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**The Utah State Capitol. (Photo: Spirit of America, Shutterstock)**

Celebrating the Fourth of July

**The Native American Face of Independence Day**      Jessica Crabtree July 2, 2012

Extract:

“Native Americans from across this continent have consistently been a source of inspiration for democratic ideals—from the system of direct democracy as practiced by the Iroquois, to the egalitarian and inclusive nature of its societies, to the unbridled independence of the Plains cultures that captured the European imagination.

These are only brief examples of a powerful spirit of freedom that began influencing the Western world long before the American colonies declared independence. When Europeans reached the Americas, they were exposed for the first time to perspectives, lifestyles, and forms of social organization that were radically different from the European cultures that had festered so long under the same political and religious systems. For centuries they took it for granted that kings ruled by divine right, and that the church controlled every person's destiny. Europe had been locked in a prison of isolation, oppression, and indoctrination. It could be freed only once it was exposed to the realities in which other cultures existed. This cultural rebirth began shortly after the Crusades, when a gateway to the East opened a new cultural exchange with the Islamic world. The invention of the printing press, the Protestant Reformation, the Scientific Revolution, the Renaissance and the rise of the new middle class all followed quickly on its heels. But this resurgence came to fruition only after the discovery of America brought accounts of a way of life that kindled the minds of European thinkers, already eager for new outlooks on their changing world.

While these men of thought were chafing under the most flagrant absolutism, ideas about natural rights and individual value spread like wildfire through the countries of Europe, fueled by new ideas and perspectives coming out of the American continent. Depictions of Native American societies varied widely and were not always accurate. But the intrinsic portrayal of a civilization that lived in close connection to the natural world, with the apparent absence of distinct social classes and absolute rule, where each individual played a direct and valuable role in society, held an endless fascination for Europeans. This is reflected in the writings of Enlightenment philosophers like John Locke and Jean Jacques Rousseau, who made frequent references to Native American society in their writings, and drew upon their understanding of it in their foundational works on social theory. Later on, these ideas came full circle when men like Thomas Jefferson drew upon these very same writings for the principles that formed our early government.

It appears that the awakening of independence and free and rational thought that challenged the established order, and ultimately led to the downfall of European absolutism, was perhaps the New World's greatest contribution in the Columbian Exchange.

Western civilization often ascribes its great achievements to the fact that it is the heir of Greek democracy and Roman law, and America in particular likes to think of itself as a "bringer of civilization" to the rest of the world. But we often forget that Greek democracy began and ended with property-owning male citizens, and so-called Roman justice was brutally imposed on the world at the edge of a sword. At various periods, America has reflected the advantages and

drawbacks of both these civilizations. If America is different from other countries, or unique in its pursuit of democratic ideals, perhaps it is because of the Native American influence that helped to shape it during its infancy.

“Ironically, mainstream America has been all too eager to appropriate the credit. Reverting to the same imperialist tendencies it sought to escape, it has habitually assumed a tone of moral superiority, while marginalizing its colonial origins and the benefit of learning first-hand from cultures that are in many ways far more advanced. **From the outset, America has relied heavily on indigenous knowledge, and even today, despite all our technological advances, the wealth of wisdom from Native American viewpoints is increasingly valuable and relevant.**”

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### 2024 Western Regional WIOA 166|477 Training

The 2024 Western Regional WIOA 166|477 Training event will be held November 3–8, 2024 at the Muckleshoot Casino and Resort in Auburn, Washington. The early bird registration fee is \$275 and will end on August 30, 2024. You can register here: [2024 Western Regional WIOA Training](#)

Visit [ninaetc.net](http://ninaetc.net) for updates on the agenda and other activities.

### Sierra Nevada Conservation and Wilderness Conference

September, 6-8, 2024 Quincy, California

<https://www.pdh.org/events/WildernessConference/main>

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This year's summer solstice was not only the longest day of the year but also set the record for solar energy production, with 20% of all total global electricity coming from the sun.



