The Confederate Flag, a Symbol of Southern Pride, not Hatred

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Since the slaughter of nine Blacks at a church in Charleston South Carolina, the blame has been placed squarely on the hands of the Confederate Flag. By the negative national reactions to that slaughter, you'd think that the Confederate flag lined up those nine church goers against the wall and mowed them down with a machine gun. Southern Heritage organizations have come under great negative scrutiny and public repudiation. More in particular, it's the Battle flag and falsehoods about what it represents.

We must take a critical look and evaluation of that slaughtering event, the reactions, the hijacking of the Confederate Flag, the role of Civil Rights organizations and the lack of education about the War Between The States.

Southern Heritage organizations are at cross roads of history. How do you publicly honor, display and respect leaders and relics of the War Between the States? While at the same time how does Southern Heritage survive in a critical climate of political correctness. This current political environment will certainly promote anger and hot flares among the faithfuls.

The murderous action of a hate filled White man waving a Confederate flag has created an era of unjustified knee jerk emotional reactions. Public and private actions in removing Confederate items are ranging from Walmart, NASCAR, municipalities, schools, churches and others are certainly changing the perception of Southern Heritage.

Removing symbols of Southern Heritage from public display will not stop one hate crime or remove hate from anyone or solve a single problem in Minority Neighborhoods.

But what about the atrocities committed under the American Flag? What if that murderer was shown in numerous past photographs with the American Flag or Star of David Jewish flag? Would we now be banning the American Flag or the Israeli flag?

The Confederate flag has been unfairly attacked and demonized.
The KKK over the centuries has held massive rallies marching with the American flag. There is no guessing of the hatred mindset of KKK members. If that is not proof enough what a hatred symbols can be, then what is. Do we ban the American flag because of its close association and use by the KKK?

Minorities are quick to shoutout that the Confederate Flag represents hatred. But somehow they fail to acknowledged the centuries of hate filled actions committed under the American Flag. There are many examples of acts of hatred committed under the American Flag.

Minorities also don’t understand many facts about slavery in America. For one Blacks were slaves in the Northern states for ninety years. In the Southern states Blacks were slaves for four years.

Here are few examples of American Flag in hatred situations;

1. The slaughter of hundred of thousands of American Indians in the Western territories of the United States by the American Flag waving U.S. Calvary.
Under Manifest Destiny, meaning you got the land, we want your land, and we can just take your land and you can't stop us. Wholesale slaughter and imprisonment resulted.

Ask the American Indians today what the American Flag represents to them?

2. U.S. Government officials at Tuskegee University, Macon County, Alabama tricked hundred of Blacks into undergoing syphilis injection experiments.

3. During World War Two, the American flag flew high and proudly above the internment camps of Japanese Americans.

4. The My Lai massacre by the U.S. Army in Vietnam in 1968. Those soldiers had American flags on their uniforms when the murdered between 200 and 500 unarmed Vietnamese civilians.

Civil Rights organizations are celebrating and probably privately taking high fives by the public outcry and demise of the Confederate Flag and other Southern Heritage images. Seems like everyday across this nation Confederate flags are being taken down. Civil
Rights organizations have always known that flag represents Southern Pride and not hatred. The flag issue is a great distraction from their inept and poor leadership in addressing the problems of the Minority population. The flag issue represents a gift of for this leadership.

Removing all Confederate Flags and all vestiges of Southern Pride and the Confederacy era will not solve a single problem in these communities. Problems like Black on Black killings/ crime, unemployment, lack of economic development, one parent families, the large high school dropout rate, the spread of HIV, lack of technical skills/ training. Blacks are susceptible to the so called leaders who preach and profit by emotions and not providing practical solutions to community problems.

There isn't any thing practically that could done to undo the damage caused by hijacking the Confederate battle flag by hatred groups. The damage has been done and I am afraid is permanent.

When Walmart comes out against anything or organization, you have a serious issue. The Confederate flag is the most highly recognized and visible emblem of Southern Heritage. It will always be a respected and honored fixture in the mind of Southerners. But sadly Southerners may have to find another symbol to publicly express their Southern Pride and Heritage other than by the Confederate Battle Flag. There are other Confederate era flags that still convey the pride of Southerners.

However replacing or removing the Confederate Battle doesn't solve one single issue in race relations in America.

Slavery became an element when the Yankee Imperialist Army was not winning the war. If President Lincoln was really serious about freeing the slaves, he would have done it the first month after being elected. Freeing the slaves late in the war was only a military strategy. Don't forget it was the African Kings that were the primary benefactors of the profitable slave trade. And not one slave ship arriving to the American shores flew a Confederate flag.

Do we ban the flags from Spain, English, Portugal or the flag of the original colonies.

Denying Southerners the right to display the Confederate flag and other emblems of Southern Heritage will only galvanize and strengthen Southern Heritage organizations.

The enemies of Southern Heritage are not the KKK, True hate groups, or Civil Rights organizations. The enemy is simply public ignorance of facts.
The Southern Heritage is far more than a bunch of yahoos and Rednecks waving Confederate Battle Flags on the back of pick up trucks. It comprises a cross section of the general population.

It's a tradition and spirit that won't ever die. Southern Heritage represents millions of good Southerners in all occupations and walks of life. Southern Heritage speaks to their spirit, independence, unity, true pride in the fight for freedom from the Imperialist invading Yankee Army, and the right of self determination.

National Civil Right organizations need to focus their attentions inwards to the problems of the Minority communities. How many Blacks were slaughtered by Blacks in Chicago last week? Was it 20 or 25.

I am very proud to be associated with The Sons of Confederate Veterans.

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