

## American Minute with Bill Federer

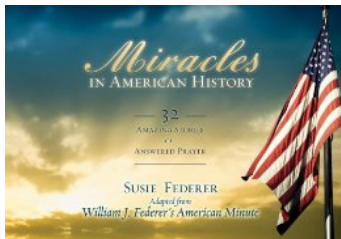
Teddy Roosevelt, the Rough Riders & Battle of San Juan Hill; "Resolved ... the people of the island of Cuba ... ought to be free!"

[Read American Minute here](#)

Slavery existed in Cuba longer than anywhere else in the Western Hemisphere, except Brazil ...

[continue reading American Minute here ...](#)

[Download as PDF ...](#)



[Miracles in American History](#)

**Slaves** were purchased from **Africa** where **Arab Muslim slave traders** had enslaved an estimated **180 million blacks** over the **fourteen centuries of Islamic rule**.

**President James Buchanan** wrote December 19, 1859:

"When a market for **African slaves** shall no longer be furnished in **Cuba** ... **Christianity** and **civilization** may gradually penetrate the existing gloom."

**President Ulysses S. Grant**, who fought to end

**slavery in America**, stated, December 2, 1872:

**"Slavery in Cuba is ... a terrible evil ...**

It is greatly to be hoped that ... **Spain** will voluntarily adopt ... emancipation ... in sympathy with the other powers of the **Christian and civilized world."**

**Cuban Independence movements** were attempted in the 1820s and 1830s, but these were crushed by the **Spanish monarchy**.

On October 10, 1868, landowner **Carlos Manuel de Céspedes** freed his **slaves** and declared **Cuba's independence** from Spain.

**Cubans** drafted a **"10th of October Manifesto,"** 1868:

"Rebelling against **Spanish tyranny**, we want to indicate to the world the reasons ...

**Spain** governs us with **iron and blood**; it imposes ... taxes at will; it **deprives us of all political, civil and religious freedom**;

it has put us under military watch in days of peace,

**arresting, exiling and executing**, without being subject to any proceedings ...

it prohibits that we freely assemble ..."

The **"10th of October Manifesto"** continued:

**"Spain** loads us with hungry bureaucrats who live from our patrimony and consume the product of our work ...

So that **we do not know our rights**, it maintains us in **the ignorance** ...

It forces us to maintain a expensive **army**, whose unique

use is to **repress and to humiliate us ...**

To the **God** of our consciousness we appealed, and to the good faith of the civilized nations."

The "**10th of October Manifesto**" ended:

"We want to enjoy the **freedom** for whose use **God created man ...**

We want to **abolish slavery ...**

We want **freedom of meeting, freedom of the press and the freedom to brings back consciousness;** and we appeal to practice **inalienable rights of the man."**

In 1878, the **Spanish Government** crushed the revolt and ended "**The Ten Years War**" in which **thousands were killed.**

Under international pressure, **Spain ended slavery by Royal decree in 1886.**

Another "**Little War**" took place in 1879, and finally, in 1895, open rebellion broke out.

**Spain sent Governor Valeriano Weyler to Cuba to smash anti-government protestors.**

**Weyler** adapted the model of **interring Cherokee** used during **Democrat Administration's** of Jackson and Van Buren in the 1830s, called the **Indian Removal Act.**

Weyler adapted this into notorious "**concentration camps.**"

**Weyler** rounded up **hundreds of thousands of Cuban civilians** from their rural farms and marched them into **crowded camps** -- an example later followed by **Hitler's National Socialist Workers Party** and **Stalin's Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.**

Ultimately, between 1896-1897, over a **third of Cuba's population** was in **concentration camps**.

Over **225,000** died from **starvation, exposure** and **yellow fever**.

Continual pleas for help reached the **United States**.

