

DEVELOPING CRITICAL LITERACY SKILLS

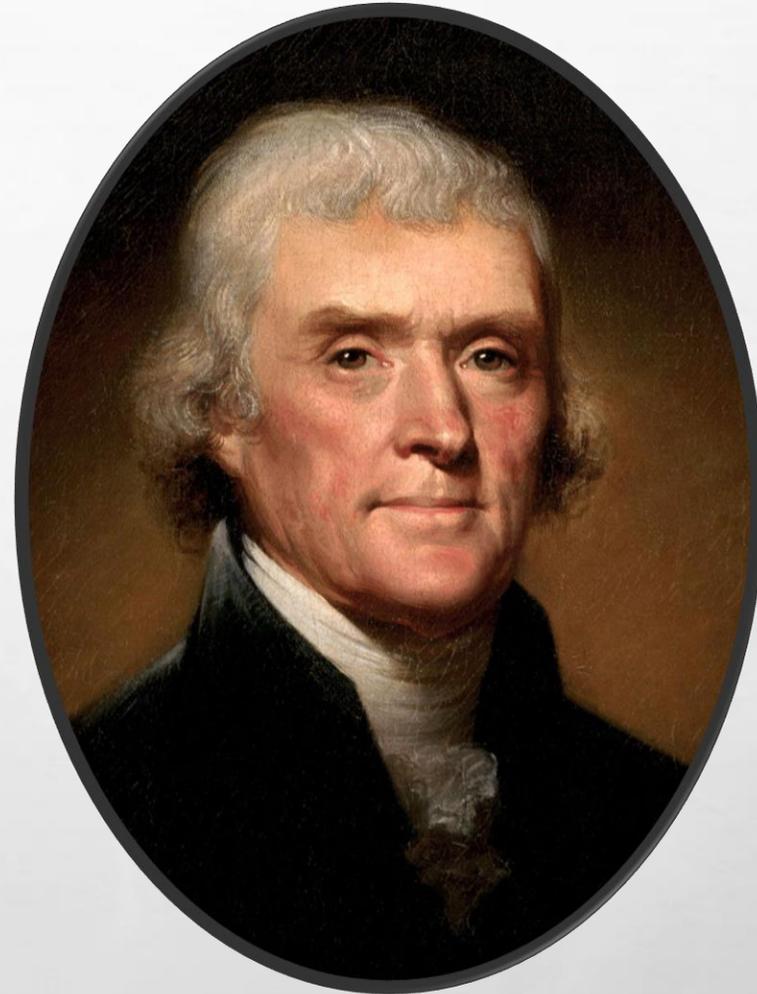
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REASON WITH FACTS

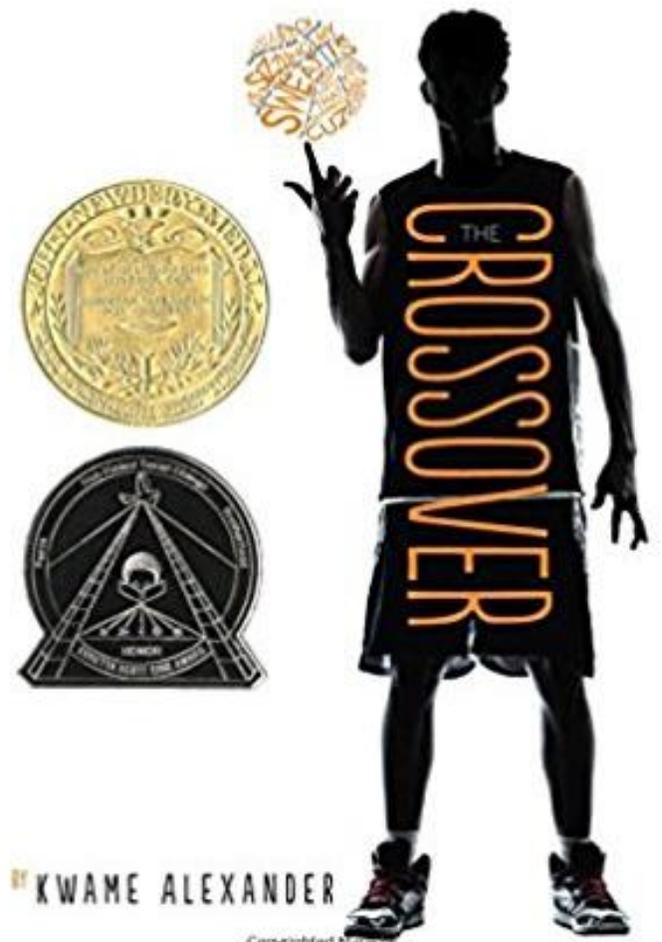
WE ARE NOT AFRAID TO FOLLOW TRUTH
WHEREVER IT MAY LEAD, NOR
TO TOLERATE ANY ERROR SO LONG
AS REASON IS LEFT FREE TO COMBAT IT.

~THOMAS JEFFERSON



RELATE TO YOUR STUDENTS ON THEIR LEVEL

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"BOLD! EXPLOSIVE! ... I LOVE *THE CROSSOVER*. EVERYONE WILL." —NIKKI GIOVANNI



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MAKING INFERENCES

JOSH (FILTHY)

JORDAN (JB)