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### Want to teach? New Alameda County partnership will help prospective educators earn a credential for as little as \$42 a month

Alameda County Office of Education and Reach University have partnered to tackle the East Bay teacher shortage

[https://www.mercurynews.com/2024/05/16/want-to-teach-new-alameda-county-partnership-will-help-prospective-educators-earn-a-credential-for-as-little-as-42-a-month/?campaign=sjmnbreakingnews&utm\\_email=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&active=no&lctg=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9](https://www.mercurynews.com/2024/05/16/want-to-teach-new-alameda-county-partnership-will-help-prospective-educators-earn-a-credential-for-as-little-as-42-a-month/?campaign=sjmnbreakingnews&utm_email=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&active=no&lctg=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9)

*Other jurisdictions may have or will have similar programs.*



**2024 Convention Keynote Address: Kim Teehee** (click on pic)

Kim Teehee, director of government relations for Cherokee Nation, addressed delegates at the LWVUS 56th National Convention in Washington, DC. 0:00 / 16:08  
<https://www.worldpress.org/Americas/3921.cfm>

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**Chippewa Forest land transfers to tribe** KIM HYATT

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is celebrating a longfought land restoration effort that reverses a wrongful land seizure by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs that began in the late 1940s.

Officials with the U.S. Forest Service recently signed a memo that achieves the 2020 legislative goal of transferring 11,760 acres of federal land managed by the Chippewa National Forest back to the tribe.

Leech Lake worked for decades to reclaim the land to address housing needs, enhance access to wild rice beds and restore justice to the Ojibwe community. The band says local and federal governments own more than half of the original tribal holdings, and most of the undeveloped forest falls within the reservation's boundaries.

To celebrate the historic land transfer, the public is invited to attend a commemorative ceremony July 17 at 11 a.m. at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School in Bena.

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Candace Wright Gonzo Beautiful blessings Jacob graduated from Reed High, Class of 2024



[Steven Breheny](#)

Interesting I never knew this. Now I feel differently about them.

“My friend grew up in New England where they have pigeons. Apparently they also hate them. He was always saying bad things about pigeons until I pointed something out that he never thought of before.”

“We domesticated pigeons. They are (nearly) all over the world because HUMANS BROUGHT THEM THERE. And, they were more than pets. They carried messages. People raced them.

They lived spoiled lives as honored human companions for centuries.  
Then we got telephones and we threw them out like trash.  
Literally, we threw them away.

Their species had already been fully domesticated and they could not survive in the wild; they lost all their survival instincts during the centuries that they lived caged by people. That is why they live in cities with people instead of in a forest somewhere. It’s OUR fault. And not only did we throw them away, but now humans curse them as “winged rats;” casting them as pests.

But they don’t know how to live without us, and their instincts tell us that they should trust us. So, they continue to come up to humans and beg for food, because it’s the only survival skill left in their genes.

They love us because they were bred by us to feel that way, and yet we hate them.”

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**Brave \$2,500 College Scholarship**

Submit an original architecture, nature, or abstract art photo (in landscape) to be eligible for a \$2,500 scholarship, and have your work featured on the Brave new tab page.

Deadline: **July 23, 2024**

[Enter now](#)

[See the Official Rules for complete details.](#)

## Smithsonian Magazine

The vase dates to the Classic Period of Maya history, which lasted from around 250 to 900 C.E.



<https://bit.ly/4cAQyFP>  
[smithsonianmag.com](https://www.smithsonianmag.com)

[A Woman Thrifted This Ancient Maya Vase for \\$3.99—and Then Gave It Back to Mexico](#)  
[Anna Lee Dozier started to wonder about the object's origins when she realized it resembled artifacts in a Mexican museum](#)

