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"A nation that forgets its past has no future." - Winston Churchill

The Decline of Teaching Factual American History in Public Schools - Part 2

At the beginning of the 20th century, social engineers embraced John Dewey's *Pedagogic Creed* of 1897 that said, "Every teacher should realize he is a social servant set apart for the maintenance of the proper social order and the securing of the right social growth. In this way the teacher is always the prophet of the true God and the usherer in of the true kingdom of heaven." ⁽¹⁾

Dewey, a philosopher, psychologist, and considered the "Father of American Education," became an agnostic/atheist and "replaced Christianity with a religion of his own, secular humanism," ⁽²⁾ that embraces human reason and secular ethics, while specifically rejecting religious dogma. Dewey was co-author of the *Humanist Manifesto* (1933), that believed the time has passed for belief in God, and that prayer and worship are to be replaced by efforts to promote social well-being. "His work provided a foundation and a foot in the door for the secular humanist movement...the dominant religion in America today," wrote Brad Harrub, author & researcher. ⁽³⁾

**"If you don't know history, then you don't know anything.
You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree." - Michael Crichton, author**

Thus, knowing John Dewey's philosophy, parents can understand why history has been made almost irrelevant in most American schools. America's actual founding on escape from religious persecution, individual liberty, Religious Freedom, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the best place for freedom, hope, and opportunity, has been replaced by efforts to undermine, ignore and diminish the country's founding principles.

"We cannot give up. America is too important ... and so is the future of our children. ... Let us in 2021 remain together as a community and keep proclaiming the authentic American ideals and principles - our historic values," said Rabbi Aryeh Spero, Conference of Jewish Affairs.

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"It's your country ... fight for it." - Rabbi Aryeh Spero