:44,949 --> 00:11:40,320

reaching out to each other

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00:11:48,870 --> 00:11:44,959

and say let's figure this out together

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00:11:51,990 --> 00:11:48,880

let's not hand it to some group

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00:11:52,470 --> 00:11:52,000

centered in washington or any other

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00:11:54,629 --> 00:11:52,480

place

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00:11:55,670 --> 00:11:54,639

let's do it together so it was an

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enormous

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00:12:01,590 --> 00:11:58,880
consensus building project and

302
00:12:03,430 --> 00:12:01,600
well what was decided it took many many

303
00:12:06,470 --> 00:12:03,440
drafts

304
00:12:08,150 --> 00:12:06,480
but what was not part of the big blow up

305
00:12:11,509 --> 00:12:08,160
media blow up

306
00:12:14,870 --> 00:12:11,519
which was the thing most needed

307
00:12:18,150 --> 00:12:14,880
in k-12 education was world

308
00:12:21,030 --> 00:12:18,160
history world history was

309
00:12:23,509 --> 00:12:21,040
not taught very much and very well

310
00:12:26,710 --> 00:12:23,519
teachers were not prepared to teach it

311
00:12:29,750 --> 00:12:26,720
most states gave it a nod in texas

312
00:12:32,710 --> 00:12:29,760
the only course the kids would get

313
00:12:34,389 --> 00:12:32,720

on their way to college was called texas

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00:12:36,949 --> 00:12:34,399

of the world

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00:12:38,389 --> 00:12:36,959

which wasn't really world history at all

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00:12:41,509 --> 00:12:38,399

it was about

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00:12:43,910 --> 00:12:41,519

texas growing involvement in global

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00:12:45,990 --> 00:12:43,920

economy and things like that

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00:12:47,509 --> 00:12:46,000

but on all the flack came on the

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00:12:50,310 --> 00:12:47,519

american side

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00:12:52,389 --> 00:12:50,320

not a whisper on the contribution these

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00:12:54,150 --> 00:12:52,399

standards made to world history

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00:12:55,910 --> 00:12:54,160

which was very difficult really

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00:12:57,030 --> 00:12:55,920

inventing what was not yet in the

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00:13:00,069 --> 00:12:57,040

schools

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00:13:02,870 --> 00:13:00,079

what was done in u.s history

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00:13:03,509 --> 00:13:02,880

was mostly done in the schools attention

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00:13:05,509 --> 00:13:03,519

to women

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00:13:07,910 --> 00:13:05,519

attention african-americans native

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00:13:11,110 --> 00:13:07,920

americans latino americans

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00:13:15,590 --> 00:13:11,120

the poor working class stiff

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00:13:19,350 --> 00:13:18,069

and what do you say to those that say

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00:13:21,829 --> 00:13:19,360

that now

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00:13:22,870 --> 00:13:21,839

the role of slavery in the teaching of

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00:13:26,949 --> 00:13:22,880

america's

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00:13:29,590 --> 00:13:26,959

past is taken over

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00:13:30,150 --> 00:13:29,600

talking about all the important elements

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00:13:31,910 --> 00:13:30,160

of what

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00:13:34,069 --> 00:13:31,920

america was breaking away from which was

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00:13:35,670 --> 00:13:34,079

a monarchy and the idea that

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00:13:37,829 --> 00:13:35,680

they all are born created equal you're

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00:13:39,829 --> 00:13:37,839

not born into a class system and so on

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00:13:42,310 --> 00:13:39,839

that there's a segment out there that

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00:13:45,110 --> 00:13:42,320

seems to want to be dismissive of

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00:13:46,870 --> 00:13:45,120

our founding because of slavery i think

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00:13:50,470 --> 00:13:46,880

it's a very small

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00:13:53,030 --> 00:13:50,480

um group i don't think this

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00:13:54,230 --> 00:13:53,040

that slavery has overtaken the u.s

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00:13:58,069 --> 00:13:54,240

curriculum

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00:14:02,150 --> 00:13:58,079

in any but possibly a couple of

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00:14:05,509 --> 00:14:02,160

uh outlier school districts

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00:14:06,470 --> 00:14:05,519

it's been 20 years since the afrocentric

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00:14:09,670 --> 00:14:06,480

idea

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00:14:11,829 --> 00:14:09,680

took hold uh in some quarters

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00:14:13,590 --> 00:14:11,839

and that was the idea that we start with

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00:14:17,509 --> 00:14:13,600

africans in america and

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00:14:19,269 --> 00:14:17,519

lead out from there the use of ebonics

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00:14:22,389 --> 00:14:19,279

do you remember ebonics

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00:14:23,910 --> 00:14:22,399

the use of of what would pass as kind of

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00:14:26,550 --> 00:14:23,920

street language

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00:14:28,870 --> 00:14:26,560

um in african-american communities and

362

00:14:31,750 --> 00:14:28,880

ebonics was being taught

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00:14:33,189 --> 00:14:31,760

as a language in the oakland school

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00:14:35,269 --> 00:14:33,199

schools for example

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00:14:37,189 --> 00:14:35,279

for just a couple of years and the

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00:14:40,310 --> 00:14:37,199

afrocentric

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00:14:42,629 --> 00:14:40,320

approach to american history faded

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00:14:44,389 --> 00:14:42,639

pretty quickly from the screen

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00:14:47,350 --> 00:14:44,399

so i think it's wrong to say that

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00:14:49,670 --> 00:14:47,360

slavery has overtaken

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00:14:51,990 --> 00:14:49,680

the teaching of u.s history it's an

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00:14:52,710 --> 00:14:52,000

essential part of u.s history without

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00:14:55,910 --> 00:14:52,720

slavery

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00:14:57,750 --> 00:14:55,920

we don't have american history but what

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00:14:59,189 --> 00:14:57,760

about the 1619 project isn't that

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00:15:01,030 --> 00:14:59,199

something that you would say is kind of

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00:15:04,150 --> 00:15:01,040

trying to revert back to that and

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00:15:05,350 --> 00:15:04,160

making that the center again well the

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00:15:08,310 --> 00:15:05,360

1619

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00:15:09,509 --> 00:15:08,320

project of the new york times is one

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00:15:12,150 --> 00:15:09,519

piece of curriculum

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00:15:13,030 --> 00:15:12,160

among thousands of pieces of curriculum

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00:15:16,069 --> 00:15:13,040

out there

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00:15:18,629 --> 00:15:16,079

the irish potato fam famine

385

00:15:19,910 --> 00:15:18,639

also gets its play in some states as a

386

00:15:21,590 --> 00:15:19,920

mandatory

387

00:15:24,790 --> 00:15:21,600

requirement as part of the u.s

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00:15:28,470 --> 00:15:24,800

curriculum it may be one day

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00:15:29,430 --> 00:15:28,480

the 1619 project yes does want to focus

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00:15:32,550 --> 00:15:29,440

attention

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00:15:35,030 --> 00:15:32,560

on slavery in its aftermath in america

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00:15:35,910 --> 00:15:35,040

um but that's not to take over us

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00:15:40,230 --> 00:15:35,920

history

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00:15:42,230 --> 00:15:40,240

it's it's to call for a larger role

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00:15:44,150 --> 00:15:42,240

of the study of slavery african

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00:15:46,470 --> 00:15:44,160

americans and the struggle for freedom

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00:15:50,230 --> 00:15:46,480

over four centuries

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00:15:53,430 --> 00:15:50,240

so help people understand how to digest

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00:15:57,030 --> 00:15:53,440

the fact that thomas jefferson who

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00:15:59,269 --> 00:15:57,040

wrote that all men are created equal

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00:16:01,590 --> 00:15:59,279
right they're all born equal you're not

402
00:16:04,069 --> 00:16:01,600
born into

403
00:16:06,949 --> 00:16:04,079
a particular family of privilege or what

404
00:16:11,189 --> 00:16:06,959
have you got god created all of us equal

405
00:16:13,509 --> 00:16:11,199
yet he owned slaves yes

406
00:16:15,749 --> 00:16:13,519
the founding fathers called it natural

407
00:16:18,550 --> 00:16:15,759
rights inalienable rights

408
00:16:20,389 --> 00:16:18,560
those that you didn't earn those that

409
00:16:23,749 --> 00:16:20,399
weren't gifted to you

410
00:16:27,749 --> 00:16:23,759
those rights that you were born with yes

411
00:16:29,509 --> 00:16:27,759
and about 20 of the population

412
00:16:31,189 --> 00:16:29,519
uh when the constitution when the

413
00:16:34,790 --> 00:16:31,199

declaration was written

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00:16:37,670 --> 00:16:34,800

were african-americans and of that 20

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00:16:40,230 --> 00:16:37,680

it very very low percentage who were

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00:16:42,470 --> 00:16:40,240

free almost all of them were enslaved

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00:16:43,430 --> 00:16:42,480

so how did the family fathers reconcile

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00:16:48,389 --> 00:16:43,440

that

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00:16:52,389 --> 00:16:50,470

what they believed in theory was not

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00:16:55,749 --> 00:16:52,399

carried out in practice

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00:16:57,509 --> 00:16:55,759