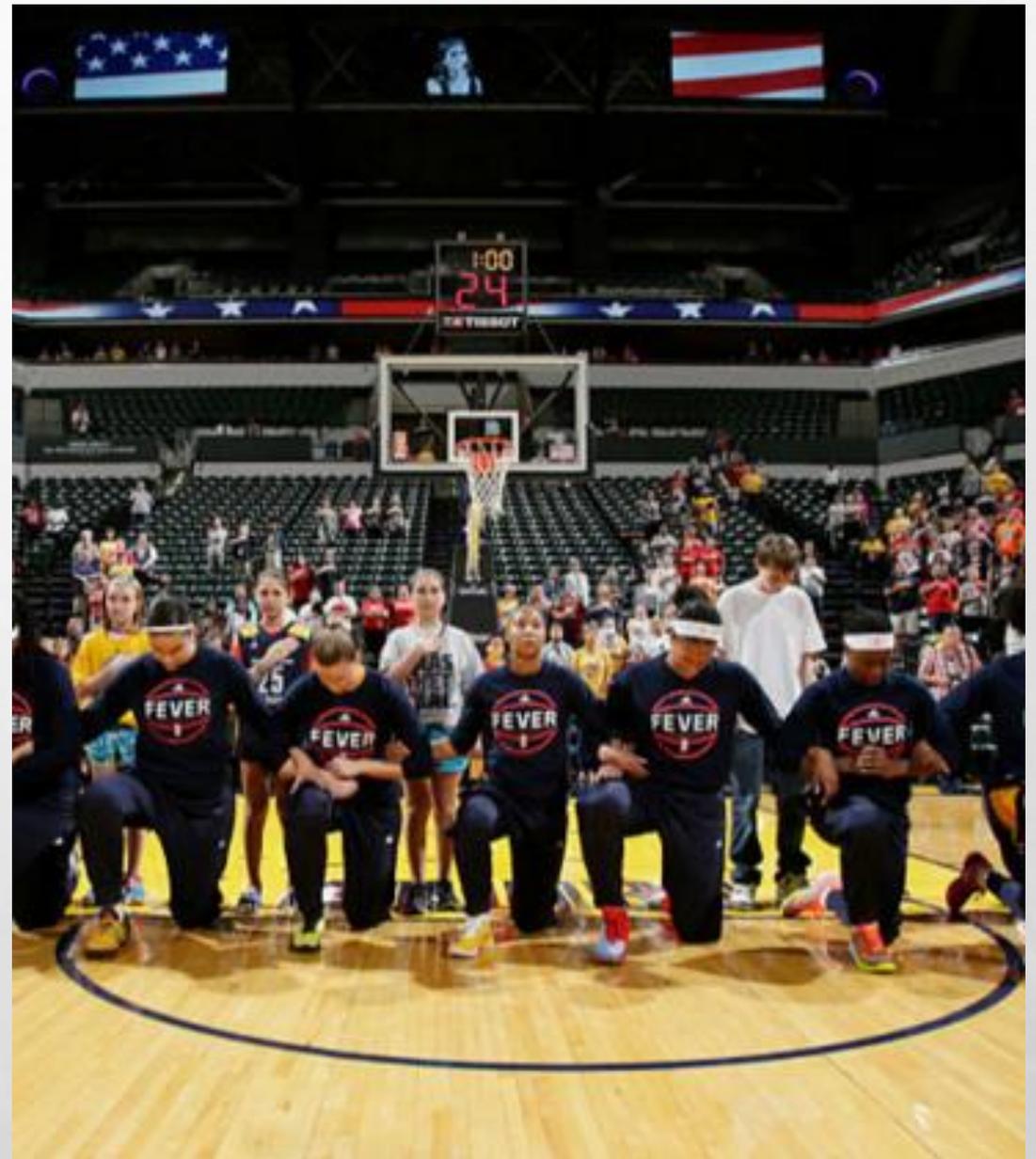
GET THE FACTS

JOSH (FILTHY)

JORDAN (JB)

TAKING A KNEE

PROS AND CONS



<https://www.swishappeal.com/2016/9/22/13011696/indiana-fever-take-knee-protest>

WHERE ARE PLAYERS TAKING A KNEE?

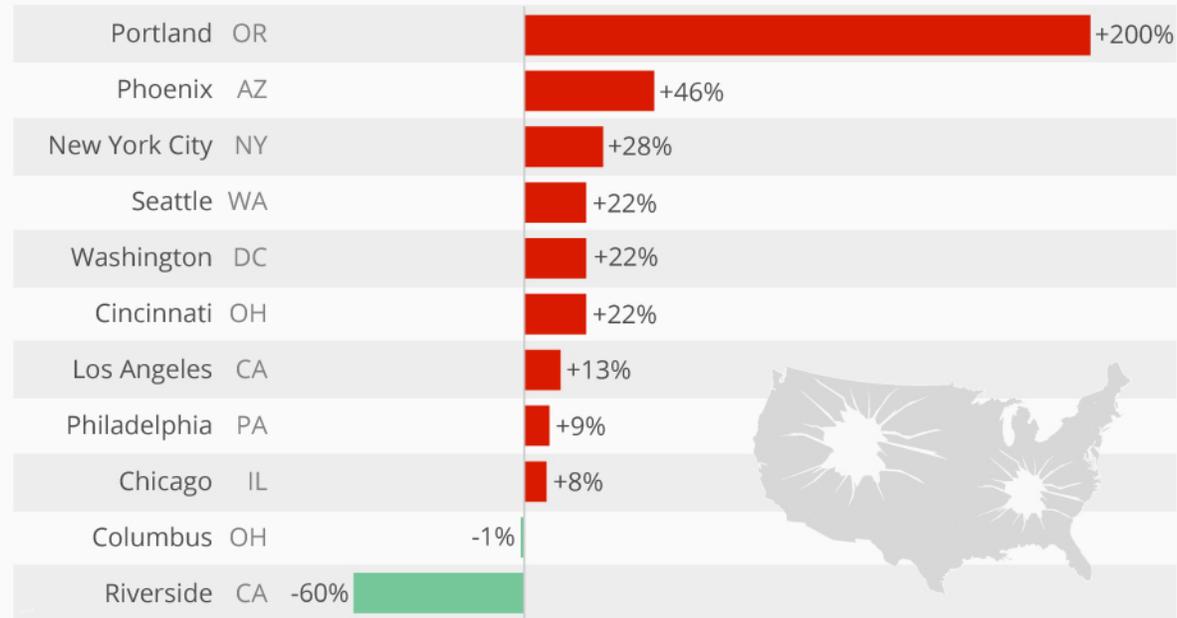


<http://www.freeworldmaps.net/northamerica/united-states/map.html>

HATE CRIME STATISTICS

Hate Crime Has Gone Up In Most Major U.S. Cities

Change in hate crimes reported in major U.S. cities (partial years 2016 and 2017)



