

Dear Representative Davies,

I write this with a sad and heavy heart, but I feel it is important that I share my view with you. I have voted Republican since 1988 and as a photographer have done local, state, and national level work for the Republican party. Today the political climate is different and as a Mexican American, I will no longer support any Republican cause.

Why? The hate and xenophobia directed at undocumented workers by republican politicians (illegal aliens as the right proudly calls them) and by extension to all Latinos born and raised in this country has driven me away. Much of the discourse coming out of the right is in no way endearing me to their causes. Just read any forum regarding immigration at any online newspaper.

I have also been patriotic and have served in the U.S. military, as have many of my ancestors. The final straw for me was the exclusion of Hispanics by PBS and Ken Burns in his epic WWII documentary, *The War*, where no mention is made of the contribution done by Latinos. As you know we had the highest number of Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to any ethnic group.

Yes I know he has tacked on 9 minutes apiece to 2 Hispanic and one Native American veteran. They were added after much protest, the new material will be seen at the end of each program.

Seeing that this documentary is going to be a teaching standard for future generations the exclusion of Hispanics' contribution to winning the war will leave an incomplete record. This has been a practice of pre- 1970s writers of history, and this slanted viewpoint should not be the only viewpoint taught in our schools.

The recently released accompanying book makes no mention of the Latino veterans either.

It is widely accepted that the programming from PBS has a decidedly left of center viewpoint, and if that is how the left is going to treat us I can only imagine what the right has in store for us.

Thank you for your service,

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