and some argued and still argue today

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00:16:59,829 --> 00:16:57,519

that they didn't consider african

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00:17:02,949 --> 00:16:59,839

americans to be part of the

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00:17:05,189 --> 00:17:02,959

deal they were talking about white

425

00:17:07,909 --> 00:17:05,199

americans

426
00:17:09,510 --> 00:17:07,919
but that's that's not entirely true

427
00:17:12,870 --> 00:17:09,520
because there were certainly

428
00:17:13,669 --> 00:17:12,880
those at the time white founding father

429
00:17:15,909 --> 00:17:13,679
types

430
00:17:17,189 --> 00:17:15,919
who were busy freeing their slaves

431
00:17:19,829 --> 00:17:17,199
because they knew it

432
00:17:21,750 --> 00:17:19,839
ran against natural rights inalienal

433
00:17:26,069 --> 00:17:21,760
rights

434
00:17:29,350 --> 00:17:26,079
hamilton himself was one of those

435
00:17:33,110 --> 00:17:29,360
so when jefferson writes

436
00:17:35,909 --> 00:17:33,120
all men are created equal what's

437
00:17:36,950 --> 00:17:35,919
going through his head at the time that

438
00:17:40,710 --> 00:17:36,960

he writes that when

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00:17:41,590 --> 00:17:40,720

he knows that um

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00:17:43,990 --> 00:17:41,600

i mean they weren't writing the

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00:17:46,470 --> 00:17:44,000

constitution at the time but but

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00:17:47,190 --> 00:17:46,480

he knows that the direction is that

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00:17:51,669 --> 00:17:47,200

everyone

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00:17:54,710 --> 00:17:51,679

is supposed to be created by god equally

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00:17:57,510 --> 00:17:54,720

well it's one of those

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00:17:59,669 --> 00:17:57,520

contradictions that they felt they

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00:18:02,710 --> 00:17:59,679

couldn't solve at the time

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00:18:05,830 --> 00:18:02,720

washington left in his will

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00:18:09,110 --> 00:18:05,840

freedom for all the slaves he had

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00:18:11,909 --> 00:18:09,120

when he died or when martha agreed to it

451
00:18:12,950 --> 00:18:11,919
so he came aboard the abolitionist

452
00:18:14,470 --> 00:18:12,960
bandwagon

453
00:18:15,990 --> 00:18:14,480
and there were abolitionists in the

454
00:18:18,070 --> 00:18:16,000
revolutionary period

455
00:18:19,029 --> 00:18:18,080
they weren't their voice wasn't very

456
00:18:21,350 --> 00:18:19,039
loud

457
00:18:22,870 --> 00:18:21,360
but it continued to grow all the way up

458
00:18:25,110 --> 00:18:22,880
to the civil war

459
00:18:26,230 --> 00:18:25,120
and some heeded it washington was the

460
00:18:28,630 --> 00:18:26,240
founding father

461
00:18:29,430 --> 00:18:28,640
who heeded it the most benjamin franklin

462
00:18:33,029 --> 00:18:29,440
also

463
00:18:34,789 --> 00:18:33,039

uh he did own slaves but he never died

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00:18:38,549 --> 00:18:34,799

with slaves on his hands

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00:18:41,350 --> 00:18:38,559

neither ran away or they were freed

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00:18:41,990 --> 00:18:41,360

so the idea was certainly in the air

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00:18:45,190 --> 00:18:42,000

that natural

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00:18:49,750 --> 00:18:45,200

rights did include african americans

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00:18:53,029 --> 00:18:49,760

but when and how are we going to

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00:18:56,150 --> 00:18:53,039

uh give freedom to what was about 500

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00:18:59,669 --> 00:18:56,160

000 slaves out of two and a half million

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00:19:03,029 --> 00:18:59,679

in say 1776 when

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00:19:05,190 --> 00:19:03,039

and how and it would have been

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00:19:07,190 --> 00:19:05,200

near impossible to put together this

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00:19:08,549 --> 00:19:07,200

union of these 13 colonies under this

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00:19:13,350 --> 00:19:08,559

new constitution

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00:19:15,909 --> 00:19:13,360

if it included freeing all the slaves

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00:19:17,350 --> 00:19:15,919

there were plans to do that they uh

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00:19:20,950 --> 00:19:17,360

pennsylvania did it

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00:19:23,990 --> 00:19:20,960

as a state in 1780 it was the first

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00:19:27,029 --> 00:19:24,000

of the 13 colonies now states

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00:19:30,390 --> 00:19:27,039

that created an emancipation

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00:19:32,070 --> 00:19:30,400

act but it was called gradual abolition

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00:19:33,510 --> 00:19:32,080

it didn't free all the slaves in

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00:19:36,630 --> 00:19:33,520

pennsylvania at once

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00:19:40,870 --> 00:19:36,640

he said those born into slavery

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00:19:43,190 --> 00:19:40,880

of a slave woman after january 1st 1780

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00:19:44,150 --> 00:19:43,200

would be free and they would be free

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00:19:47,270 --> 00:19:44,160

after

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00:19:48,870 --> 00:19:47,280

serving a certain number of years as an

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00:19:51,350 --> 00:19:48,880

indentured servant was

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00:19:52,150 --> 00:19:51,360

that was the first time as to any place

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00:19:55,110 --> 00:19:52,160

in the western

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00:19:55,669 --> 00:19:55,120

world that is that a political body

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00:19:58,950 --> 00:19:55,679

actually

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00:20:00,549 --> 00:19:58,960

took the dive and passed a gradual

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00:20:01,830 --> 00:20:00,559

abolition act the northern states

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00:20:04,710 --> 00:20:01,840

followed in line

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00:20:05,510 --> 00:20:04,720

up through 1804 when new york was the

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00:20:07,669 --> 00:20:05,520

latest

501
00:20:08,630 --> 00:20:07,679
of the states to do that did it spread

502
00:20:11,750 --> 00:20:08,640
to the south

503
00:20:14,630 --> 00:20:11,760
no but it did spread to individual

504
00:20:16,070 --> 00:20:14,640
slave owners of freeing for example some

505
00:20:18,630 --> 00:20:16,080
ten thousand

506
00:20:20,870 --> 00:20:18,640
enslaved men and women in virginia by

507
00:20:23,190 --> 00:20:20,880
eighteen hundred

508
00:20:24,870 --> 00:20:23,200
so but it was certainly the center of

509
00:20:25,990 --> 00:20:24,880
much debate because you have the

510
00:20:28,710 --> 00:20:26,000
infamous

511
00:20:29,669 --> 00:20:28,720
compromise of counting uh african

512
00:20:31,350 --> 00:20:29,679
americans or

513
00:20:32,870 --> 00:20:31,360

africans at the time i guess as

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00:20:35,110 --> 00:20:32,880

three-fifths

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00:20:35,909 --> 00:20:35,120

and kind of the irony of that a lot of

516

00:20:38,710 --> 00:20:35,919

people don't

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00:20:40,390 --> 00:20:38,720

focus on so much it was the south that

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00:20:43,669 --> 00:20:40,400

wanted them to be counted

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00:20:43,990 --> 00:20:43,679

fully yes it was the north that didn't

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00:20:45,430 --> 00:20:44,000

want

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them counted as fully because it would

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have given way way too much

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00:20:51,990 --> 00:20:49,280

representation yes to the south

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00:20:53,750 --> 00:20:52,000

yes exactly and and is is that also

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00:20:57,029 --> 00:20:53,760

because

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00:20:58,870 --> 00:20:57,039
the north essentially opposed slavery so

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00:21:00,630 --> 00:20:58,880
they felt if we give too much power to

528
00:21:02,549 --> 00:21:00,640
the south it'll be very difficult to

529
00:21:04,710 --> 00:21:02,559
ever abolish it

530
00:21:06,789 --> 00:21:04,720
well they did talk about this what they

531
00:21:10,149 --> 00:21:06,799
call the slave power

532
00:21:12,950 --> 00:21:10,159
the power of the south south based on

533
00:21:14,549 --> 00:21:12,960
slavery and the greater representation

534
00:21:18,070 --> 00:21:14,559
gave in congress

535
00:21:21,110 --> 00:21:18,080
so word was around actually the

536
00:21:22,630 --> 00:21:21,120
two published plans for gradual

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00:21:25,110 --> 00:21:22,640
abolition of slavery

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00:21:26,870 --> 00:21:25,120

were both written by virginians and

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00:21:29,830 --> 00:21:26,880

friends of jefferson

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00:21:30,710 --> 00:21:29,840

and this is in the 1790s they weren't

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00:21:34,470 --> 00:21:30,720

published

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00:21:36,470 --> 00:21:34,480

as you can imagine in richmond virginia

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00:21:38,789 --> 00:21:36,480

these gradual abolition plans they were

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00:21:40,630 --> 00:21:38,799

published in philadelphia

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00:21:43,110 --> 00:21:40,640

which was the center of quaker

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00:21:45,510 --> 00:21:43,120

abolitionism

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00:21:47,430 --> 00:21:45,520

so of of the founders that most of us

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00:21:51,830 --> 00:21:47,440

think about say the top

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00:21:54,950 --> 00:21:51,840

