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Every American Needs To Take a History of Mexico Class

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The recent backlash over a [new book on the history of The Alamo](#) is not about partisanship nor misapplied [critical race theory](#). It is, however, about denying who we are as a nation. More than an erasure of historical fact it is another example of the [ongoing and dangerous practice of cherry-picking parts of our past](#) to fit prepackaged national myths. This is not a new practice [nor is our society the only one to rewrite history](#) to suit current political winds. Yet denying a serious, factual analysis of our past sabotages the ability to achieve a more just and equal society. If we start our national origins story with historical falsehoods, we will continue to repeat and expand these fictions to make the initial lie make sense.