



the majority of white people as well. And, to these white nationalists, that Southern Cross flag is a symbol of all the hate they hold near and dear.

Those who continue displaying that Southern Cross flag may vow and declare their motivation to be “Heritage not Hate,” but those who see that flag displayed assume, and logically so, that the one displaying that flag sides with white nationalists and white supremacists.

Some may say, “The Southern Cross flag is part of me, part of who I am.” The same could be said of a gangrenous foot, the difference being that retaining a gangrenous foot hurts only the one retaining it, white keeping and displaying the Southern Cross flag is offensive or deeply hurtful to millions whose lives are directly and daily threatened and impacted by the hate that flag represents and communicates.

We Cherokees call ourselves Aniyvwiyv Dhib̄̄ (Real People); I firmly believe it is time we Get Real, be honest about history and put away the heritage of hate. Do'hidv ʌ̄̄ (Peace)

Here's the link to “Heritage or Hate” by Robert Francis, September 2015. <http://midamericanindianfellowships.org/PDF/Heritage%20or%20Hate.pdf>

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