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## More July Powwows

- Jul 11 - 14**     **[70th Annual NAID 2024](#)**     **Browning MT**  
Social Dancing 7:00pm Grand Entry - Point System Starts: Friday, July 12th @ 1:00pm & 7:00pm; Saturday, July...
- Jul 12 - 14**     **[3rd Annual VYPER Reclaiming Youth Contest Pow Wow 2024](#)**     **Mission BC**  
VYPER- Visionary Youth Peers for Equity and Revitalization is a youth-governed group for urbanized and non-urbanized Indigenous youth in the provincial BC...
- Jul 12 - 14**     **[Sacred Visions Pow Wow 2024](#)**     **Wadsworth NV**  
Public Welcome! Free Admission Free Camping Native Arts and Crafts All ages jingle Special, raffle, hand games Grand Entries: Friday 7:00pm Saturday...
- Jul 13 - 14**     **[2024 Taos Pueblo Pow Wow](#)**     **Taos NM**  
Free Admission 24 Dance Categories Arts & Crafts, Food Booths Drum Contest July 13 Schedule: 9:00am Gourd Dancing 12:00pm & 7:00pm Grand...
- Jul 13 - 14**     **[2024 Wishkpemishkos Gises Sweetgrass Moon Pow Wow](#)**     **Hopkins MI**  
The Sweetgrass Moon Pow Wow is held annually the weekend after July 4th. A weekend-long event, this is one of our most..m

- Jul 13 - 14**     [Bear Mountain Pow Wow 2024](#)     - **Stony Point NY**  
Grand Entry of dancers at 1 pm & 4 pm \$15 for Adults & teens, \$10 for kids ages 6-10 \$10 for...
- Jul 13 - 14**     [Powhatan Nation's National Pow Wow 2024](#)     **Huntsville AL**  
All are welcome to The Powhatan Nation's National Powwow! \$10 entry fee per person (exception for Powhatan Nation tribal members) We will...
- Jul 13 - 14**     [Temagami Annual Traditional Pow Wow 2024](#)     **Temagami ON**
- Jul 13 - 14**     [31st Annual Howard County, MD Whispering Winds Pow Wow and Show 2024](#)  
**West Friendship MD**  
31st ANNUAL HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND WHISPERING WINDS POW-WOW AND SHOW SCHEDULED FOR JULY 13-14, 2024: IN SIDE-RAIN or SHINE (Exhibition Hall) Hollister, NC- Pow-Wow,...
- Jul 13 - 14**     [Setalcott Nation Corn Festival Pow Wow 2024](#)     **East Setauket NY**  
Gates open: 11:00am-6:00pm Free Admission - Donations Welcome! Grand Entry 12:00pm Both Days Bring a blanket or chair. MC: Lonnie Harrington
- Jul 18 - 21**     [Standing Arrow Celebration 2024](#)     **Elmo MT**  
1st Grand Entry Friday 7:00pm (contact Naomi 406-544-0260) Veterans Special Cradle Board Special Royalty Competition for Miss Kootenai & Kootenai Warrior (contact...
- Jul 19 - 21**     [36th Annual Seafair Indian Days Pow Wow 2024](#)     **Seattle WA**  
Come and celebrate with our family, reunite with old friends and make new ones! Enjoy fantastic food, music, and dance. All are welcome...
- Jul 19 - 21**     [71st Annual Comanche Homecoming Celebration 2024](#)     **WALTERS OK**  
MCs: Martin Flores & Corey Reeder Honorary MC: Wallace Coffey Head Singer (Afternoon Session): Kevin "Bubba" Sovo Head Man Dancer (Afternoon Session):...
- Jul 19 - 21**     [Kainai Pow Wow & Celebration 2024](#)     **Standoff AB**  
Grand Entries: Friday 7pm; Saturday 1pm & 7pm; Sunday 1pm See flyer for dance and drum contest information Host Drums: HoChunk Station...
- Jul 19 - 21**     [North Platte Pow Wow Honoring Our Veterans 2024](#)     **North Platte NE**  
Honoring Our Veterans 5th Annual North Platte Pow Wow (Outdoor Venue) Featuring: Dancers, Singers, Vendors & Special Guests Specials: Veterans Special, Chicken..
- Jul 19 - 21**     [Pawaanpa't Pow Wow & Encampment 2024](#)     **Roosevelt WA**  
Friday, July 19th 10:00am Memorial & Name Giving All Concession Stands \$100 for the Weekend Seeking Queen, Princess & Lil Warrior...