20 or so how many of them own slaves

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00:21:55,270 --> 00:21:54,960

well the first four president no adams

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00:21:58,230 --> 00:21:55,280
was

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00:21:59,750 --> 00:21:58,240
of the exception other than adams four

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00:22:03,190 --> 00:21:59,760
out of the first five pres

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00:22:06,789 --> 00:22:03,200
presidents were slave owners um

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00:22:08,230 --> 00:22:06,799
so slavery is rooted in the south for

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00:22:11,430 --> 00:22:08,240
sure

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00:22:11,669 --> 00:22:11,440
but the argument of slave owners was let

558
00:22:15,510 --> 00:22:11,679
us

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00:22:18,310 --> 00:22:15,520
alone and it will die out gradually

560
00:22:19,110 --> 00:22:18,320
because more people die than are born of

561
00:22:21,510 --> 00:22:19,120
slavery

562
00:22:22,950 --> 00:22:21,520
well that was certainly true all over

563
00:22:25,510 --> 00:22:22,960

the caribbean

564

00:22:26,950 --> 00:22:25,520

take jamaica british colony for example

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00:22:30,630 --> 00:22:26,960

two deaths

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00:22:32,470 --> 00:22:30,640

for every live birth you couldn't

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00:22:33,750 --> 00:22:32,480

keep a slave economy going without

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00:22:36,390 --> 00:22:33,760

importing slaves

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00:22:38,310 --> 00:22:36,400

the south said we agreed to stop the

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00:22:41,669 --> 00:22:38,320

slave trade in 20 years

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00:22:43,510 --> 00:22:41,679

1808 right and there

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00:22:45,270 --> 00:22:43,520

the numbers will go down because there

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00:22:47,990 --> 00:22:45,280

will be more deaths

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00:22:50,630 --> 00:22:48,000

than births and then came along the

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00:22:52,390 --> 00:22:50,640

first federal census of 1790

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00:22:55,110 --> 00:22:52,400
and they looked at the numbers and they

577
00:22:57,590 --> 00:22:55,120
said oh my god we got it wrong

578
00:22:58,710 --> 00:22:57,600
they're more births than deaths slavery

579
00:23:01,990 --> 00:22:58,720
is growing

580
00:23:05,990 --> 00:23:02,000
500 000 roughly 1776

581
00:23:07,510 --> 00:23:06,000
800 000 in 1800 it's growing leaked by

582
00:23:09,350 --> 00:23:07,520
leaps and bounds

583
00:23:11,510 --> 00:23:09,360
oh now we have a different problem on

584
00:23:14,390 --> 00:23:11,520
our hands

585
00:23:14,789 --> 00:23:14,400
and where else had slavery at the time

586
00:23:24,710 --> 00:23:14,799
the

587
00:23:27,830 --> 00:23:24,720
how about europe

588
00:23:30,870 --> 00:23:27,840

well england which was

589

00:23:34,149 --> 00:23:30,880

leading the slave trade with its

590

00:23:37,830 --> 00:23:34,159

merchant ships their slave ships did

591

00:23:39,750 --> 00:23:37,840

in effect abolish slavery in 1772

592

00:23:42,950 --> 00:23:39,760

not in their colonies not in jamaica and

593

00:23:46,549 --> 00:23:42,960

bermud bermuda and antigua and barbados

594

00:23:49,110 --> 00:23:46,559

but the high court said

595

00:23:51,430 --> 00:23:49,120

if you plant your foot on english soil

596

00:23:55,110 --> 00:23:51,440

you cannot be a slave

597

00:23:57,350 --> 00:23:55,120

but it took until 1833 for england to

598

00:24:01,590 --> 00:23:57,360

abolish slavery in its colonies

599

00:24:04,630 --> 00:24:01,600

well it took us till 1865.

600

00:24:06,630 --> 00:24:04,640

but yes slavery was rooted all over not

601
00:24:08,630 --> 00:24:06,640
just the caribbean but all over south

602
00:24:11,590 --> 00:24:08,640
america there's no such thing as a

603
00:24:12,230 --> 00:24:11,600
colony without slaves and the largest of

604
00:24:15,430 --> 00:24:12,240
all was

605
00:24:18,230 --> 00:24:17,110
there's a very controversial statement i

606
00:24:20,070 --> 00:24:18,240
think it's already been totally

607
00:24:22,710 --> 00:24:20,080
discredited but i'll let you

608
00:24:23,350 --> 00:24:22,720
address it that came from the 1619

609
00:24:25,029 --> 00:24:23,360
project

610
00:24:27,909 --> 00:24:25,039
and i think they've since retracted it

611
00:24:29,990 --> 00:24:27,919
but it says one of the primary reasons

612
00:24:31,430 --> 00:24:30,000
the colonists decided to declare their

613
00:24:33,190 --> 00:24:31,440

independence from britain

614

00:24:36,310 --> 00:24:33,200

was because they wanted to protect the

615

00:24:40,269 --> 00:24:36,320

institution of slavery

616

00:24:41,990 --> 00:24:40,279

well that is um let's say a

617

00:24:45,430 --> 00:24:42,000

misrepresentation

618

00:24:48,470 --> 00:24:45,440

or we could go farther and say

619

00:24:51,350 --> 00:24:48,480

that's not true

620

00:24:52,789 --> 00:24:51,360

what is true is that when the

621

00:24:57,230 --> 00:24:52,799

revolutionary war

622

00:24:58,390 --> 00:24:57,240

moved from north to south in late

623

00:25:00,230 --> 00:24:58,400

1779-1780

624

00:25:01,990 --> 00:25:00,240

and the rest of the american revolution

625

00:25:02,789 --> 00:25:02,000

the war for independence was fought on

626
00:25:05,750 --> 00:25:02,799
the south

627
00:25:08,549 --> 00:25:05,760
and at that point georgia and south

628
00:25:11,909 --> 00:25:08,559
carolina planters particularly

629
00:25:16,230 --> 00:25:11,919
preferred protecting slavery um

630
00:25:21,500 --> 00:25:16,240
to winning the war and so south carolina

631
00:25:25,510 --> 00:25:23,190
[Music]

632
00:25:26,830 --> 00:25:25,520
heavy in numbers and supporting the

633
00:25:29,669 --> 00:25:26,840
british

634
00:25:30,310 --> 00:25:29,679
yes that much is true i'm very sorry

635
00:25:34,390 --> 00:25:30,320
about this

636
00:25:39,190 --> 00:25:34,400
um i think i squelched it

637
00:25:41,350 --> 00:25:39,200
okay so to a very very limited extent

638
00:25:42,390 --> 00:25:41,360

uh they could squeeze out of that

639

00:25:45,990 --> 00:25:42,400

statement of

640

00:25:49,990 --> 00:25:46,000

kernel of truth but it it doesn't work

641

00:25:53,830 --> 00:25:50,000

well for 1776.

