

Larry Pittman commented on an article.
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What some people apparently do not understand is that Lincoln pushed us into that war for economic and political reasons, not to set the slaves free. Robert E. Lee despised slavery. When he inherited slaves, he immediately set them free, long before (let's call it what it was) Lincoln's War Against the States. When Lee's wife inherited slaves, he could not set them free before a certain date without dishonoring the will by which she inherited them. By the time that date arrived, Lee was a bit busy defending Virginia and the other States from Lincoln's war of tyranny; but he sent letters of manumission through Yankee lines to set his wife's slaves free. Gen. Grant, on the other hand, did not set his slaves free until he was forced to do so by the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment to the US Constitution in December, 1865, approximately eight months after Lee surrendered at Appomattox. Lincoln made it very clear along the way that he did not wish to make the slaves equal citizens. He wanted to send them all to Liberia, Africa, where many freed slaves were sent. The Confederate Battle Flag is not properly a symbol of racism or slavery. It is a symbol of the States' rights to govern themselves free of federal tyranny. My great-great-grandfather, Amos Wetherington, who never owned a slave and did not support slavery, fought under that flag to uphold the constitutional rights of North Carolina and all the States. That struggle continues today, as long as I am alive. The men who fought for that cause deserve to be remembered and honored. When that flag is used by racists, they dishonor the flag. That is what should be outlawed, the misuse of the flag to represent racial hatred, not the flag itself or monuments to the memory of brave men who defended their States against brutal invaders and federal tyranny. No one loved the Union more than Robert E. Lee. But he considered Virginia to be his nation, as I do North Carolina. He defended these United States long and vigorously; but he could not stand by and watch the usurper, Lincoln, attack his beloved homeland, or participate in that attack. He did the only honorable thing he could do under the circumstances. Those monuments stand for thousands more who did the same. I would never agree to dishonor the memory of those Union troops who died as pawns in Lincoln's unjust war. But neither will I ever agree to dishonor our Confederate dead.



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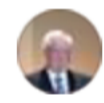
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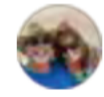
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Larry Burrage
This is true. but history has been changed to protect the democrat.they were the party that did not want the slaves freed. And they are still slaves to the party.:

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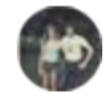
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Linda Belcher
Two problems with erasing history. 1. We will likely repeat it 2. There will be nothing to boast about overcoming. All the advances one should be happy about are mute because well, it never happened.

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Larry Pittman
I can't argue with that, Linda.

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Jim Conrad
This. From Walter E Williams a few days ago...
<http://www.wnd.com/2015/07/the-war-of-1861-brute-force/>

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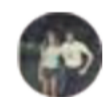
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Jordon Greene
Exactly!!!! And I also agree that I consider myself a North Carolinian first, it is my nation that just so happens to be in a union of mutual benefit with 49 others. 😊

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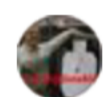
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Larry Pittman
Right on the money, Jordon!

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Ron Long
Thank you **Larry Pittman** for stating what so needed to be said regarding this issue and for your stand.

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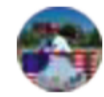
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Jim Conrad
Those who always want to use the power of the Federal Government to get their way (Modern Liberals) are behind this.

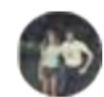
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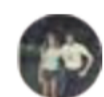
Beverly Sargent Starcher
I come from a long line of "Yankees" (I was the first in my family to be born south of the Mason-Dixon- in Florida) but I totally agree Larry! Banning the Confederate flag and taking down Confederate monuments is disrespect to those who gave their live... **See More**

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Larry Pittman
Right, again, Jim.

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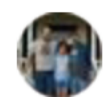
Larry Pittman
Thanks, Beverly. The way I use the terminology is this. People from up North are just people from up North. They can be just as good as anybody. They are not necessarily Yankees. "Yankee" is a word I reserve for those people from up North who thin... **See More**

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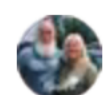
Jim Conrad
Agreed, **Larry Pittman**.
I had no control over where I was born.

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Richard Strube
Well said **Larry Pittman**...keep up the fight, we are with you 100%

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Randy Laughter
Thank, you **Larry**!

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