

FBI's warning of white supremacists infiltrating law enforcement nearly forgotten

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"A Tale of Two Hoodies" (by Michael D'Antuono artandresponse.com)

Alamo was a battle for slavery

by Philip Weiss on February 7, 2009



A friend writes: "You have a couple of predictable and amusing comments defending Jeffrey Goldberg & the valiant defenders of the Alamo. Their argument reminds me of the argument that your average honky fought the civil war to defend the "southern way of life"—as if drinking sweet tea and eating hush puppies required resorting to arms to keep those dam Yanks from taking that away. Let them eat John Quincy Adams:

USNews: The slavery question has muddled the pristine image of the Texas revolution. John Quincy Adams, two months after the Alamo, argued on the floor of the U.S. House that "the war now raging in Texas is a Mexican civil war and a war for the re-establishment of slavery where it was abolished."

History News Network:

In addition to enforcing Catholicism, the Mexican government outlawed slavery. Thus, one of the great ironies of the Texas Revolution is that the Texans were fighting for their natural right to hold other people in bondage.

Wikipedia:

However, Ben, a former American slave who served one of Santa Anna's officers, maintained that Crockett's body was found surrounded by "no less than sixteen Mexican corpses" [...]

Santa Anna spared several of the Texans found at the Alamo. He freed both Travis's slave, Joe, and Bowie's freedman, Sam, because they were or had been slaves, and he hoped the act of mercy would convince other slaves in Texas to support the Mexican government over the Texian rebellion

Counterpunch:

The "Republic of Texas" was a natural outgrowth of the Austin colony which brought slavery onto Mexican soil in 1821. In 1825, twenty five per cent of the people in Austin's colony were slaves and by 1836 there were 5,000 slaves. James S. Mayfield, a later Secretary of State for the Republic of Texas, stated that "the true policy and prosperity of this country (Texas) depend on the maintenance" of slavery. Like all Southern plantation owners, these Anglo-Texans had a plan for their own prosperity based on the free labor of slaves.

However, the problem for the slave-owning crowd was that the fledgling national government in Mexico City threatened to restrict or abolish slavery on Mexican land.

by Tzvi Ben Gedalyahu

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