

# Secession Wasn't, and STILL Isn't Treason

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People today, including most on the lower levels of leftism, do not know their history. And this is not accidental. You can't try to buffalo a people that has a firm grasp of their history because they will laugh in your face. The fact that most people have no grasp of our history only displays the abysmal content of what passes for "history" in the vast majority of public indoctrination centers we mistakenly refer to as public schools. They are *not* public schools—they are state schools. Recently, I did an article about the Confederacy and I got an email back calling me a traitor. This from someone whose grasp of our history probably resembles a boll weevils grasp of international politics!

The left vainly seeks to paint secession as treason, yet I have recently noticed that those on the left have threatened to try to get the three states on our Left Coast to secede in order to prevent Trump from being re-elected. Seems they want it both ways—it's okay for me to secede, but not for thee to secede. If secession was treason for the South then it's also treason for those on the left that want to use secession as a tool for unseating a duly elected president.

Walter Williams, a professor at George Mason University wrote on 7/24/20 in an article on <https://www.pilotonline.com> that "The Confederacy has been the excuse for some of today's rioting, property destruction and grossly uninformed statements. Among the latter is the testimony before the House Armed Services Committee by the Chairman of the **Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley** in favor of renaming Confederate-named military bases. He said: 'The Confederacy, the American Civil War, was fought, and it was an act of rebellion. It was an act of treason, at the time, against the Union, against the Stars and Stripes, against the U.S. Constitution.'" If General Milley really believes that then he was taught erroneous American history. And where did he



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**would have never been ratified—and a union never created—if the people of those 13 ‘free, sovereign and independent States’ did not believe they had the right to secede”**

Interestingly enough, though most Americans do not realize it because we are not taught real history anymore, the first secessionist movement in this country started in New England. Many Northern folk did not like it when Jefferson made the Louisiana Purchase and they liked it even less when we got into the War of 1812. The New England states actually met to consider secession at the Hartford (Connecticut) convention in 1814. They didn't do it because the War of 1812 ended, but I don't remember anyone calling them traitors for meeting to consider it.

Apparently it's only treasonous if the South does it.

Gene Kizer on the *Charleston Athenaeum Press* site wrote back in 2018 that: “The right of secession was not questioned during the antebellum era. It was taught in places like the United States Military Academy at West Point in famous texts such as William Rawle's '*A View of the Constitution of the United States of America*'.” So General Milley's calling the South traitors for seceding is totally out of line as is all this leftist howling about secession being treason—except when they want to use it as an excuse for throwing an election. Then it's okay. Folks if you haven't noticed to total moral bankruptcy and hypocrisy of the Left then you just haven't been paying attention! It's long past time that people quit parroting the shibboleths of the Left when they don't know what they are talking about.

Addition by James King---Salmon Chase, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, said in 1865 and 1867 that secession is not rebellion and if any members of the former Confederacy are brought to trial that the north will lose in court what they won on the battlefield.