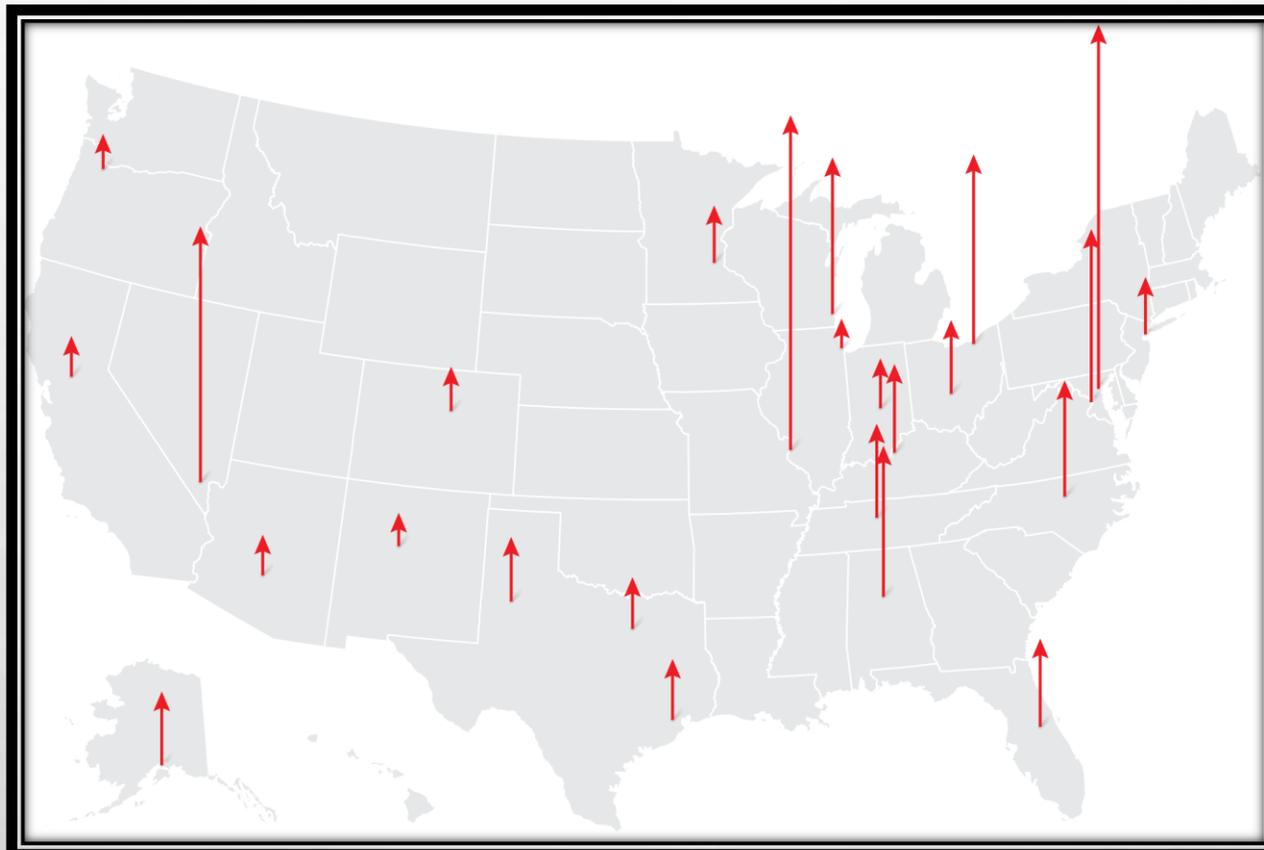
Source: Center for the Study of Hate & Extremism
at California State University, San Bernadino

