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## Juneteenth: Fraudulent Independence Day

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June 19, 1865 is not when slavery legally ended in America — that key date in American history didn't happen until almost six months later, on December 6. So why commemorate the emancipation of slaves on June 19? As we discuss today, the answer lies in the name of the recently established federal holiday: "Juneteenth National Independence Day."

We also look at the latest on the Sam Bankman-Fried-FTX legal saga; the latest report that hundreds of billions of dollars in Covid relief money was stolen or lost; and the United Nations' latest declaration that it wants to be an arbiter of truth.

In the second half of the show, Alex Newman interviews a retired Ukrainian general about the deep corruption of the Zelensky government in Ukraine, and Gary Benoit and Steve Bonta discuss the differences between a democracy and a republic.





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