642

00:25:57,110 --> 00:25:53,840

and what what do you think if you're

643

00:26:00,149 --> 00:25:57,120

teaching a class what what what is

644

00:26:01,990 --> 00:26:00,159

what is the the greatness of america's

645

00:26:03,669 --> 00:26:02,000

founding what's the most important thing

646

00:26:06,149 --> 00:26:03,679

for people to

647

00:26:08,870 --> 00:26:06,159

to know and understand about it and that

648

00:26:11,029 --> 00:26:08,880

that made it so great

649

00:26:13,350 --> 00:26:11,039

well a representative government a

650

00:26:16,789 --> 00:26:13,360

representative democracy

651

00:26:19,830 --> 00:26:16,799

um and eventually

652

00:26:23,029 --> 00:26:19,840

freedom though that takes time but one

653

00:26:25,350 --> 00:26:23,039

category of unfreedom of that they were

654

00:26:28,070 --> 00:26:25,360

able to grapple with

655

00:26:29,830 --> 00:26:28,080

very quickly was indentured servitude

656

00:26:32,630 --> 00:26:29,840

where you came over as an immigrant

657

00:26:33,430 --> 00:26:32,640

and you served five to seven years in a

658

00:26:36,789 --> 00:26:33,440

kind of

659

00:26:39,590 --> 00:26:36,799

semi slavery but the great idea was a

660

00:26:43,750 --> 00:26:39,600

representative democracy

661

00:26:46,149 --> 00:26:43,760

where we the people political authority

662

00:26:49,510 --> 00:26:46,159

is not vested in the king and is not

663

00:26:51,590 --> 00:26:49,520

invested in an aristocracy

664

00:26:53,430 --> 00:26:51,600

the ultimate authority is invested in

665

00:26:55,110 --> 00:26:53,440

the people

666

00:26:56,950 --> 00:26:55,120

you're not born you're not born into it

667

00:27:00,630 --> 00:26:56,960

you're not subjects of

668

00:27:02,230 --> 00:27:00,640

anyone all are equal yes although there

669

00:27:05,029 --> 00:27:02,240

are limitations on it

670

00:27:06,549 --> 00:27:05,039

in many states you had to own property a

671

00:27:09,590 --> 00:27:06,559

certain amount of property

672

00:27:10,870 --> 00:27:09,600

to vote but even without the votes you

673

00:27:14,870 --> 00:27:10,880

were entitled

674

00:27:15,830 --> 00:27:14,880

uh to the privileges of citizenship in

675

00:27:17,909 --> 00:27:15,840

many ways

676
00:27:19,029 --> 00:27:17,919
it would take a long time to gradually

677
00:27:22,310 --> 00:27:19,039
get rid of the

678
00:27:24,549 --> 00:27:22,320
property causes that were observed in

679
00:27:28,389 --> 00:27:24,559
many states

680
00:27:30,470 --> 00:27:28,399
and were there many if any examples of

681
00:27:33,110 --> 00:27:30,480
successful republics around the world at

682
00:27:38,710 --> 00:27:35,590
there was nowhere in the world with the

683
00:27:41,750 --> 00:27:38,720
with a written constitution

684
00:27:43,669 --> 00:27:41,760
england had its magna carta it had its

685
00:27:46,070 --> 00:27:43,679
common law traditions

686
00:27:48,630 --> 00:27:46,080
but a written constitution on piece of

687
00:27:51,909 --> 00:27:48,640
paper that you could pick up and say

688
00:27:55,269 --> 00:27:51,919

these are my rights that's new

689

00:27:58,310 --> 00:27:55,279

in the world it's in europe

690

00:27:59,750 --> 00:27:58,320

it it was a matter of amazement when

691

00:28:03,110 --> 00:27:59,760

they looked at this

692

00:28:06,549 --> 00:28:03,120

the idea that these basic fundamental

693

00:28:08,149 --> 00:28:06,559

core rights you could put down on paper

694

00:28:11,669 --> 00:28:08,159

and say

695

00:28:12,870 --> 00:28:11,679

there it is this is this is a promissory

696

00:28:14,789 --> 00:28:12,880

note

697

00:28:16,549 --> 00:28:14,799

and not just that wouldn't you say that

698

00:28:18,230 --> 00:28:16,559

the way they structured it

699

00:28:20,630 --> 00:28:18,240

with the three different branches and

700

00:28:22,230 --> 00:28:20,640

even within congress having two houses

701
00:28:24,070 --> 00:28:22,240
and so on i mean

702
00:28:25,510 --> 00:28:24,080
there's a lot of brilliance in that

703
00:28:28,789 --> 00:28:25,520
correct

704
00:28:31,029 --> 00:28:28,799
yeah they were trying to balance um in

705
00:28:32,389 --> 00:28:31,039
england they said we're very proud that

706
00:28:34,230 --> 00:28:32,399
we split the

707
00:28:35,909 --> 00:28:34,240
power up among the monarchy the

708
00:28:38,549 --> 00:28:35,919
aristocracy and the

709
00:28:39,269 --> 00:28:38,559
and the houses of parliament and america

710
00:28:43,110 --> 00:28:39,279
said

711
00:28:46,710 --> 00:28:43,120
no monarchy thank you no um

712
00:28:49,110 --> 00:28:46,720
people born into an aristocracy uh

713
00:28:50,149 --> 00:28:49,120

and control the house of florence we'll

714

00:28:53,590 --> 00:28:50,159

just go

715

00:28:55,990 --> 00:28:53,600

with the third part of the tripod of the

716

00:28:59,510 --> 00:28:56,000

people part the representative

717

00:29:01,510 --> 00:28:59,520

the democracy part hamilton

718

00:29:03,510 --> 00:29:01,520

stood for three hours and said we should

719

00:29:05,669 --> 00:29:03,520

have a king

720

00:29:08,789 --> 00:29:05,679

now you won't find that in music when

721

00:29:11,590 --> 00:29:08,799

maybe there's a touch of a musical

722

00:29:12,470 --> 00:29:11,600

so he leaned toward he was afraid of the

723

00:29:14,870 --> 00:29:12,480

people

724

00:29:16,789 --> 00:29:14,880

you know he said in one memorable phrase

725

00:29:20,470 --> 00:29:16,799

he said the people sir

726

00:29:22,149 --> 00:29:20,480

are a great beast watch out for them

727

00:29:23,990 --> 00:29:22,159

give them all the power they'll be at

728

00:29:25,110 --> 00:29:24,000

your throats isn't that a really

729

00:29:27,269 --> 00:29:25,120

important background

730

00:29:29,029 --> 00:29:27,279

understanding as there's people out

731

00:29:31,990 --> 00:29:29,039

there seeking some type of

732

00:29:33,430 --> 00:29:32,000

more utopian society where we all would

733

00:29:34,870 --> 00:29:33,440

love that to be the case but the

734

00:29:38,310 --> 00:29:34,880

recognition that

735

00:29:42,070 --> 00:29:38,320

human nature is inherently selfish

736

00:29:46,230 --> 00:29:42,080

that people power is corrupting

737

00:29:48,389 --> 00:29:46,240

and we need to really guard against

738

00:29:50,549 --> 00:29:48,399

people usurping power because the the

739

00:29:53,990 --> 00:29:50,559

founders recognized

740

00:29:57,110 --> 00:29:54,000

human nature yes that's right and they

741

00:30:01,830 --> 00:29:57,120

tried to um put up some fences

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00:30:04,230 --> 00:30:01,840

uh to prevent that and

743

00:30:06,389 --> 00:30:04,240

one of them was the electoral college

744

00:30:09,590 --> 00:30:06,399

that was meant to curb

745

00:30:13,029 --> 00:30:09,600

um the aspirations of

746

00:30:14,630 --> 00:30:13,039

a mass of ordinary people and that's why

747

00:30:17,029 --> 00:30:14,640

the jeffersonians thought

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00:30:18,389 --> 00:30:17,039