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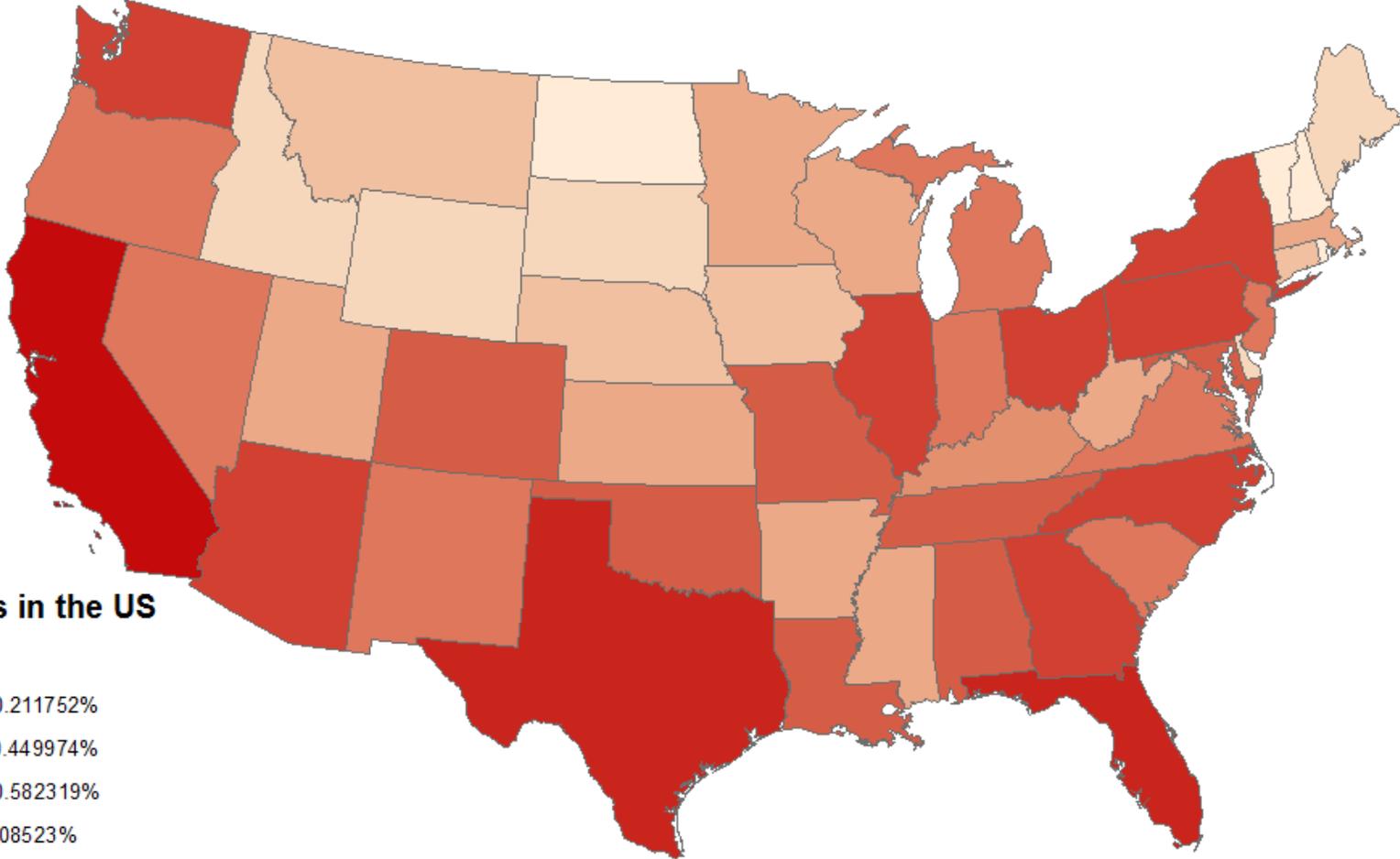
<https://www.statista.com/chart/11211/hate-crime-has-gone-up-in-most-major-us-cities/>

2015-MURDER RATES ROSE IN ¼ OF OUR LARGEST CITIES



<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/09/08/us/us-murder-rates.html>

Total Police Killings in the US



Police Killings in the US

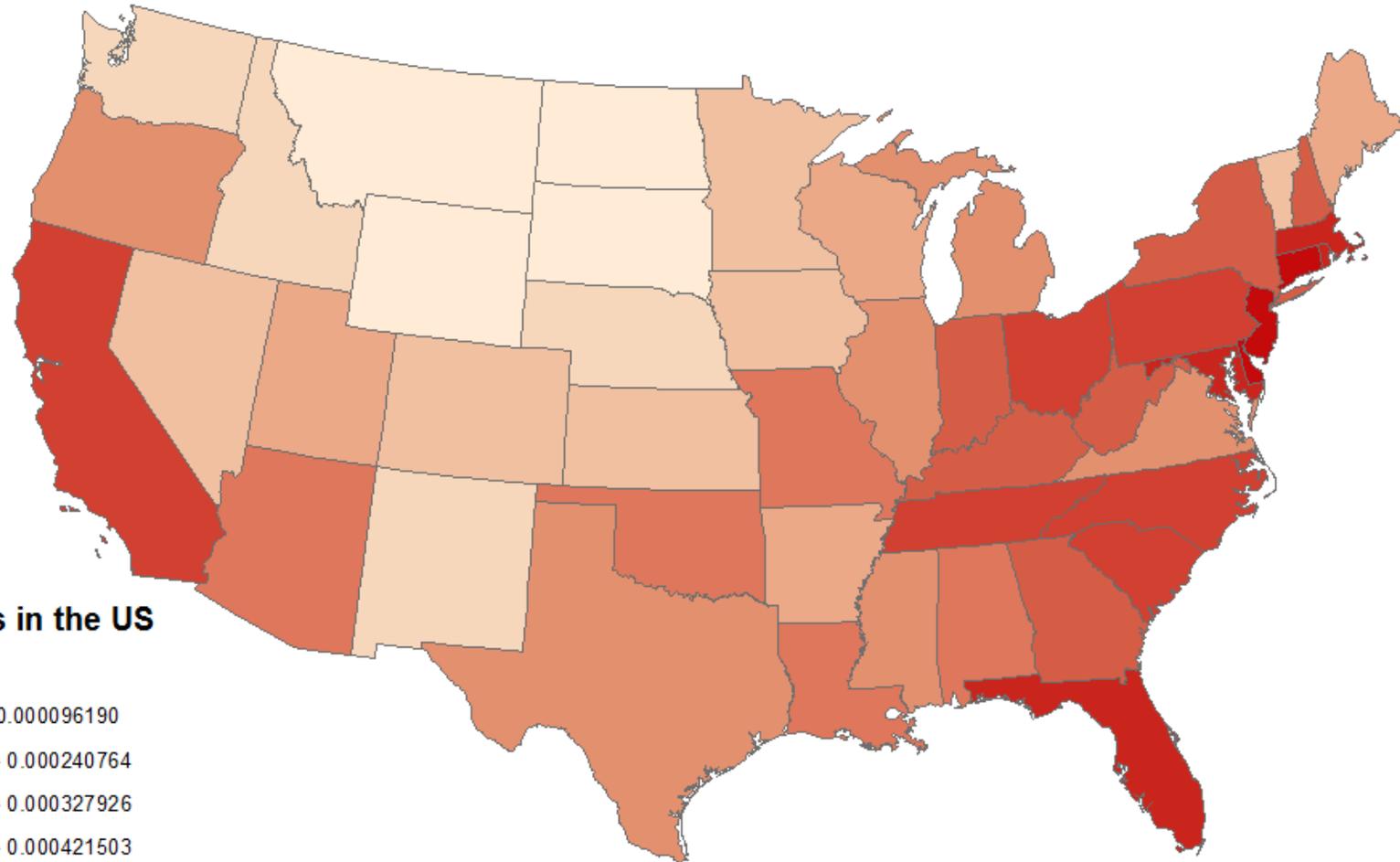
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- 1.085231% - 1.323452%
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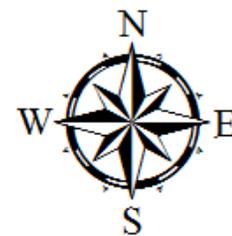
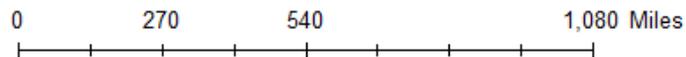
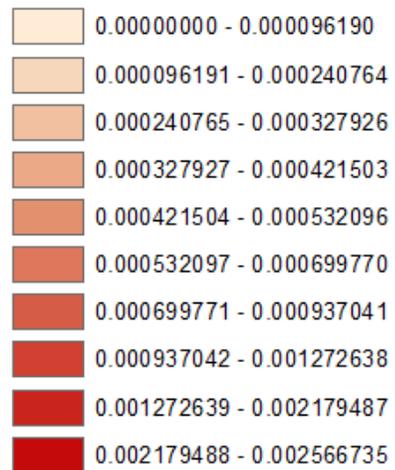


