

Genocide Against the American Indian, Destruction of the Buffalo, & Imperialism in Iraq

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In 1492, Christopher Columbus sailed the ocean blue. What's not taught is that Columbus ushered in a history of genocide that has destroyed well over 90% of indigenous people in North and South America. Seen through the prism of the extermination of the buffalo (American bison), Jim will draw connections between the genocide of native peoples in America with the ongoing struggle in Iraq. What is happening in Iraq is not something new, though many in the mainstream present Iraq as something uniquely evil that would never have happened under any person other than George W. Bush. This presentation aims to correct that gross misunderstanding of American history and the American present. Understanding the past and understanding how the past is still present will help us identify more clearly what is going on in Iraq, and more importantly, why it is going on. Please come for this presentation. A question and answer period will follow.

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