



Revised History

Secession Wasn't, and STILL Isn't Treason

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People today, including most on the lower levels of leftism, do not know their history. And this is not accidental. You can't try to buffalo a people that has a firm grasp of their history because they will laugh in your face. The fact that most people have no grasp of our history only displays the abysmal content of what passes for "history" in the vast majority of public indoctrination centers we mistakenly refer to as public schools. They are *not* public schools—they are state schools.

Recently, I did an article about the Confederacy and I got an email back calling me a traitor. This from someone whose grasp of our history probably resembles a boll weevils grasp of international politics!

The left vainly seeks to paint secession as treason, yet I have recently noticed that those on the left have threatened to try to get the three states on our Left Coast to secede in order to prevent Trump from being re-elected. Seems they want it both ways—it's okay for me to secede, but not for thee to secede. If secession was treason for the South then it's also treason for those on the left that want to use secession as a tool for unseating a duly elected president.

Walter Williams, a professor at George Mason University wrote on 7/24/20 in an article on <https://www.pilotonline.com> that "The Confederacy has been the excuse for some of today's rioting, property destruction and grossly uninformed statements. Among the latter is the testimony before the House Armed Services Committee by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley in favor of renaming Confederate-named military bases. He said: 'The Confederacy, the American Civil War, was fought, and it was an act of rebellion. It was an act of treason, at the time, against the Union, against the Stars and Stripes, against the U.S. Constitution.'" If General Milley really believes that then he was taught erroneous American history. And where did he learn such false history? It would be interesting to know the answer to that question, quite revelatory in fact.

Walter Williams did an earlier article on this same subject, back in 2017 on <https://thenewamerican.com/were-confederate-generals-traitors/> in that informative article Walter Williams noted that: "During the ratification debates (for the US Constitution) Virginia's delegates said 'The powers granted under the Constitution being derived from the people of the United States **may be resumed by them whenever the same shall be perverted to their injury or oppression.**' The ratification documents of New York and Rhode Island expressed similar sentiments." The ratification documents for these three states were accepted *with this language included in all three.*

And Walter Williams further noted, in the same article: "At the Constitutional Convention, a proposal was made to allow the federal government to suppress a seceding state. James Madison, the 'Father of the Constitution,' rejected it. The minutes from the debates paraphrased his opinion: 'A union of the states containing such an ingredient (would) provide for its own destruction. The use of force against a state would look more like a declaration of war than in infliction of punishment...' The U.S. Constitution would have never been ratified—and a union never created—if the people of those 13 'free, sovereign and independent States' did not believe they had the right to secede"

Interestingly enough, though most Americans do not realize it because we are not taught real history anymore, the first secessionist movement in this country started in New England. Many Northern folk did not like it when Jefferson made the Louisiana Purchase and they liked it even less when we got into the War of 1812. The New England states actually met to consider secession at the Hartford (Connecticut) convention in

1814. They didn't do it because the War of 1812 ended, but I don't remember anyone calling them traitors for meeting to consider it.

Apparently, it's only treasonous if the South does it.

Gene Kizer on the **Charleston Athenaeum Press** site wrote back in 2018 that: "The right of secession was not questioned during the antebellum era. It was taught in places like the United States Military Academy at West Point in famous texts such as William Rawle's '**A View of the Constitution of the United States of America**'." So General Milley's calling the South traitors for seceding is totally out of line as is all this leftist howling about secession being treason—except when they want to use it as an excuse for throwing an election. Then it's okay. Folks if you haven't noticed to total moral bankruptcy and hypocrisy of the Left then you just haven't been paying attention!

It's long past time that people quit parroting the shibboleths of the Left when they don't know what they are talking about.