



## Welcome the Revolutionaries?

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Attending his son's commencement ceremony at the University of Michigan, Judge Michael Warren came away . . . concerned.

"In stark contrast to several speakers who dutifully acknowledged that the campus sits on land ceded by the Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi Nations by the 1817 Treaty of Fort Meigs (or Treaty of the Foot of the Rapids)," the judge [lamented](#) in *The Detroit News* on Monday, "not a single speaker dared to acknowledge the birthday of our own nation."

The ceremonies, writes Judge Warren, "could have occurred in any country without missing a beat."

Warren, a U of Malumnus, sadly notes how thoroughly "in thrall" to the "well-documented anti-West, anti-American sentiments" his old school has become. He also highlights

how very different they were from the ceremonies, a half century ago, during the Bicentennial, when the keynote speech was entitled "Welcome to the Revolution."

Nowadays, any Revolution extolled on campus might best be symbolized not by fife and drum or quill on parchment, but by a raised red fist.

Or hammer and sickle — perhaps painted in rainbows.

Lost on the university class? Any charm to the "near magical words" of the Declaration of Independence. Before the Declaration, Warren explains, all governments "were unequivocally opposed to recognizing that the people had the right to reform or start government anew."

Today's university folk, expressing the typical pieties of the center-left, in fact mimic our familiar American model to justify their own, much less impressive and far more dangerous notions of never-ending revolution.

In April, Republic Book Publishers came out with *The Revolutionary Words that Forged America: [The Definitive Guide to the Declaration of Independence](#)* by this very same Judge Michael Warren. I [bought](#) a copy. It looks great.

For he takes the founders' seriously good ideas *seriously*.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

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NOTE: Judge Warren also happens to be a very serious candidate for the Michigan Supreme Court. And, in full disclosure, my friend.