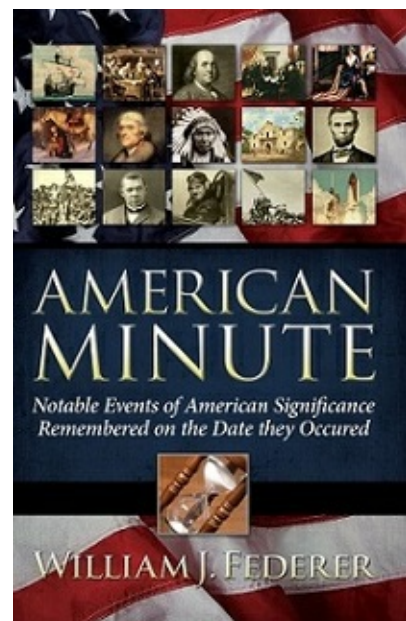
**Newspaper publishers** made pioneering use of sensationalism and propaganda to **influence public policy**.

Joseph Pulitzer's ***New York World*** and William Randolph Hearst's ***New York Journal***, stirred public sentiment with "**yellow press**" journalism, demanding **President McKinley** intervene militarily.

Heart's newspaper illustrator was **Frederic Remington**, who was on assignment in Cuba. He sent a cable message in 1897: "Everything quiet. There is no trouble here. There will be no war. Wish to return."

**Hearst** cabled back: "You furnish the pictures and I'll furnish the war."

[American Minute-Notable Events of American Significance Remembered on the Date They Occurred](#)



**President McKinley** responded by sending the **USS Maine** to Havana's harbor.

The ship **blew up** under suspicious conditions on February 15, 1898.

**President McKinley** approved a Resolution of Congress, April 20, 1898:

"Whereas the abhorrent conditions which have existed for more than three years in the **island of Cuba**, so near our own borders,

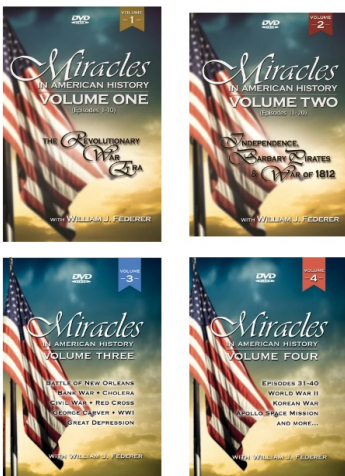
have shocked the moral sense of the people of the **United States**, have been a disgrace to **Christian civilization**,

culminating, as they have, in the destruction of a **United States battle ship**, with 266 of its officers and crew, while on a friendly visit in the harbor of **Havana**, and cannot longer be endured ...

... Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives ... that **the people of the island of Cuba** are and of right ought to be **free.**"

Assistant Secretary of the Navy, **Theodore Roosevelt**, resigned and organized **the first volunteer cavalry**, made up of polo riders, cowboys and even Indians.

The U.S. Army used the **Gatling Gun** for the first time in mobile offensive combat.



### [Miracles in American History DVDs](#)

**Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders**, along with

other regiments, charged up **Cuba's Kettle Hill**, then **San Juan Hill**, capturing it on JULY 1, 1898.

After **eight hours of heavy fighting** there were over **1,500 American casualties**.

One of the officers, **Lt. John J. "Black Jack" Pershing**, later rose to the highest rank ever **"General of the Armies."**

**Pershing** wrote:

"The entire command moved forward as coolly as though the buzzing of bullets was the humming of bees ...

... **white regiments, black regiments, regulars and Rough Riders**, representing the young manhood of the North and the South, **fought shoulder to shoulder, unmindful of race or color**, unmindful of whether commanded by ex-Confederate or not, and mindful of only their **common duty as Americans."**

Among the thousands of Americans who volunteered for service during the **Spanish American War** were **5,000 black soldiers** called **"Buffalo Soldiers,"** a name given to them by the Indians.

Other **black soldiers** were nicknamed **"The Immunes"** as they were considered **more resistant to tropical climate and diseases**.

**All races were integrated in the U.S. Army** until Democrat President **Woodrow Wilson** **segregated blacks and whites** in 1914.

Casualties of the **Spanish-American War** included:

- 379 Americans killed,
- 1,645 wounded, and
- 2,621 who died of disease.

