

Learning All the History

The purpose of history is not to create propaganda.

It should never be taught filtered, including only the parts that make a nation, its leaders, or even its people look good. It needs to be taught entirely, the good, the bad, the successes and the mistakes. Otherwise it has no value. If we don't learn what was done wrong, we don't know what to avoid in the future, and we don't really understand how the present got the way it is, if we don't know the truth about the past.

Yet, it IS filtered. Right here in America, home of free speech and free press, our schools teach history with a "positive spin". They don't necessarily tell complete lies-- they leave things out.

The motive isn't quite sinister. On a simple level, adults want their children to think they are the "good guys". Natural enough, but it is the wrong thing to do.

Recently I watched the video I linked to below. Even though I lived through the events it describes, I found it fascinating and an excellent reminder. Some of you may never have learned it as history. It is too important to miss.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Yzk-vtErQE#t=32>

The Secret Government: a 1987 PBS report by Bill Moyers

Keep in mind that, though we clearly KNEW all this by 1987, or should have, if we paid attention, we allowed George Bush II and Dick Cheney to do it to us again.

Not everything is included in this video- that would take hours to cover it all. It didn't mention that Reagan's Vice-President, George Bush I, was heavily involved in creating and running the illegal secret operations under Reagan.

But it is a good overview of the subject. If you want to know more, the facts are out there. Forget about the elaborate conspiracy theories. Reality is stranger than fiction.

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