more power to the states less power to a

749

00:30:20,470 --> 00:30:18,399

federal government

750

00:30:22,789 --> 00:30:20,480

when those whiskey rebels in western

751

00:30:27,110 --> 00:30:22,799

pennsylvania refused to pay

752

00:30:30,149 --> 00:30:27,120

a tax on the whiskey they were producing

753

00:30:32,070 --> 00:30:30,159

washington had hamilton march west with

754

00:30:34,149 --> 00:30:32,080

a larger army

755

00:30:35,350 --> 00:30:34,159

than washington ever commanded during

756

00:30:38,870 --> 00:30:35,360

the revolution

757

00:30:43,590 --> 00:30:38,880

to put down those corn growing

758

00:30:46,389 --> 00:30:43,600

whiskey producing tax resisting

759

00:30:47,590 --> 00:30:46,399

western farmers that was the display of

760

00:30:49,669 --> 00:30:47,600

federal power

761

00:30:52,549 --> 00:30:49,679

that those of the jeffersonian

762

00:30:54,230 --> 00:30:52,559

persuasion were afraid of

763

00:30:55,590 --> 00:30:54,240

so yeah the electoral college is

764

00:30:56,310 --> 00:30:55,600

something i'd never really given that

765

00:30:58,230 --> 00:30:56,320

much

766

00:31:00,549 --> 00:30:58,240

thought to before but as we see it

767

00:31:02,630 --> 00:31:00,559

playing out literally as we speak

768

00:31:04,310 --> 00:31:02,640

with challenges in front of the united

769

00:31:07,190 --> 00:31:04,320

states supreme court

770

00:31:08,230 --> 00:31:07,200

and state legislators sending the

771

00:31:10,870 --> 00:31:08,240

delegates to some

772

00:31:13,669 --> 00:31:10,880

it seems as if the founders even

773

00:31:17,029 --> 00:31:13,679

anticipated that there could be

774

00:31:19,029 --> 00:31:17,039

accusations of fraud in balloting or not

775

00:31:22,070 --> 00:31:19,039

just accusations but actual

776

00:31:23,909 --> 00:31:22,080

fraud in in balloting and

777

00:31:26,310 --> 00:31:23,919

it seems to kind of put in checks and

778

00:31:29,430 --> 00:31:26,320

balances into the electoral

779

00:31:30,950 --> 00:31:29,440

college system that would create

780

00:31:34,230 --> 00:31:30,960

mechanisms

781

00:31:36,630 --> 00:31:34,240

for assuring that no matter what happens

782

00:31:38,389 --> 00:31:36,640

you have a properly elected president

783

00:31:41,029 --> 00:31:38,399

through the college

784

00:31:42,149 --> 00:31:41,039

yes um i think they were not so

785

00:31:46,230 --> 00:31:42,159

concerned about

786

00:31:48,789 --> 00:31:46,240

electoral fraud and ballot stealing or

787

00:31:50,070 --> 00:31:48,799

things of that sort what they were

788

00:31:51,750 --> 00:31:50,080

worried about

789

00:31:54,470 --> 00:31:51,760

was that people with a lot of money

790

00:31:57,990 --> 00:31:54,480

let's say a merchant who has

791

00:32:01,350 --> 00:31:58,000

30 employees and says as

792

00:32:05,190 --> 00:32:01,360

as mckinley said to uh

793

00:32:08,549 --> 00:32:05,200

um when you go to the poll

794

00:32:12,070 --> 00:32:08,559

vote for my guy not the other guy

795

00:32:16,070 --> 00:32:12,080

so buying or pressuring

796

00:32:17,029 --> 00:32:16,080

of those uh who owe something to you by

797

00:32:21,110 --> 00:32:17,039

way

798

00:32:24,549 --> 00:32:21,120

of your status as landlord or employee

799

00:32:25,990 --> 00:32:24,559

um you you don't have a free vote you're

800

00:32:27,909 --> 00:32:26,000

really beholden

801
00:32:29,110 --> 00:32:27,919
to those above you they were more

802
00:32:32,230 --> 00:32:29,120
worried about that

803
00:32:33,990 --> 00:32:32,240
there were secret ballots in most states

804
00:32:35,350 --> 00:32:34,000
but they opened it up and say we should

805
00:32:37,029 --> 00:32:35,360
have an open ballot

806
00:32:38,549 --> 00:32:37,039
where you can choose you could drop

807
00:32:40,710 --> 00:32:38,559
beans in a you know

808
00:32:41,990 --> 00:32:40,720
a white bean or a brown bean in a

809
00:32:44,470 --> 00:32:42,000
different box

810
00:32:47,190 --> 00:32:44,480
in front of everybody so you show your

811
00:32:49,669 --> 00:32:47,200
you're an independent voter

812
00:32:51,269 --> 00:32:49,679
not beholden to others who have a who

813
00:32:54,149 --> 00:32:51,279

have a grip on you

814

00:32:54,710 --> 00:32:54,159

and and that opened up for fraud right

815

00:32:57,029 --> 00:32:54,720

because

816

00:32:58,710 --> 00:32:57,039

am i right that someone could be

817

00:32:59,190 --> 00:32:58,720

standing there watching who you voted

818

00:33:01,909 --> 00:32:59,200

for

819

00:33:03,830 --> 00:33:01,919

and they give you five bucks if you've

820

00:33:07,110 --> 00:33:03,840

if you voted the right way

821

00:33:09,350 --> 00:33:07,120

yeah well we know we know about you

822

00:33:10,230 --> 00:33:09,360

fast forward into the 19th century and

823

00:33:13,110 --> 00:33:10,240

we know the

824

00:33:15,110 --> 00:33:13,120

ward bosses and the people that are

825

00:33:16,870 --> 00:33:15,120

immigrants who get naturalized and say

826

00:33:18,149 --> 00:33:16,880

there's a turkey waiting for you on

827

00:33:21,430 --> 00:33:18,159

thanksgiving day

828

00:33:22,149 --> 00:33:21,440

if you vote the right way so yeah sure

829

00:33:26,420 --> 00:33:22,159

we have

830

00:33:28,230 --> 00:33:26,430

i'm sorry about this

831

00:33:31,269 --> 00:33:28,240

[Music]

832

00:33:34,549 --> 00:33:31,279

okay um yeah so there

833

00:33:35,029 --> 00:33:34,559

there's a a thread of that but i would

834

00:33:37,350 --> 00:33:35,039

say

835

00:33:38,070 --> 00:33:37,360

in the 20th century our elections have

836

00:33:42,789 --> 00:33:38,080

gotten

837

00:33:45,830 --> 00:33:42,799

cleaner and cleaner we have the founders

838

00:33:50,830 --> 00:33:45,840

sorry finish the point yeah oh well that

839

00:33:54,710 --> 00:33:50,840

that uh we have a more sturdy muscular

840

00:33:57,830 --> 00:33:54,720

um uh electoral

841

00:33:58,549 --> 00:33:57,840

management system if we can call call it

842

00:34:01,190 --> 00:33:58,559

that

843

00:34:03,029 --> 00:34:01,200

than we had a hundred years ago what

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00:34:07,990 --> 00:34:03,039

would the founders say about

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00:34:13,589 --> 00:34:11,030

well the post office was

846

00:34:14,550 --> 00:34:13,599

brand new franklin was the first

847

00:34:18,389 --> 00:34:14,560

postmaster

848

00:34:21,030 --> 00:34:18,399

general and but most people

849

00:34:22,149 --> 00:34:21,040

didn't have money to send a letter

850

00:34:25,430 --> 00:34:22,159

anywhere

851
00:34:27,030 --> 00:34:25,440
so this is pretty much new new ground

852
00:34:32,629 --> 00:34:27,040
i don't think we can look back to the

853
00:34:35,990 --> 00:34:34,230
going back to some of the more

854
00:34:37,190 --> 00:34:36,000
controversial parts of the founding that

855
00:34:40,310 --> 00:34:37,200
is

856
00:34:45,589 --> 00:34:40,320
all men are created equal but

857
00:34:51,829 --> 00:34:50,069
yes except for one state new jersey

858
00:34:53,270 --> 00:34:51,839
because each state had to write its own

859
00:34:56,550 --> 00:34:53,280
state constitution

860
00:35:00,630 --> 00:34:56,560
once they cut loose from english law

861
00:35:03,910 --> 00:35:00,640
new jersey's constitution of 1776

862
00:35:07,910 --> 00:35:03,920
avoided masculine pronouns

863
00:35:09,829 --> 00:35:07,920

so the women voted from 1776 for just

864

00:35:12,150 --> 00:35:09,839

over a quarter century

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00:35:14,310 --> 00:35:12,160

uh doesn't make its way into the into

866

00:35:17,589 --> 00:35:14,320

the history books very often

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00:35:18,310 --> 00:35:17,599

then they were disenfranchised and it

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00:35:22,230 --> 00:35:18,320

took

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00:35:23,750 --> 00:35:22,240

until the 19th amendment 1820 to get the

870

00:35:27,270 --> 00:35:23,760

vote back

871

00:35:28,470 --> 00:35:27,280

but it was an example and the the notion

872

00:35:31,510 --> 00:35:28,480

was in the air

873

00:35:33,589 --> 00:35:31,520

the debate question for harvard uh

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00:35:35,430 --> 00:35:33,599

every graduating class had a debate

875

00:35:37,750 --> 00:35:35,440

question was

876

00:35:38,630 --> 00:35:37,760

should women have a greater authority in

877

00:35:45,510 --> 00:35:38,640

running

878

00:35:47,109 --> 00:35:45,520

so the idea was in the air um but new

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00:35:49,270 --> 00:35:47,119

jersey was the only one

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00:35:50,390 --> 00:35:49,280

that actually went for it so when they

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00:35:52,390 --> 00:35:50,400

write that all men

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00:35:53,829 --> 00:35:52,400

are created equal you're saying that

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00:35:57,030 --> 00:35:53,839

they meant

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00:35:58,790 --> 00:35:57,040

males men wasn't a generic term to apply

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00:36:01,349 --> 00:35:58,800

to everyone

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00:36:03,109 --> 00:36:01,359

well as to inalienable rights they did

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00:36:06,630 --> 00:36:03,119

they did mean everyone

888

00:36:08,950 --> 00:36:06,640

excluding for many of the founding

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00:36:13,109 --> 00:36:08,960

fathers african-americans

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00:36:15,750 --> 00:36:13,119

but women yes were were part of

891

00:36:17,190 --> 00:36:15,760

inheriting some of the privileges of

892

00:36:21,589 --> 00:36:17,200

freedom

893

00:36:27,349 --> 00:36:25,030

when when a couple divorces who gets the

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00:36:30,150 --> 00:36:27,359

kids one of many states

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00:36:31,829 --> 00:36:30,160

until the 19th century the father got

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00:36:33,829 --> 00:36:31,839

the kids and the woman would have to go

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00:36:34,870 --> 00:36:33,839

to court to sue for custody of the

898

00:36:36,870 --> 00:36:34,880

children

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00:36:39,510 --> 00:36:36,880

so all this is part of an evolving

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00:36:43,430 --> 00:36:41,510

but certainly so you're saying that

901
00:36:44,150 --> 00:36:43,440
women were included as far as being

902
00:36:48,230 --> 00:36:44,160
created

903
00:36:52,230 --> 00:36:48,240
equal but then what was their rationale

904
00:36:55,030 --> 00:36:52,240
for women not being able to vote

905
00:36:56,390 --> 00:36:55,040
well you go back to the abigail adams

906
00:36:59,829 --> 00:36:56,400
john adams

907
00:37:02,150 --> 00:36:59,839
uh discussion by letter because she's in

908
00:37:05,750 --> 00:37:02,160
braintree and he's in philadelphia

909
00:37:06,710 --> 00:37:05,760
and the memorable phrase was remember

910
00:37:09,670 --> 00:37:06,720
the ladies

911
00:37:10,870 --> 00:37:09,680
and if you read down there she she said

912
00:37:14,470 --> 00:37:10,880
remember the ladies

913
00:37:17,829 --> 00:37:14,480

we should be part uh we should not be

914

00:37:20,390 --> 00:37:17,839

um the vassals she said

915

00:37:21,589 --> 00:37:20,400

of our husbands or our fathers or

916

00:37:25,109 --> 00:37:21,599

brothers vassal

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00:37:25,990 --> 00:37:25,119

is another word for slave and that if

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00:37:27,990 --> 00:37:26,000

you don't do

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00:37:29,109 --> 00:37:28,000

something about it while you're writing

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00:37:33,030 --> 00:37:29,119

all these

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00:37:37,109 --> 00:37:33,040