On the Spanish side:

- 1,000 killed,
- 800 wounded and
- 15,000 died of disease.

The large numbers dying of **yellow fever** led Army physician **Walter Reed** to conduct research and confirm the **disease was spread by mosquitoes.**

This discovery led to methods to control the insects, which later allowed for the **construction of the Panama Canal.**

Sick and wounded soldiers were cared for by **Clara Barton**, founder of the **American Red Cross**, and an order of **Catholic Sisters** referred to as a **Band of Angels.**

After the War, **Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines** were no longer controlled by **Spain.**

**President McKinley** wrote, July 6, 1898:

"At a time ... of the ... glorious achievements of the naval and military arms ... at **Santiago de Cuba,**

it is fitting that we should pause and ... reverently bow before **the throne of divine grace** and give **devout praise to God**, who holdeth the nations in **the hollow of His Hands."**

--

[Download as PDF ... Teddy Roosevelt, the Rough Riders & Battle of San Juan Hill; "Resolved ... the people of the island of Cuba ... ought to be free!" & What Happened Since?](#)

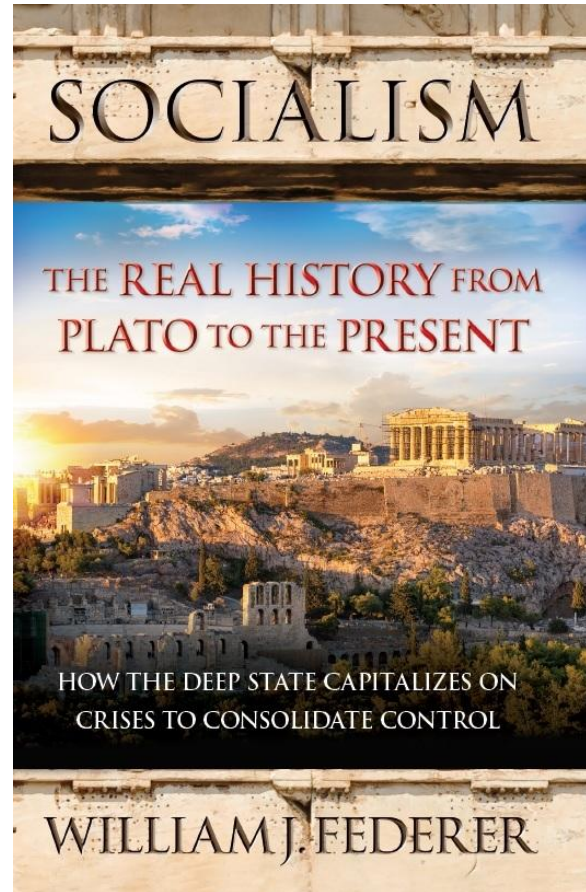
[Read as American Minute blog post](#)

William J. Federer  
video & audio



[Rumble](#)  
[YouTube](#)  
[Spotify](#)

[Flash Drive of video presentations on Socialism: The Real History from Plato to the Present](#)



**Schedule Bill Federer for informative interviews & captivating PowerPoint presentations: 314-502-8924**

[\*\*wjfederer@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:wjfederer@gmail.com)

**American Minute is a registered trademark of William J. Federer. Permission is granted to forward, reprint, or duplicate, with acknowledgment.**

[\*\*www.AmericanMinute.com\*\*](http://www.AmericanMinute.com)

[Please consider a donation to American Priorities. Thank you!](#)

[American Minute store](#)

[Interviews on The Eric Metaxas Show](#)

[700 Club - Miraculous Milestones in Science, Medicine & Innovation](#)

[700 Club - Socialism \(episode 1\)](#)

[700 Club - Socialism \(episode 2\)](#)



[700 Club - Miracles in History \(episode 1\)](#)

[\(episode 2\)](#)

[\(episode 3\)](#)

[Miracles in American History-Volume TWO \(D.James Kennedy  
Ministry\)](#)

[\*Faith in History TCT\*](#)

[Archives](#)

[\*CBN "Liberty" Special\*](#)

[\*Today's Bible reading\*](#)