Killing of White people in the US

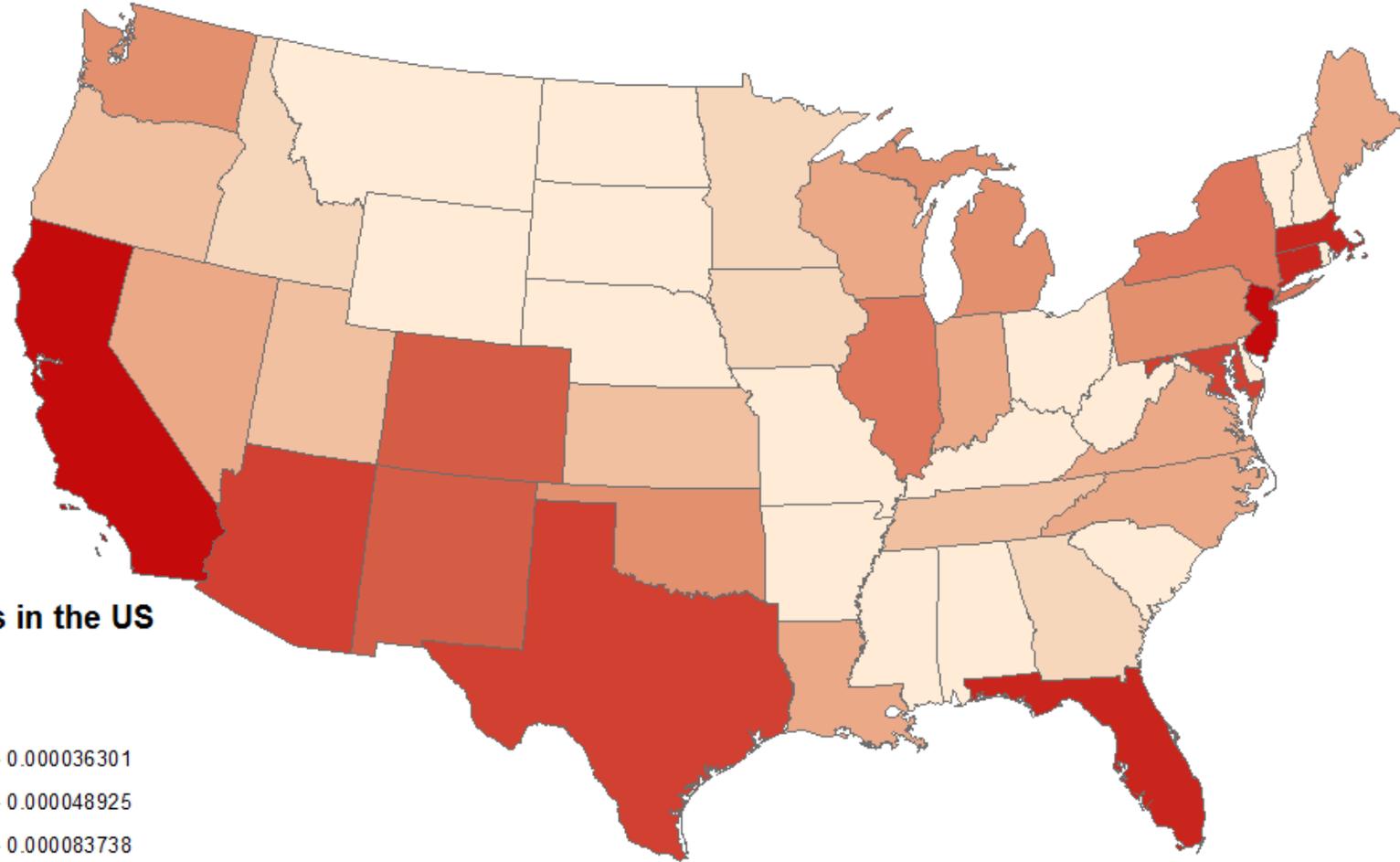


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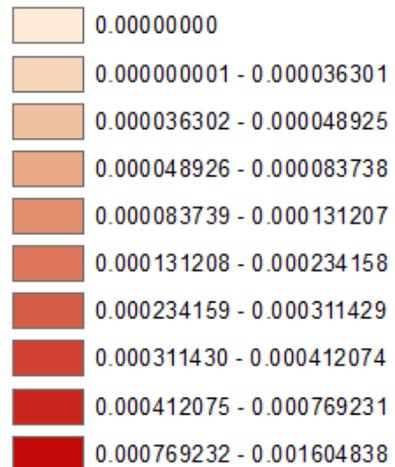