then we will do

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00:37:39,430 --> 00:37:37,119

what the women did in ancient greece

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00:37:41,589 --> 00:37:39,440

and anyone who understood their

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00:37:44,069 --> 00:37:41,599

classical literature

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00:37:45,510 --> 00:37:44,079

knew that she was saying we'll keep you

926

00:37:47,510 --> 00:37:45,520

out of the bedroom

927

00:37:50,550 --> 00:37:47,520

if you don't give us if you don't give

928

00:37:53,750 --> 00:37:50,560

us a a fair shake

929

00:37:57,510 --> 00:37:53,760

she didn't spell it out in in terms of

930

00:38:00,550 --> 00:37:57,520

um every detail but she was very very

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00:38:04,390 --> 00:38:00,560

clear that men had too much power over

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00:38:06,630 --> 00:38:04,400

women and they ought to let up it was

933

00:38:09,670 --> 00:38:06,640

legal to beat a woman

934

00:38:12,150 --> 00:38:09,680

only criminal criminality came at the

935

00:38:15,910 --> 00:38:12,160

point of death

936

00:38:19,430 --> 00:38:15,920

what was an old old expression about

937

00:38:21,349 --> 00:38:19,440

a man could beat a woman um

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00:38:23,910 --> 00:38:21,359

oh i can't remember the expression with

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00:38:27,109 --> 00:38:23,920

anything that wasn't larger than a

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00:38:28,790 --> 00:38:27,119

uh with a large finger so anyway the

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00:38:30,950 --> 00:38:28,800

abigail adams john adams

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00:38:32,150 --> 00:38:30,960

uh discussion by letter was just

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00:38:35,430 --> 00:38:32,160

wonderful and i

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00:38:36,630 --> 00:38:35,440

have teachers uh use this in the schools

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00:38:39,190 --> 00:38:36,640

the great effect

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00:38:42,790 --> 00:38:39,200

a little girl stand up and cheer the guy

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00:38:46,310 --> 00:38:44,790

well i mean you know look times were

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00:38:50,310 --> 00:38:46,320

very very different

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00:38:53,589 --> 00:38:50,320

than we're talking about now almost 250

950

00:38:55,030 --> 00:38:53,599

years ago and i know in

951
00:38:57,349 --> 00:38:55,040
last time we spoke you talked about the

952
00:38:58,470 --> 00:38:57,359
statues and not wanting to take the

953
00:39:01,030 --> 00:38:58,480
statues down i mean

954
00:39:02,550 --> 00:39:01,040
if you try to hold everyone up to the

955
00:39:04,790 --> 00:39:02,560
perfections of

956
00:39:07,510 --> 00:39:04,800
whatever our standards are today versus

957
00:39:08,630 --> 00:39:07,520
were there 250 years ago it's

958
00:39:10,390 --> 00:39:08,640
never going to compute you're going to

959
00:39:11,270 --> 00:39:10,400
throw you're going to throw the baby out

960
00:39:11,910 --> 00:39:11,280
with the bath water you're going to

961
00:39:14,950 --> 00:39:11,920
throw them all

962
00:39:17,670 --> 00:39:14,960
out because they didn't believe in

963
00:39:18,230 --> 00:39:17,680

women being able to vote for instance

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00:39:21,349 --> 00:39:18,240

yeah

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00:39:24,390 --> 00:39:21,359

i think the statue removal

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00:39:26,470 --> 00:39:24,400

business has gone much too far

967

00:39:28,630 --> 00:39:26,480

it would be one thing to rename the

968

00:39:31,109 --> 00:39:28,640

pettis bridge

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00:39:32,390 --> 00:39:31,119

in alabama he was the leader of the ku

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00:39:35,990 --> 00:39:32,400

klux klan

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00:39:38,230 --> 00:39:36,000

it's quite a different thing to say

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00:39:41,190 --> 00:39:38,240

the statue outside thomas jefferson high

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00:39:43,030 --> 00:39:41,200

school in san francisco has got to go

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00:39:45,670 --> 00:39:43,040

teachers had a wonderful opportunity

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00:39:47,589 --> 00:39:45,680

there that statue is a teaching moment

976
00:39:48,710 --> 00:39:47,599
take the class outside let's talk

977
00:39:51,270 --> 00:39:48,720
jefferson

978
00:39:52,470 --> 00:39:51,280
here's the man in bronze let's talk

979
00:39:55,829 --> 00:39:52,480
about him what did he do

980
00:39:57,190 --> 00:39:55,839
what that you admire what did he do that

981
00:40:00,470 --> 00:39:57,200
you don't admire

982
00:40:03,030 --> 00:40:00,480
you can't teach to a vacant space

983
00:40:05,190 --> 00:40:03,040
that was once occupied by something

984
00:40:08,470 --> 00:40:05,200
something that gives you this

985
00:40:11,270 --> 00:40:08,480
so contextualize problematize

986
00:40:13,109 --> 00:40:11,280
make this into a learning opportunity

987
00:40:15,349 --> 00:40:13,119
what are we going to do with washington

988
00:40:15,990 --> 00:40:15,359

and lee college what are we going to do

989

00:40:18,550 --> 00:40:16,000

with the

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00:40:19,829 --> 00:40:18,560

jefferson hospital in philadelphia one

991

00:40:23,030 --> 00:40:19,839

of the great teaching

992

00:40:24,150 --> 00:40:23,040

hospitals well and not just to have

993

00:40:27,670 --> 00:40:24,160

something to teach to

994

00:40:31,510 --> 00:40:27,680

but i mean is it okay

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00:40:33,430 --> 00:40:31,520

for us to look up to george washington

996

00:40:34,710 --> 00:40:33,440

and thomas jefferson considering that

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00:40:36,829 --> 00:40:34,720

they were slave owners

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00:40:39,349 --> 00:40:36,839

can we still say that they're american

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00:40:45,829 --> 00:40:39,359

heroes absolutely

1000

00:40:50,550 --> 00:40:48,150

faultless people there's a wonderful

1001
00:40:54,309 --> 00:40:50,560
biography about washington and

1002
00:40:56,630 --> 00:40:54,319
slavery called imperfect god

1003
00:40:58,390 --> 00:40:56,640
of washington and slavery in the early

1004
00:41:01,430 --> 00:40:58,400
republic

1005
00:41:02,230 --> 00:41:01,440
so they still belong in the pantheon but

1006
00:41:04,630 --> 00:41:02,240
let's

1007
00:41:05,670 --> 00:41:04,640
put some other people small heroes in

1008
00:41:08,790 --> 00:41:05,680
the pantheon

1009
00:41:13,109 --> 00:41:08,800
and let's not be afraid of looking at

1010
00:41:17,670 --> 00:41:15,670
yeah i i like to draw a very current

1011
00:41:19,990 --> 00:41:17,680
comparison

1012
00:41:21,270 --> 00:41:20,000
to barack obama who is held in very high

1013
00:41:24,550 --> 00:41:21,280

esteem by many

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00:41:25,910 --> 00:41:24,560

for many good reasons but he opposed gay

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00:41:29,430 --> 00:41:25,920

marriage

1016

00:41:31,910 --> 00:41:29,440

today among the left you're a homophobe

1017

00:41:34,710 --> 00:41:31,920

if you opposed gay marriage but he was

1018

00:41:35,589 --> 00:41:34,720

elected president opposed to gay

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00:41:38,710 --> 00:41:35,599

marriage

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00:41:40,309 --> 00:41:38,720

so you know you you're going to

1021

00:41:42,069 --> 00:41:40,319

you're going to toss out every one of

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00:41:42,470 --> 00:41:42,079

our former presidents you're going to

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00:41:45,589 --> 00:41:42,480

find

1024

00:41:46,950 --> 00:41:45,599

something some view that today would not

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00:41:50,470 --> 00:41:46,960

hold muster

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00:41:54,230 --> 00:41:50,480

i agree with you and i don't think uh

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00:41:57,349 --> 00:41:54,240

teachers are too happy about this um

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00:42:00,870 --> 00:41:58,790

where are you gonna draw the line you

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00:42:03,270 --> 00:42:00,880

better you take the amount of

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00:42:04,550 --> 00:42:03,280

energy that's going into removing

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00:42:07,430 --> 00:42:04,560

statues

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00:42:08,630 --> 00:42:07,440

and reposition that energy on solving

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00:42:12,470 --> 00:42:08,640

some of the economic

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00:42:16,069 --> 00:42:12,480

problems and social problems we have

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00:42:18,069 --> 00:42:16,079

this is misplaced energy of

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00:42:20,790 --> 00:42:18,079

not all of it because some there are

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00:42:24,230 --> 00:42:20,800

some cases of really egregious

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00:42:25,990 --> 00:42:24,240

uh statues and and

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00:42:27,910 --> 00:42:26,000

if you leave it up you should at least

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00:42:30,870 --> 00:42:27,920

put a plaque there saying

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00:42:32,069 --> 00:42:30,880

when was this statue erected who was

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00:42:38,390 --> 00:42:32,079

behind

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00:42:41,430 --> 00:42:38,400

civil war said i don't want any statues

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00:42:44,950 --> 00:42:41,440

erected to me and they weren't

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00:42:47,750 --> 00:42:44,960

when were they elected in

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00:42:48,390 --> 00:42:47,760

a generation later when the ku klux klan

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00:42:51,349 --> 00:42:48,400

was

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00:42:54,069 --> 00:42:51,359

of riding high that's when the the lee

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00:42:57,990 --> 00:42:54,079

statues went up

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00:43:00,190 --> 00:42:58,000

so i would not take the the statute down

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00:43:02,230 --> 00:43:00,200

i would put up a black a plaque

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00:43:04,950 --> 00:43:02,240

contextualizing how it got there in the

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00:43:12,230 --> 00:43:08,230

is there a better constitution

1054

00:43:14,390 --> 00:43:12,240

in the world than america's

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00:43:16,950 --> 00:43:14,400

what most constitutions in the world

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00:43:18,630 --> 00:43:16,960

have borrowed from ours

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00:43:20,069 --> 00:43:18,640

i mean that was one of our greatest

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00:43:24,230 --> 00:43:20,079

exports

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00:43:27,510 --> 00:43:24,240

and uh not that i know of no

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00:43:29,910 --> 00:43:27,520

and franklin when it was asked at the uh

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00:43:31,109 --> 00:43:29,920

constitutional convention whether he was

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00:43:33,349 --> 00:43:31,119

