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by Joe Escobar - Thursday, September 29, 2016, 9:34 AM

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Columbus vs. European Settlement in the Americas

by Kenzie Slocum - Saturday, October 1, 2016, 12:14 PM

The topic that made the biggest impact on me was (in the Columbus article) that the most likely reason people oppose Columbus is because, "...they object to the colonization of America, and they disdain less Columbus qua Columbus than what subsequently flowed from the man's exploits." This issue is significant to me because this point seems to be the main argument here. Should Europeans have settled the Americas or not, keeping in mind that they have brought with them some disadvantages and some advantages from this decision?

I agree with this statement because it seems to me that people are more opposed to the initial interaction with the Americas than they are with Columbus in particular.

This is a relatively new view for me since I have not heard of a whole lot of opposition to Columbus outside of this history class. I would have to say that the article, more than the podcast, most supported my preconceptions, as in Columbus and the general ideas surrounding him are not perfect or 100% accurate, but he should still be recognized for his explorations. I was not as familiar with the podcast's discussion of why Columbus should not be celebrated.

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