Killing of Hispanic people in the US

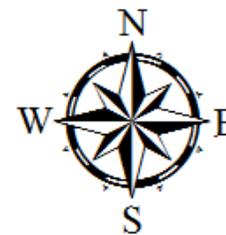


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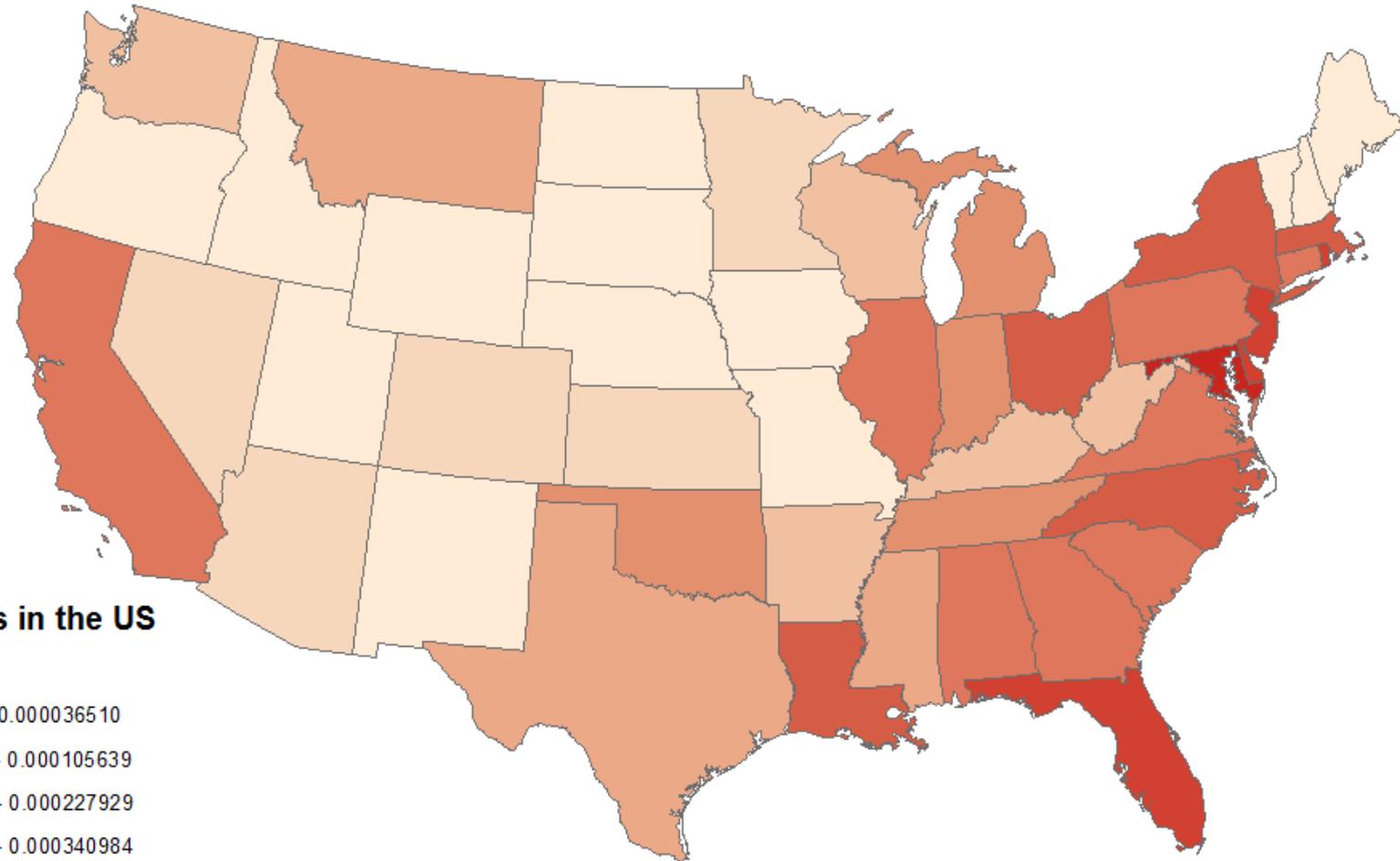
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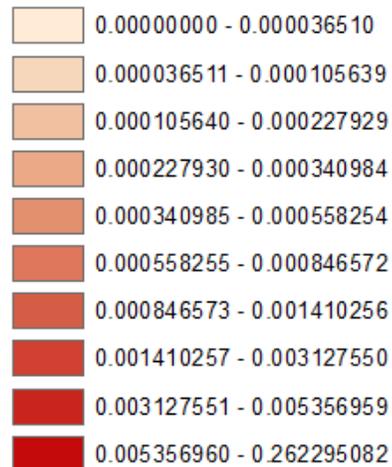


