# Frontier Theory and the Omission of Native Americans

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### Background

- Frontier Thesis introduced at the 1893
   Chicago World Fair
- Proposed by Frederick Jackson Turner
- Pushing the frontier helped contribute to the development of American democracy
- Consequently attributed little to minorities and Native Americans

### Abstract

The purpose of this project is to highlight the issues and implications of Frederick Jackson Turner's "Frontier Theory" proposed at the 1893 Chicago World Fair, and research the long-term effects that this theory has carried into the modern century through various editions of an entry level U.S. History college textbook by way of quantitative content analysis.

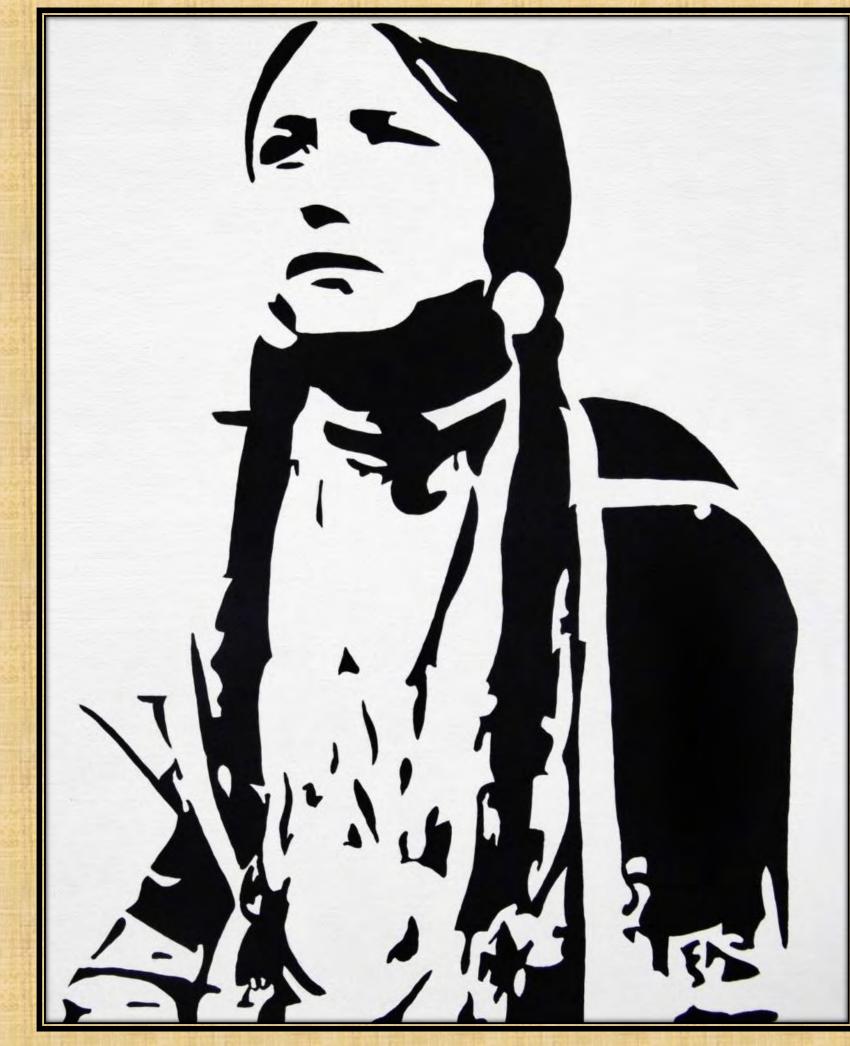


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## Implications/Consequences

- Frequent omission of significant events regarding Native Americans in U.S. History
- Ethnocentric focus on primarily white males
- Exclusion of contributions by minorities
- Unintentional reform of lower education
- "Democracy" by pushing the frontier

# Methodology

- Comparative, quantitative analysis of entry level U.S. History college textbooks
- America: A Narrative History by George Tindall and David Shi (multiple editions)
- Provide insight to the long-term effects of the frontier thesis in education
- What events were omitted/added?



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