40s

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00:43:36,390 --> 00:43:33,359

he says yeah i'm for it if you can

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00:43:41,270 --> 00:43:39,589

so not without flaws but so it's okay

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00:43:44,470 --> 00:43:41,280

for teachers to teach

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00:43:47,510 --> 00:43:44,480

children in school to be

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00:43:50,309 --> 00:43:47,520

proud of america's founding to admire

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00:43:51,990 --> 00:43:50,319

the founders to recognize that what they

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00:43:54,390 --> 00:43:52,000

drew was one of the greatest

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00:43:56,550 --> 00:43:54,400

governing instruments and the history of

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00:44:01,990 --> 00:43:56,560

man

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00:44:04,870 --> 00:44:02,000

absolutely and the right the hard right

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00:44:06,309 --> 00:44:04,880

really has very little confidence in

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00:44:09,030 --> 00:44:06,319

young minds

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00:44:11,829 --> 00:44:09,040

they say if you teach them all this

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00:44:13,990 --> 00:44:11,839

stuff about slavery and mccarthyism

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00:44:15,670 --> 00:44:14,000

they're not going to even want to be an

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00:44:17,030 --> 00:44:15,680

american anymore they're not going to be

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00:44:19,030 --> 00:44:17,040

a patriot

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00:44:20,790 --> 00:44:19,040

and when i was involved in debates over

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00:44:22,069 --> 00:44:20,800

the national history standards and that

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00:44:23,589 --> 00:44:22,079

was thrown at me i

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00:44:25,910 --> 00:44:23,599

i would say well you know i've been

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00:44:27,910 --> 00:44:25,920

teaching at ucla for a long time

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00:44:30,390 --> 00:44:27,920

and i talk a lot about the dispossession

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00:44:31,030 --> 00:44:30,400

of indian lands in the 17th and 18th

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00:44:33,910 --> 00:44:31,040

century

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00:44:36,069 --> 00:44:33,920

or slavery things like this i never had

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00:44:38,790 --> 00:44:36,079

a student i taught thousands of them

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00:44:41,030 --> 00:44:38,800

i never had one who came to me and said

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00:44:43,109 --> 00:44:41,040

i'm giving up my citizenship i want to

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00:44:44,150 --> 00:44:43,119

live in sri lanka or i want to live in

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00:44:46,710 --> 00:44:44,160

bosnia

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00:44:48,630 --> 00:44:46,720

i never had one like that they say why

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00:44:52,309 --> 00:44:48,640

didn't i learn about this

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00:44:53,270 --> 00:44:52,319

earlier i i i could be a better

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00:44:55,670 --> 00:44:53,280

citizen

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00:44:57,190 --> 00:44:55,680

because i know some of the sad parts of

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00:45:01,430 --> 00:44:57,200

our past and how

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00:45:02,870 --> 00:45:01,440

we can create a more perfect union

1101

00:45:04,710 --> 00:45:02,880

yeah and in each one of those

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00:45:06,550 --> 00:45:04,720

circumstances we were able to move

1103

00:45:08,069 --> 00:45:06,560

past them in part because of our

1104

00:45:10,309 --> 00:45:08,079

constitutional framework whether it

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00:45:12,790 --> 00:45:10,319

required an amendment or what have you

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00:45:14,710 --> 00:45:12,800

and we've continued to essentially

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00:45:17,030 --> 00:45:14,720

become better and better

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00:45:19,109 --> 00:45:17,040

i think so i think the path forward has

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00:45:21,589 --> 00:45:19,119

been rock strewn

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00:45:23,829 --> 00:45:21,599

and sometimes we stumble over it and

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00:45:28,790 --> 00:45:23,839

even take a step backward

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00:45:34,710 --> 00:45:32,550

i think is clear i mean some say we

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00:45:37,270 --> 00:45:34,720

haven't made any progress yep

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00:45:38,150 --> 00:45:37,280

we're back where we were 100 years ago

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00:45:41,990 --> 00:45:38,160

50 years ago

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00:45:43,829 --> 00:45:42,000

25 years ago i don't buy that

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00:45:46,069 --> 00:45:43,839

last question what what is your thoughts

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00:45:48,069 --> 00:45:46,079

about the fact that right now they're

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00:45:49,589 --> 00:45:48,079

not putting history in the schools up

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00:45:52,550 --> 00:45:49,599

there with reading writing and

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00:45:54,069 --> 00:45:52,560

arithmetic is that a big mistake i do

1122

00:45:55,349 --> 00:45:54,079

think it's a big mistake

1123

00:45:57,670 --> 00:45:55,359

how do you read you have to read

1124

00:46:00,069 --> 00:45:57,680

something why not read history

1125

00:46:01,829 --> 00:46:00,079

you're gaining literacy skills at the

1126

00:46:04,790 --> 00:46:01,839

same time you're learning about

1127

00:46:07,030 --> 00:46:04,800

your past and america's place in the

1128

00:46:09,430 --> 00:46:07,040

world and world history itself

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00:46:10,630 --> 00:46:09,440

so i yeah i think it's a big mistake so

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00:46:13,750 --> 00:46:10,640

fifth grade

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00:46:14,950 --> 00:46:13,760

uh which in most states is where u.s

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00:46:17,589 --> 00:46:14,960

history began

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00:46:19,670 --> 00:46:17,599

has been dropped from the curriculum why

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00:46:22,710 --> 00:46:19,680

to drive up the scores

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00:46:24,870 --> 00:46:22,720

on reading and math put all the focus

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00:46:26,309 --> 00:46:24,880

there and by the way is that just a

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00:46:26,950 --> 00:46:26,319

california thing are you saying this is

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00:46:30,150 --> 00:46:26,960

happening

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00:46:33,190 --> 00:46:30,160

u.s wide this dropping of fifth grade um

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00:46:36,150 --> 00:46:33,200

if each state has its own framework

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00:46:37,750 --> 00:46:36,160

but in many states yes they taught us

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00:46:39,270 --> 00:46:37,760

history for the first time in fifth

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00:46:41,190 --> 00:46:39,280

grade fourth grade you did your state

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00:46:43,349 --> 00:46:41,200

history fifth grade you do

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00:46:44,630 --> 00:46:43,359

u.s history for the first time a lot of

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00:46:47,270 --> 00:46:44,640

states uh

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00:46:48,550 --> 00:46:47,280

or school districts i should say have

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00:46:50,630 --> 00:46:48,560

dropped it

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00:46:51,950 --> 00:46:50,640

they want they want more fed they want

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00:46:54,950 --> 00:46:51,960

more federal dollars

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00:46:58,309 --> 00:46:54,960

unfortunately um

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00:47:01,109 --> 00:46:58,319

and those are based somewhat on raising

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00:47:01,589 --> 00:47:01,119

the scores on these standardized tests

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00:47:08,550 --> 00:47:01,599

in

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00:47:09,670 --> 00:47:08,560

is that some teachers are afraid to

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00:47:10,550 --> 00:47:09,680

teach history because they're going to

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00:47:13,910 --> 00:47:10,560

get blow back

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00:47:16,550 --> 00:47:13,920

from one side or another we're such a

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00:47:19,589 --> 00:47:16,560

heavy politicized environment

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00:47:21,910 --> 00:47:19,599

that as you know

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00:47:22,870 --> 00:47:21,920

people debate what the facts are and how

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00:47:26,390 --> 00:47:22,880

those facts are

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00:47:28,390 --> 00:47:26,400

presented and teachers don't want to get

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00:47:31,270 --> 00:47:28,400

lambasted from

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00:47:33,190 --> 00:47:31,280

from parents for teaching their children

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00:47:35,109 --> 00:47:33,200

something that they don't agree with

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00:47:36,470 --> 00:47:35,119

well that blowback is very very

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00:47:39,990 --> 00:47:36,480

unfortunate

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00:47:41,990 --> 00:47:40,000

