Why Do We Celebrate Diversity?

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Do we celebrate diversity?
We the People
of the United States,
in order to form a more perfect Union,
establish justice,
ensure domestic tranquility
provide for the common defence,
promote the general welfare,
and secure the Blessings of Liberty
to ourselves and our posterity,
We ordain and establish
this Constitution
for the United States of America.
Who did “We the People” include?
Indian Removal Act of 1830

The Indian Removal Act of 1830 gave US troops federal authority to banish Native American Indians from their homelands once and for all, including the Ohio Shawnee aborigines.

In Ohio, Shawnee lands and their personal possessions were then “legally” seized by the government and sold at public auction for pennies on the dollar....
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U.S. Const. Art. I, sec. 2: “…three fifths of a man”
U.S. Const. Art. IV, sec. 2
Fugitives “shall be delivered up…”
Lynching in America
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1896: *Plessy v. Ferguson*
United States Supreme Court

“Separate but equal”
U.S. Military, Tuskegee Airmen
Anti-miscegenation Laws
No Black/White Marriage
Loving v. Virginia, 1967
Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Women in American History
1920—Nineteenth Amendment
BY INVITATION ONLY
Mass Killing at Sikh Temple
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“The past is not dead. It’s not even past.”

-- Faulkner
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Reason #1:

Some of the worst moments in human history have occurred when we have failed to celebrate the value and worth of all of us.
“History does not repeat itself exactly, but it does rhyme.”
-- Mark Twain
Reason #2:

Diversity deepens our understanding of those not like us, and makes us better thinkers.
Reason #3:

We understand the error and danger of prejudice and bias, and the need to arm ourselves against them in every way we can.
Implicit Bias

Unconscious Automatic Associations
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