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Inside Track

Biden Proclaims Indigenous Peoples Day, Trashes European Explorers



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On October 8, President Joe Biden became the first U.S. president to issue a proclamation of Indigenous Peoples Day, while simultaneously citing the “wrongs and atrocities” inflicted upon them by European explorers such as Christopher Columbus. October 11 was the day set aside by Congress this year as “Columbus Day.”

Rather than praise the monumental achievement of Christopher Columbus, Biden chose to praise the role that Americans of Italian ancestry in general have played in the United States.

As is typical of Biden and others of his political leanings, the twin proclamations fit neatly into the Marxist worldview — that society has long been divided into oppressors and the oppressed. “For generations,” Biden said in his announcement, “federal policies systematically sought to assimilate and displace Native people and eradicate Native cultures. Today, we recognize Indigenous peoples’ resilience and strength as well as the immeasurable positive impact that they have made on every aspect of American society.”

White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki told reporters that she did not know if Biden’s next move would be to seek an end to the national holiday honoring Columbus.

While it was nice of Biden to say positive things about Italians, if he wanted to face the past honestly, he would have centered his remarks on one particular Italian — Christopher Columbus. Columbus’ achievement was mostly positive for people living on both sides of the Atlantic, including the “indigenous peoples.”

Columbus did not set out in August 1492 to discover America and enslave its peoples. His goal was to reach the East by sailing west. While Columbus’ vision was not achieved, he did introduce the Christian faith to the indigenous peoples of the Americas. Others who followed him did some bad things, but they also improved the lives of the indigenous peoples of the western world, including the abolition of human sacrifice and cannibalism. But political correctness dictates that nothing good can be said about



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Europeans, and nothing bad can be said about indigenous peoples.

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Globalists Agree on Global Minimum Corporate Tax



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No fewer than 136 countries have reached a deal that would set a global minimum corporate tax rate of 15 percent. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) announced the agreement on October 8. The United States is one of those 136 countries.

Among other things, the deal is meant to stop the practice of corporations setting up operations in countries with low corporate taxes in order to avoid punitive taxation in some countries.

According to the terms of the agreement, corporations in the 136 signatory countries will be subject to a 15-percent corporate tax beginning in 2023.

"The landmark deal, agreed by 136 countries and jurisdictions representing more than 90% of global GDP, will also reallocate more than USD 125 billion of profits from around 100 of the world's largest and most profitable MNEs (Multinational Enterprises) to countries worldwide, ensuring that these firms pay a fair share of tax wherever they operate and generate profits," said a statement on the OECD's website.

Negotiations for the global corporate tax rate have been ongoing for several years. Reportedly, talks heated up this year with strong support from the Biden administration in America, with Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen leading the charge.

International leaders agreed to a demand by the Republic of Ireland that the 15-percent minimum tax rate could not be raised in the future. In addition, the new minimum tax rate only applies to corporations that turn over at least 750 million euros, or approximately \$866 million.

Once Ireland agreed, European holdouts Hungary and Estonia quickly agreed to the global corporate tax. Of 140 nations with membership in the OECD, only Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka have not yet signed on to the agreement.

President Joe Biden, a cheerleader for the new agreement, cited it as "proof that the rest of the world agrees that corporations can and should do more to ensure that we build back better."



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Google to Crack Down on Climate-change Dissent



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Google announced October 7 that it will ban all advertising and cease to fund media and videos that question the so-called scientific consensus on climate change. The tech giant announced that it will no longer allow advertising on “content that contradicts well-established scientific consensus around the existence and causes of climate change.”

The new ban on climate realism will apply to ads that Google places online and on videos that run on the company’s video-sharing platform YouTube. This newest target of Big Tech censorship will include content that denies humans are the main cause of climate change and any content that treats “climate change as a hoax or a scam.”

“We’ve heard directly from a growing number of our advertising and publisher partners who have expressed concerns about ads that run alongside or promote inaccurate claims about climate change,” Google said on Thursday. “Advertisers simply don’t want their ads to appear next to this content. And publishers and creators don’t want ads promoting these claims to appear on their pages or videos.”

For the new rule, Google says that it consulted with the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) — which isn’t surprising at all. The UN’s IPCC is the world’s top pusher of the climate-emergency hoax.

The censorship announcement came just a day after Google announced its plan to offer consumers “more sustainable” choices.

“Climate change is no longer a distant threat — it’s increasingly local and personal. Around the world, wildfires, flooding and other extreme weather continue to affect our health, our economies and our future together on our planet. We need urgent and meaningful solutions to address this pressing challenge,” wrote Sundar Pichai, the CEO of Google and its parent company, Alphabet, Inc.

Back in the good old days, when science was set apart from politics, people used to be encouraged to put all ideas on the table and let the facts decide what was true. Those days are apparently gone, at least when it comes to so-called climate change.



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North Carolina School Board Bans Critical Race Theory



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A North Carolina school board passed strict rules October 1 against teaching so-called Critical Race Theory (CRT) in its classrooms. Teachers who run afoul of the new policy in Johnston County public schools could face discipline up to and including termination.

The Johnston County Board of Education was acting under the threat of having \$7.9 million in funding withheld by the GOP-led Johnston County Board of Commissioners if they did not codify language that prohibits teaching that America was founded on racism. The Board of Education denied that CRT was being taught in its schools.

While CRT is not mentioned specifically in the new policy, it does insist that students and staff members not be subjected to any theory that suggests that racism is an inherent part of the American experience — a primary tenet of CRT.

The new policy states, “Racism causes damage to individuals and the community. When racism is present, it creates a lack of trust and respect. No student or staff member shall be subjected to the notion that racism is a permanent component of American life. No unequal value shall be placed on any race, gender, religion, ethnicity, social class, or any other identity group.”

The new policy seeks to protect America’s founders and its founding documents from slander and incorrect interpretations: “All people deserve full credit and recognition for their struggles and accomplishments throughout United States history. The United States foundational documents shall not be undermined. No employee of Johnston County Schools will make any attempt to discredit the efforts made by all people using foundational documents for reform.”

And worst of all for CRT enthusiasts, the new policy bans the teaching of fictional accounts such as the 1619 Project — the *New York Times*-produced fantasy curriculum that claims that America’s true founding was in 1619, when slaves were first brought here, rather than in 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was issued.

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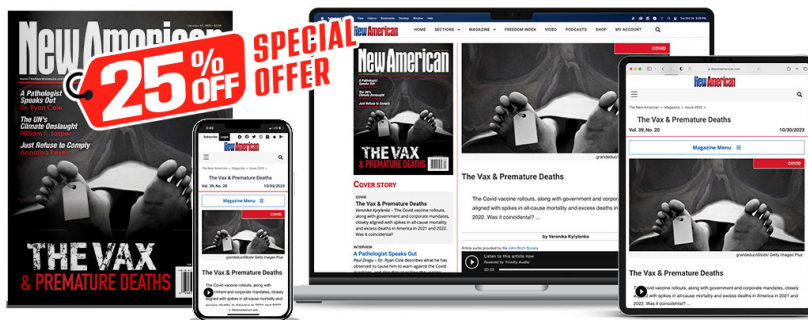
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