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I put together [this documentary on the Manzanar War Relocation Center](#) in California – one of ten internment camps the Army used to house Japanese-Americans without charge or trial after the bombing of Pearl Harbor during WWII. We happened to pass by Manzanar off the side of the road during a filming road trip back in 2020 prior to the lockdowns and when I saw the guard tower at the entrance to a national park, I had no idea what it was.

Despite having earned a master's degree, I had never been taught about the history of Japanese-American internment in school, and that includes completing two university level American history classes (one of which specifically covered WWII supposedly in-depth). I wouldn't learn about this dark chapter in American history until years later during my own history research. Why wasn't this ever taught?

What follows is one of the saddest pieces I have ever made, but I think people need learn about this, so history doesn't get to repeat these human rights violations on the next "minority" simply because of the majority's hysteria and fear.

*Watching now. Pretty wild to think I would have been hauled away living where I am right now in the*

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