

# Academics Baffled as Perplexing Religious Ritual Sweeps Nation

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**Dear reader, these acts may seem ridiculous to you. But for some people, this is real life.** Experts are stumped, as Americans turn away from increasingly secular ways. Sacrificial rituals are dominating headlines across the country.

Traditionally, sacrificial victims were animals, enemies, or the purest of heart. Ceremony officiates would offer up the chosen few to gain favour with, and avoid the wrath of, various gods and deities. Sometimes, it was hoped a sacrificial ceremony would bring a favourable season of wheat or carrots. Methods might include throwing the victim into a volcano, or something of that nature. Today, we believe these practices are barbaric, and quite infective. So, it indeed comes as a surprise as Americans have been performing these nonsensical rituals en masse.

It seems as though our southern neighbours are sacrificing their fathers without a second thought. More specifically, paper portraits of their founding fathers.

Yes, against all reason, citizens have been throwing their hard earned stacks away. Analysts suspect these practices are being undertaken in hopes that it will bring prosperity from the probability god - Pau Werbal. Believers are certain that riches will rain upon them from the sky, should they perform this ritual. Non-believers who attempt to dissuade, speaking of such things as odd, are regularly dismissed as heretics.

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