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Christopher Columbus Podcast

by Joe Escobar - Saturday, October 7, 2017, 9:47 PM

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Christopher Columbus' Legacy

by Vivian Hernandez - Monday, October 9, 2017, 9:03 AM

The topic that had the biggest impact on me was that Christopher Columbus was on trial in the minds of so many people, that it caused protests on Columbus Day. I agree with the protesters and with the people that wanted to celebrate Columbus day because I think Christopher Columbus' legacy is rocky at best.

The beginning of the article described my grade school understanding of Columbus perfectly. He discovered America and that is why we are here. Generally, that concept is true. Columbus came back to Spain describing a new world. Rumors spread about gold and riches

waiting to be picked up. Columbus was the beginning to permanent settlement and all of us being where we are now.

I did not know that when Columbus came to America, he inadvertently killed the Native people with disease. He captured, tortured, and did not treat the Native Americans like people. Columbus' legacy should be on trial and that all his acts should be part of the whole picture when we teach history, the celebrated discoverer and Native American killer.

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Re: Germ theory and the belife at the time

by Peter Brasier - Monday, October 9, 2017, 11:28 AM

I read the article and re-listened to the podcast and the main points that came to head for me was the articles not only dethroning of Columbus; but then the article painted Columbus in a different but not bad light. I felt the significant issue at hand in both the article and the podcast was Columbus' accusation of genocide. I would say that following the article I strongly oppose that Columbus was responsible for the deaths of all the "Indians". Being a part of the medical field I have extensive research into the Germ Theory, which was proposed in the 1860's, before the Germ theory people followed the miasma theory, a theory that disease was caused by "bad air" arising from rotten organic material. If you put yourself into the shows of a shipmate of Columbus' ship in your view you saw a group of people that had far lesser technologies and would be described as "savages" in later times. If a sickness started spreading you would follow the miasma theory and think that it is their fault due to the conditions that you view. I feel like the article did the best to not only show what Columbus did for "America at the time" but also show how you should view history not from a high thrown of current time but try to put yourself in that time and see through their own eyes. I feel the podcast was a good way to go deeper into the history of Columbus and find out what happened after his discovery; but I also felt that the podcast was mocking Columbus for his actions and beliefs.

Sincerely,

Peter Brasier

P.S. You may think that the miasma theory was ridiculous but it did give birth to the plague doctor's mask and cane, which is a technology far ahead of its time if you research it.

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No its not his fault they died from disease.

by Connor Baker - Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 10:14 PM

I would agree with you when it comes to the spread of disease. At the time they had no idea how germs worked as you said. But I think the article goes easy on Columbus when they talk about the terrible things he did and said about the native people. The article

attempts to blame his actions upon the time period instead of holding him personally responsible. I think this is a outlandish claim, I also think that people to often try to use this "time period" claim as a scapegoat for the crimes of whites against P.O.C. through history.

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Re: No its not his fault they died from disease.

by Peter Brasier - Thursday, October 12, 2017, 7:13 AM

I understand the claim of "time period" to justify actions through history, and trying to stay in the terms of history, we have an interesting problem with culture and society in the past. As the article stood to defend columbus' actions the podcast stood to take him down. Columbus was in the time of religious warfare and the shifting of the feudal system, the fact that he got someone to back his, at the time, crazy idea was surprising but one of the caveats to this is that Columbus needed to make the trip profitable and with that came the comments of what the "indians" had: land, gold, and people to work and save(catholosim was very "save or die" back then).

Sincerely,

Peter Brasier

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Christopher Columbus other side of the story.

by Liliana Valladolid Salas - Monday, October 9, 2017, 9:25 PM

While I was listening to the Columbus Podcast,I had to stop for a moment and digest to what I was listening to. I was in shock to hear that Columbus wasn't the explorer I thought he was. I grew up knowing that Columbus discovered America back in October 12th of 1492. When he actually first set foot in the Caribbean, thinking he had discovered Asia. In addition to that, he used violence and slavery to become "rich". Not knowing that what he called "Indians" didn't know what gold was. For that reason, all he did was murdered people all over the Caribbean.

Then I asked myself , how did I only hear the good side of the story? I found an article online called "Christopher Columbus Never Set Out to Prove the Earth was round"

(<http://www.history.com/news/chistopher-columbus-never-set-out-to-preove-the-earth-was-round>) by Erin Blackmore. He talked about how a story teller named Washington Irving invented Christopher Columbus biography. Even though, Irving had access to an extensive archive that didn't stop him from adding fictional information to Columbus Unique life.

I have mix feeling about this topic. Now that I know what it actually happened it makes me wonder if someone else's biography was also made up.

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Washington Irving



by Vivian Hernandez - Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 4:52 PM

This topic is mixed for me as well and I don't think that I will be comfortable with the idea of Columbus discovering America again. After reading that Columbus thought the earth was only 3,000 miles around, that was the moment I knew this Columbus was going to be different than the one I knew. I searched for the article you mentioned and thought it was fascinating that Washington Irving made up the Columbus we learned about as kids for a good read. I think Washington Irving was just trying to make the story seem more interesting than what it was. But no matter how it really happened, Columbus did begin the Age of Exploration with a mistake and false information.

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Re: If I was Christopher Columbus

by Lilia Valladolid Salas - Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 8:24 PM

I think, I would probably be comfortable with the idea of him discovering America again. Hoping for Columbus to be open minded and be better at math. If was him, I could've become friends with native Americans to obtain was he was looking for. We can't change history, but we can learn from it to avoid making the same mistakes. I want to share with you this awesome video I found on youtube about Columbus .
<http://youtu.be/3MJoKhO9G1g> Once you watch it, please let me know so we can discuss about it.

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Did it support what you already knew about Columbus or was it some point of view you've never heard before?

by Connor Baker - Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 9:14 PM

Personally most if the information presented in the podcast and reading was review. Even from a young age I don't remember having Christopher Columbus idealized in school, when I do remember him being mentioned it was when we would talk about explores as a whole. He was never singled out, either for being good or bad. The next Mention of him was in middle school at which point we being to actually look at the truth. But even then I feel as though nothing was ever hidden from me, I think my teachers did a very good job at presenting the facts fairly.

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"Day of the Race"

by Lilia Valladolid Salas - Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 9:14 PM

I'm from Mexico and I learned about Christopher Columbus when I was in Elementary school. On October 12th we celebrate the landing of Columbus to America. We called it "Dia de la Raza," ("Day of the Race"), where we celebrate the heritage, colonization, and

cultural diversity of Latin America. This holiday happens to be tomorrow.

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