Killing of African American people in the US

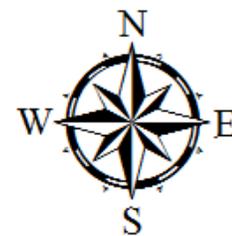


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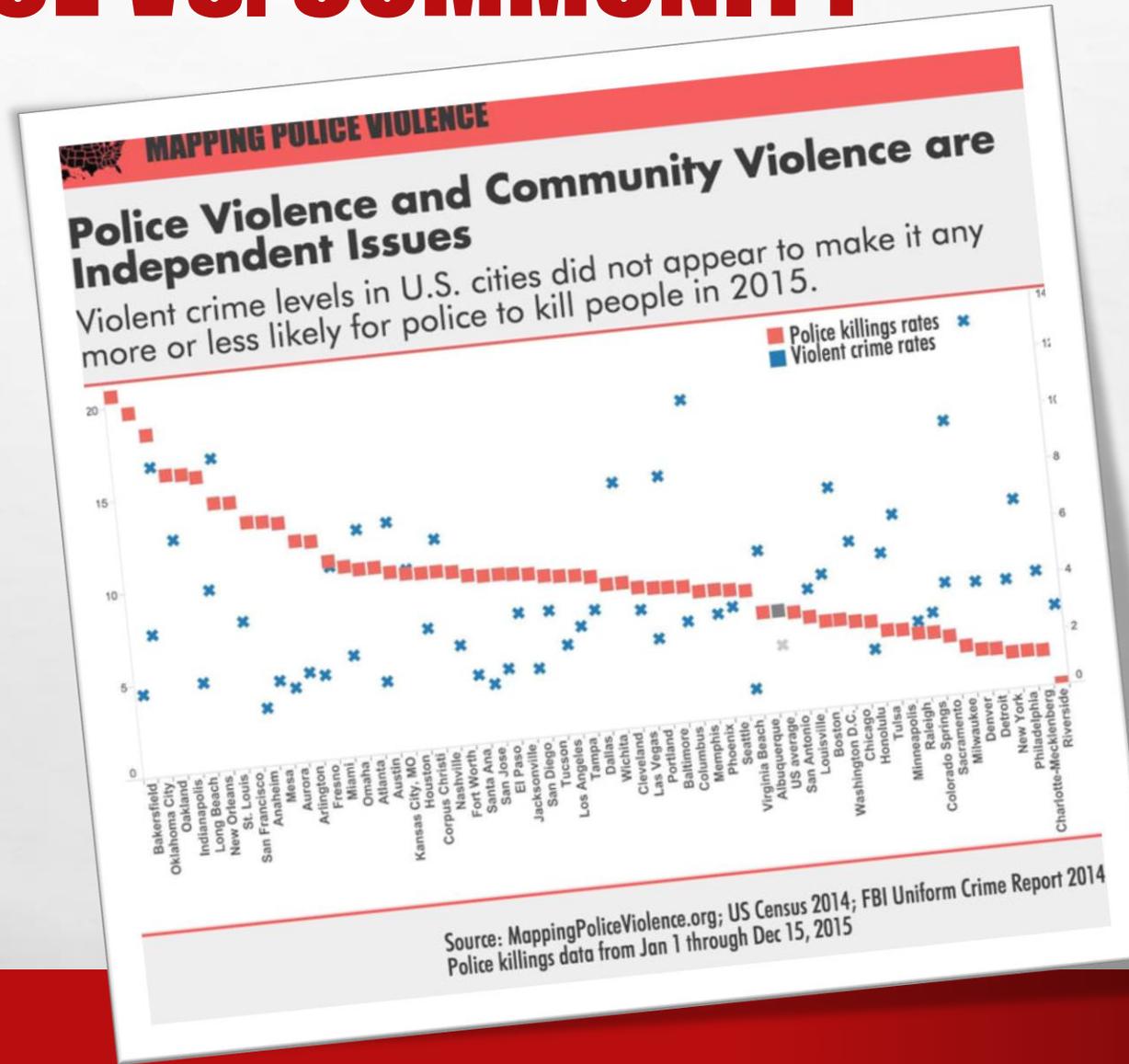
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POLICE VIOLENCE VS. COMMUNITY VIOLENCE



THE FLAG IS A SACRED SYMBOL

THE AMERICAN FLAG IS A SYMBOL OF THIS NATION'S PRIDE AND VALUES.

FLAGS FROM COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD USE THEIR BANNERS TO DISPLAY THEIR COUNTRY'S PRIDE TO OTHER NATIONS.



<https://www.aboutflags.com/blog/2014-winter-olympics/>

THE HISTORY OF OUR FLAG

AMERICANS HAVE STOOD FOR THE U.S. FLAG SINCE JUNE 14, 1777, THE DAY THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS DECLARED "**THAT THE FLAG OF THE** (THIRTEEN) UNITED STATES BE THIRTEEN STRIPES, ALTERNATE RED AND WHITE: THAT THE UNION BE THIRTEEN STARS, WHITE IN A BLUE FIELD, REPRESENTING A NEW CONSTELLATION."



<https://blog.fold3.com/flag-day-june-14/>

OUR FLAG & NATIONAL ANTHEM

THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS LATER IN AUG. 1814, THE WHITE HOUSE AND U.S. CAPITOL LAY IN ASHES AFTER THE BRITISH MILITARY BURNED THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN WASHINGTON D.C. IN THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH, MANY AMERICANS UNDERSTANDABLY FEARED THAT THE UNION JACK, THE BRITISH FLAG, WOULD SOON FLY OVER ALL OF AMERICA AGAIN.

