Why Would Americans Hate Thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving this year delivered a crushing blow to the NBA's Boston Celtics who lost to the New York Knicks. NBC Sports reporter Abby Chin told Celtics star Kyrie Irving, "Happy Thanksgiving," to which Irving <u>responded</u>, "F*** Thanksgiving."

Apparently, Irving's late mother was born into the Standing Rock Sioux tribe in South Dakota and he has recently begun embracing his Native American heritage.

But why would that cause Irving to be so hostile and unthankful for America?

I think I may know the reason.

Statistically speaking, Kyrie and American Millennials' (ages 18-34) worst subject is history. Many know very little about our European ancestors, the Pilgrims, to whom the first Thanksgiving is attributed. Tragically, revisionist history has left out the specific reason these pioneers settled in America and instead have created a new inhumane narrative that has caused men like Kyrie to despise America.

Thankfully our American history is well documented and I would like to share some of it. You see, the Pilgrims wrote their reason for settling in America in the Mayflower Compact — the first American government document: "...for the glory of God and advancement of the Christian faith..."

By coming to America, the Pilgrims determined to set up an entire nation for the purpose of glorifying God and advancing the Christian faith. This radical statement UNITED government with a responsibility to God and left a strategy for future generations to follow that has arguably brought about more

liberty, prosperity, and joy to our nation than any other political philosophy in any other country in the history of the world! That is something to be thankful for.

The first national Thanksgiving occurred in 1789. According to the *Congressional Record* for September 25, immediately after approving the Bill of Rights, Mr. Elias Boudinot said he could not think of letting the congressional session end without offering an opportunity to all the citizens of America to render their sincere thanks to Almighty God for the many blessings He had poured down upon them.

The resolution was delivered to President George Washington, who heartily concurred with the congressional request, declaring:

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor . . . Now, therefore, I do appoint Thursday, the 26th day of November 1789 . . . that we may all unite to render unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection."

For years after, Americans were delivered from countless perils, received many victories and blessings, prospered beyond any country, and soon everyone envied the "American Dream" that God had given to persevering Americans, including amazingly talented athletes like Kyrie Irving.

I encourage everyone reading with this: let's not just wait until Thanksgiving to thank our benevolent Creator. Like our founding fathers, let us give thanks to the God of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for America's incredible founding. Let us pray that our government would never relinquish its Godgiven duty to preserve our rights. And finally, let us pray that American education would once again be based on truth, not dishonesty and disinformation.

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