- Jul 19 -21**     [Tamkaliks Celebration 2024](#)     **Wallowa OR**  
Each July, the Homeland becomes a place of reunion for descendants of the original inhabitants of waláwa, the Wallowa country. Year after...
- Jul 20 - 21**     [Robert Woolery Sr. Memorial Pow Wow 2024](#)     **Sedalia MO**  
Free Admission Inside air conditioned building Bring your own chairs or sit in the bleachers Schedule: Saturday, July 20th: Gourd Dance 11:00am;...
- Jul 20 -21**     [Sugar Island Pow Wow 2024](#)     **Sugar Island MI**  
July 19 - 12:00pm Spiritual Gathering July 20 - 1:00pm Grand Entry; 5:00pm Feast; 7:00pm Grand Entry July 21 - 1:00pm Grand...
- Jul 20 - 21**     [Wells Beach Pow Wow 2024](#)     **Wells NH**  
Please join us for NH Intertribal Native American Council's Annual Wells Harbor Park, Wells Maine Pow Wow. Hosted by: NH Intertribal Native...
- Jul 20 - 21**     [Wells Harbor Park Pow Wow 2024](#)     **Wells ME**  
Please join us for NH Intertribal Native American Council's Annual Wells Harbor Park, Wells Maine Pow Wow. Hosted by: NH Intertribal Native...
- Jul 25 - 28**     [60th Annual Milk River Indian Days 2024](#)     **Fort Belknap MT**  
The Aaniinen and Nakoda peoples welcome you to the 60th Annual Milk River Indian Days (MRID) Celebration July 25-28th, 2024! The youth pow wow will...
- Jul 26 - 28**     [45th Annual Thunderbird American Indian Pow Wow 2024](#)     **Floral Park NY**  
Celebrate American Indian Culture through music, dance, Native American crafts and food. This spectacular 3-day pow wow features intertribal Native American dance...
- Jul 26 - 28**     [Ely Shoshone Pow Wow 2024](#)     **Ely NV**  
**Grand Entries: Friday 7:00pm; Saturday 11:00am & 7:00pm; Sunday 10:00am Everyone Welcome! Free Admission! Please bring your own chairs and canopies and...**
- Jul 26 - 28**     [Saginaw Chippewa 40th Annual Pow Wow 2024](#)     **Standish MI**  
The 40th Annual Saginaw Chippewa Pow Wow is the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribes Premier pow wow. In the heart of Central Michigan,...
- Jul 27 - 28**     [Manissean Tribal Island Pow Wow 2024](#)     **Block Island RI**
- Jul 27**     [Wiconi 18th Annual Living Waters Pow Wow 2024](#)     **Turner OR**  
Location: Aldersgate Conference Center & Campground 7790 Marion Rd, Turner, OR 97392 Arena Director:...



*Been preaching Rule of 72 and penny-a-day-doubled for years!*



[abc10.com](http://abc10.com)

[California high schoolers will soon need to take financial literacy class to graduate](#)  
[The semester-long course would need to be offered by the 2027-28 school year and a requirement to graduate starting with the 2030-31 class.](#)



[luminafoundation.org](http://luminafoundation.org)

[Tell a better story about community colleges](#)  
[Community college spotlight.](#)



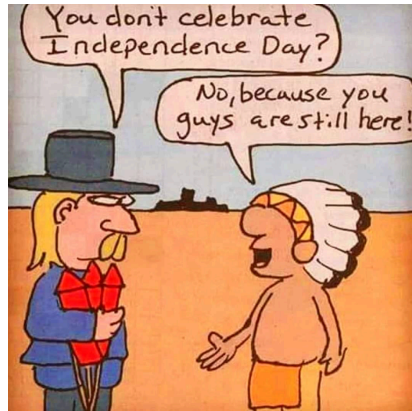
[Archeology Aesthetic](#) ·

**Bajau people of Indonesia, Philippines and Malaysia** were first recorded by Europeans when Venetian explorer Antonio Pigafetta met them in 1521 AD. These maritime nomadic people have been fishing and diving for many millennia and over that time they have evolved bigger spleens which allows them to dive for longer than the average human.