and i feel for these teachers we we were

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00:47:44,069 --> 00:47:42,000

very protected in a way

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00:47:46,069 --> 00:47:44,079

at the university no parent ever called

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00:47:47,670 --> 00:47:46,079

me up and said i looked at you reading

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00:47:49,670 --> 00:47:47,680

this i don't like it at all

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00:47:51,109 --> 00:47:49,680

i don't want my kids even taking their

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00:47:55,829 --> 00:47:51,119

classes

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00:47:59,750 --> 00:47:55,839

we were we were not alone you might say

1177

00:48:02,549 --> 00:47:59,760

the local people were part of this toxic

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00:48:04,630 --> 00:48:02,559

atmosphere they knew where to go to

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00:48:07,510 --> 00:48:04,640

stand outside someone's house

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00:48:08,470 --> 00:48:07,520

and shout sheldon yell or at pta

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00:48:10,390 --> 00:48:08,480

conferences

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00:48:11,910 --> 00:48:10,400

it's really a very very unfortunate

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00:48:14,710 --> 00:48:11,920

because these teachers

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00:48:16,710 --> 00:48:14,720

you know are not well paid relatively to

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00:48:18,069 --> 00:48:16,720

a lot of other people in america they're

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00:48:20,790 --> 00:48:18,079

well-meaning

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00:48:21,990 --> 00:48:20,800

they're they love to be with kids they

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00:48:24,390 --> 00:48:22,000

love to teach

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00:48:25,349 --> 00:48:24,400

and you know high percentage of them do

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00:48:27,829 --> 00:48:25,359

a good job

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00:48:30,549 --> 00:48:27,839

it's very unfortunate well you know when

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00:48:31,910 --> 00:48:30,559

you have government intervening

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00:48:35,190 --> 00:48:31,920

we talked about this a little bit the

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00:48:38,470 --> 00:48:35,200

last time whether there should even be

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00:48:40,230 --> 00:48:38,480

public schools the government teaching

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00:48:42,150 --> 00:48:40,240

our children

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00:48:43,510 --> 00:48:42,160

something just doesn't strike me as

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00:48:44,950 --> 00:48:43,520

right about that that sounds somewhat

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00:48:45,750 --> 00:48:44,960

authoritarian the idea that the

1200

00:48:47,270 --> 00:48:45,760

government

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00:48:48,870 --> 00:48:47,280
teaches our children you know i know

1202
00:48:49,910 --> 00:48:48,880
it's more at a local level but when

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00:48:52,950 --> 00:48:49,920
you've got trump

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00:48:53,990 --> 00:48:52,960
you know starting the 1776 commission

1205
00:48:56,710 --> 00:48:54,000
about

1206
00:48:58,230 --> 00:48:56,720
making sure the kids learn our history

1207
00:49:00,549 --> 00:48:58,240
in school

1208
00:49:02,390 --> 00:49:00,559
that's inherently political because

1209
00:49:05,109 --> 00:49:02,400
trump is a very divisive

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00:49:05,910 --> 00:49:05,119
person i mean i happen to be on the side

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00:49:08,309 --> 00:49:05,920
of

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00:49:10,309 --> 00:49:08,319
wanting to make sure that our children

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00:49:12,470 --> 00:49:10,319

learn our history properly and

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00:49:13,349 --> 00:49:12,480

and and have admiration for the founding

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00:49:15,670 --> 00:49:13,359

and how unique

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00:49:17,190 --> 00:49:15,680

it was so the idea that we would move

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00:49:19,109 --> 00:49:17,200

more toward that is a good thing but

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00:49:20,390 --> 00:49:19,119

you know as soon as you have it coming

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00:49:24,710 --> 00:49:20,400

from trump then

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00:49:28,390 --> 00:49:24,720

boom now you've got it totally polarized

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00:49:31,670 --> 00:49:28,400

well when you see a federal government

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00:49:32,790 --> 00:49:31,680

dictating to the schools what books

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00:49:36,230 --> 00:49:32,800

should be read

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00:49:37,910 --> 00:49:36,240

how they should be taught you know

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00:49:39,349 --> 00:49:37,920

you're in or very close to an

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00:49:43,829 --> 00:49:39,359

authoritarian

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00:49:45,109 --> 00:49:43,839

autocratic government in a democratic

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00:49:48,230 --> 00:49:45,119

society

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00:49:50,150 --> 00:49:48,240

you'll you'll know it by the freedom of

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00:49:53,430 --> 00:49:50,160

teachers to close the door

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00:49:55,829 --> 00:49:53,440

teach to the kids choose from a great

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00:49:59,109 --> 00:49:55,839

mass of curricular materials

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00:50:01,190 --> 00:49:59,119

uh and listen to your local school board

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00:50:03,430 --> 00:50:01,200

yep so it's very dangerous it's very

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00:50:04,230 --> 00:50:03,440

troubling and these teachers are under a

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00:50:06,549 --> 00:50:04,240

lot of

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00:50:08,470 --> 00:50:06,559

a pressured house very unfortunate but

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00:50:09,430 --> 00:50:08,480

why even have these national history

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00:50:11,829 --> 00:50:09,440

standards

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00:50:13,990 --> 00:50:11,839

to begin with i mean do you support that

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00:50:15,430 --> 00:50:14,000

yes because they were never mandatory

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00:50:17,910 --> 00:50:15,440

they were voluntary

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00:50:18,790 --> 00:50:17,920

we were setting lamplights along the

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00:50:20,950 --> 00:50:18,800

road

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00:50:23,109 --> 00:50:20,960

and it was as they say a massive

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00:50:23,910 --> 00:50:23,119

consensus building project between

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00:50:26,390 --> 00:50:23,920

teachers

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00:50:27,190 --> 00:50:26,400

and all these organizations representing

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00:50:29,670 --> 00:50:27,200

teachers

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00:50:30,470 --> 00:50:29,680

and the collaborate collaboration with

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00:50:33,910 --> 00:50:30,480

with the

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00:50:36,950 --> 00:50:33,920

publishing academic scholars um

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00:50:38,549 --> 00:50:36,960

so yeah but they were voluntary it was

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00:50:41,750 --> 00:50:38,559

never from the

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00:50:44,230 --> 00:50:41,760

very get-go fought to be mandatory

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00:50:44,790 --> 00:50:44,240

they're out there if you want to look at

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00:50:48,230 --> 00:50:44,800

them

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00:50:49,670 --> 00:50:48,240

good if you derive some new teaching

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ideas from them

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00:50:55,990 --> 00:50:52,880

better if you aren't just

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00:50:59,349 --> 00:50:56,000

interested in them toss them in the

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00:51:02,069 --> 00:50:59,359

waste paper basket if you want

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00:51:04,069 --> 00:51:02,079

okay we'll let it go with that how about

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00:51:04,549 --> 00:51:04,079

just one parting word we started talking

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00:51:09,510 --> 00:51:04,559

about

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00:51:12,309 --> 00:51:09,520

uh states looking to secede and so on

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00:51:13,589 --> 00:51:12,319

what is your parting message to to

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00:51:20,829 --> 00:51:13,599

america right now

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00:51:26,069 --> 00:51:24,870

well i don't have any answers i haven't

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00:51:29,190 --> 00:51:26,079

read any answers

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00:51:32,309 --> 00:51:29,200

about how to unify america when this

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00:51:34,069 --> 00:51:32,319

polarization has reached this point

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00:51:35,430 --> 00:51:34,079

you would think that leadership at the

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00:51:37,750 --> 00:51:35,440

top

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00:51:39,430 --> 00:51:37,760

would have some effect and at least

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00:51:42,069 --> 00:51:39,440

that's a beginning

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00:51:43,030 --> 00:51:42,079

i i think what we need is some fireside

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00:51:46,150 --> 00:51:43,040

chats

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00:51:47,589 --> 00:51:46,160

of the sort that fdr did over radio

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where he tried to speak out to the

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american people and talk about the

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00:51:52,950 --> 00:51:50,400

problems

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00:51:55,109 --> 00:51:52,960

uh to talk about what was needed in the

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00:51:58,470 --> 00:51:55,119

democracy to

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00:52:00,309 --> 00:51:58,480

to deal with them so uh all i can say is

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00:52:01,030 --> 00:52:00,319

that we have to begin with a message

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00:52:03,829 --> 00:52:01,040

from the top

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00:52:05,510 --> 00:52:03,839

a unified message a message about the

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00:52:08,069 --> 00:52:05,520

need for compromise

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00:52:09,349 --> 00:52:08,079

a need to talk to each other respect

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00:52:12,230 --> 00:52:09,359

each other

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00:52:13,349 --> 00:52:12,240

has to start somewhere thank you again

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00:52:15,430 --> 00:52:13,359

to professor nash

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00:52:17,109 --> 00:52:15,440

thank you again professor for your

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00:52:19,109 --> 00:52:17,119

patience and dealing with our glitch on

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00:52:21,030 --> 00:52:19,119

the first interview

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00:52:22,390 --> 00:52:21,040

thank you to our producer michael parker

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00:52:24,230 --> 00:52:22,400

thank you all for listening we'll be

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00:52:25,190 --> 00:52:24,240

back with another episode of the hidden

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