HENCE, THREE WEEKS AFTER THE SACKING OF WASHINGTON, FRANCIS SCOTT KEY, A MARYLAND ATTORNEY WHO POLITICALLY OPPOSED THE CURRENT PRESIDENT, WAS SO MOVED AT SEEING THE U.S. FLAG FLYING VICTORIOUSLY AT THE END OF THE BATTLE FOR BALTIMORE'S FORT MCHENRY, THAT HE WROTE LYRICS FOR THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER, THE SONG WE NOW CALL THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

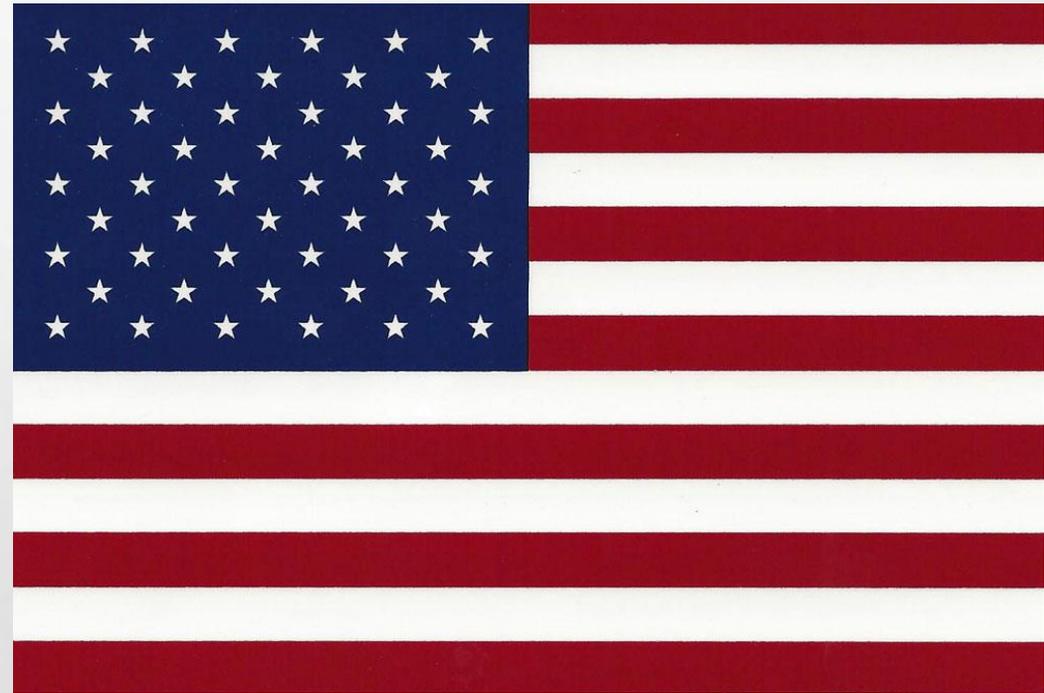


<https://adcochrane.wordpress.com/2014/09/03/the-scot-who-burned-down-the-white-house/>

WHAT DOES OUR FLAG STAND FOR?

THE STRIPES REPRESENT THE ORIGINAL 13 COLONIES AND THE STARS REPRESENT THE 50 STATES OF THE UNION.

THE COLORS OF THE FLAG ARE SYMBOLIC AS WELL; RED SYMBOLIZES HARDINESS AND VALOR, WHITE SYMBOLIZES PURITY AND INNOCENCE, AND BLUE REPRESENTS VIGILANCE, PERSEVERANCE AND JUSTICE.



<https://flagsinternational.com/product/left-hand-american-flag-sticker/>

5 REASONS TO STAND FOR OUR FLAG

- 1. WE STAND FOR THE FLAG TODAY, NOT TO PLEASE OURSELVES BUT TO HONOR THOSE WHO PAID THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR OUR FREEDOM.**
- 2. WE STAND FOR THE FLAG NOT TO FOCUS ON WHAT DIVIDES US BUT ON WHAT UNITES US, WHICH IS BEING AN AMERICAN.**
- 3. WE STAND FOR THE FLAG NOT TO PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO A PRESIDENT, BUT TO HONOR THE REALITY THAT WE HAVE AN ELECTED PRESIDENT AND NOT A LIFETIME KING.**



5 REASONS TO STAND FOR OUR FLAG

- 1. WE STAND NOT BECAUSE OF PAST OR PRESENT PAIN CAUSED BY INJUSTICE, BUT TO SALUTE THE PRINCIPLE OF JUSTICE.**
- 2. WE STAND FOR THE FLAG NOT FOR OUR GENERATION BUT TO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.**



<https://historyplex.com/everything-you-need-to-know-about-american-flag-etiquette>



**FROM THOMAS JEFFERSON
TO URIAH FORREST,
31 DECEMBER 1787**

“...SAY FINALLY WHETHER PEACE IS BEST PRESERVED BY GIVING ENERGY TO THE GOVERNMENT, OR INFORMATION TO THE PEOPLE. THIS LAST IS THE MOST CERTAIN AND THE MOST LEGITIMATE ENGINE OF GOVERNMENT. EDUCATE AND INFORM THE WHOLE MASS OF THE PEOPLE, ENABLE THEM TO SEE THAT IT IS THEIR INTEREST TO PRESERVE PEACE AND ORDER, AND THEY WILL PRESERVE IT, AND IT REQUIRES NO VERY HIGH DEGREE OF EDUCATION TO CONVINCING THEM OF THIS. THEY ARE THE ONLY SURE RELIANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OUR LIBERTY.”

~THOMAS JEFFERSON

YOU RESEARCHED THE FACTS,



NOW YOU DECIDE!

TIPS FOR PROMOTING CRITICAL LITERACY

**“NOTHING CAN NOW BE BELIEVED WHICH IS SEEN
IN A NEWSPAPER.”** ~THOMAS JEFFERSON



- 1. ENGAGE STUDENTS ON THEIR LEVEL**
- 2. TEACH STUDENTS TO IDENTIFY LINKS BETWEEN IDEAS**
- 3. TEACH INQUIRY & PROBLEM SOLVING METHODS**
- 4. UNDERSTAND THAT GEOGRAPHY IS IMPORTANT TO RESEARCH**
- 5. APPROACH PROBLEMS IN A CONSISTENT AND SYSTEMATIC WAY KEEPING OPINIONS OUT OF THE WAY**
- 6. BACK ARGUMENTS WITH SOLID REASONING**
- 7. VALUE ALL OPINIONS THAT ARE BACKED BY FACTS**