

"Competing Approaches To U.S. History & U.S. Exceptionalism"

1. "Howard Zinn's approach to U.S. history is..." a series of choices and turning points". More of a moral approach

Additionally "Zinn argues that the greatest sin textbook writers commit is not ignoring or downplaying historical atrocities, but rather stating them plainly as facts and giving them the same emotional weight as all other historical facts."¹

"TheUnitedStates is exceptionally conflict-filled."

"Zinn is making a moral argument for how to approach history. He is not claiming to present the most objective, accurate, or fact-based approach. He simply believes that always telling stories from the perspective of the weaker party is the morally right thing to do."

2. "Larry Schweikart and Michael Allen's approach to U.S. history is..."Written in direct opposition to Zinn's book, but still makes a moral argument—only this time based on the belief that virtue, not conflict, guides human relations and a faith in democracy rather

¹ Robert Fuller, "Our Key Authors," lecture at Arizona State University, Spring 2023

than a model of victims and executioners.”²

3. "John Faragher's approach to U.S. history is..."The United States is exceptionally diverse."
4. "Roxanne Dubar-Ortiz's approach to U.S. history is..."exceptionally genocidal"
5. "Gary Hodgson argues that U.S. exceptionalism has been forced into a narrative of exceptional virtue
- Hodson recognize good and bad in the history of the United States
6. "Daniel Rodgers argues that U.S. exceptionalism are narratives that He calls "engines of national self-consciousness"
7. Rosemarie Zagarri argues that U.S. exceptionalism should be looked at as a global turn. She looks at global history and uses it to make the U.S. history more relatable and to be used to help correct our positive and negative connotations.

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"My Three Topics"

1. The Supreme Court

- The lack of a set number of seats allows for court packing
- The corruption of the nomination process/ skipping qualified nominees
- How court eras have shifted and changed the society at the time
- The power of the court and what it does

2. The U.S. Press

- Change and uses in society
- News paper/ telegram use
- propaganda / fake news
- radio use
- television use/ current use

3. Foreign Policy

- The start of foreign policy in the United States
- Era of Unilateral Isolationism
- Era of Multilateral Internationalism
- Current foreign policy, unilateral and multilateral approaches

-Foreign Policy during war times/ shifts due to events