According to scientists :

"The bigger spleen makes more oxygen available in their blood for diving. Located close to the stomach, the fist-sized spleen removes old cells from the blood and acts as a biological scuba tank during long dives."

Bajau people can dive to depths of over 200 feet and hold their breath for 13 minutes. They can also walk across the seabed hunting fish. These people live most their lives at sea and are the first known humans genetically adapted to diving.



## From the Declaration of Independence/Grievance #27 against the King: Grievance 27

**"He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes, and conditions."**

This was done in several instances. Dunmore was charged with a design to employ [Native Americans](#) (derogatorily called "savages") against the Virginians as early as 1774. [Dunmore's Proclamation](#) in November, 1775, encouraged a [slave rebellion](#) against colonial masters. He was also concerned with Governor Gage and others, and under instructions from the Government Ministry, ordered the [Shawnee](#) and other native inhabitants of the Ohio country to fight against the colonists. Emissaries were also sent among the [Cherokee](#) and [Muscogee](#) for the same purpose; and all of the tribes of the [Six Nations](#), except the [Oneida](#), fought against the colonists when the war began.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grievances\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_States\\_Declaration\\_of\\_Independence#cite\\_note-Lossing-3](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grievances_of_the_United_States_Declaration_of_Independence#cite_note-Lossing-3)

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Sam Wolfson in [The Guardian](#) writes, "The declaration's passage has often been cited as an encapsulation of the dehumanizing attitude toward indigenous Americans that the US was founded on."

[Facebook labels declaration of independence as 'hate speech'](#). *The Guardian*. Retrieved August 7, 2019.

Simon Moya-Smith, culture editor at [Indian Country Today](#), states, "Any holiday that would refer to my people in such a repugnant, racist manner is certainly not worth celebrating. [July Fourth] is a day when we celebrate our resiliency, our culture, our languages, our children and we mourn the millions – literally millions – of indigenous people who have died as a consequence of American imperialism."

["Millions of Americans Have Nothing to Celebrate on the Fourth of July"](#). Mic. Retrieved August 20, 2017 [Journal #5758](#)

[propublica.org](http://propublica.org)

[Feds Advance Plan to Develop a Yakama Nation Sacred Site Without Tribe's Input](#)  
[The Yakama Nation wanted to consult on the development of a project on sacred land. But when the tribal nation refused to disclose confidential information, the agency moved forward without tribal input.](#)

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## **EPA Marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act**

Today, (July 2, 2024), EPA commemorates the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964. The EPA's mission recognizes that all people – no matter the color of their skin or the language they speak – deserve to breath clean air, drink clean water, and have a healthy environment for their communities to thrive.

"We actively support states, cities, and communities across the country to prevent discrimination – and we are using the full power and full suite of Agency tools to uphold the promise of the Civil Rights Act," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan.

**Some notable steps to strengthen civil rights compliance and enforcement in recent years include:**

**Launched the new [Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights](#)**, advancing the Agency's commitment to deliver on environmental justice and civil rights now and in the future. With this new office, EPA elevated civil rights to the highest levels of the Agency.

**Embedded the Agency's commitments to civil rights in the EPA's [FY 2022-2026 EPA Strategic Plan](#) and [Agency Equity Plans](#)**, which set out actionable and accountability measures to strengthen the compliance program and ensure that civil rights compliance is an Agency wide responsibility.

**Spearheaded EPA's actions to ensure its programs are accessible** for people with Limited English Proficiency. EPA recently issued a new [Order for Assisting Persons with Limited English Proficiency](#) and has worked to ensure language access throughout is regions and programs.

**Advanced transparency in civil rights efforts** so the public has visibility into regulatory practices and procedures and can share ideas directly with the EPA through public engagements.

[Visit our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary webpage to learn more.](#)

In the years ahead, EPA will continue its robust enforcement of the Civil Rights Act through complaint investigations and compliance reviews, while expanding proactive outreach, education, and technical assistance efforts with recipients and communities.

To learn more about EPA's comprehensive efforts to protect and advance civil rights, visit the [Office of External Civil Rights Compliance](#) webpage.