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BREAKING: Pope Leo XIV enrages MAGA by formally apologizing for the Church's role in legitimizing slavery and for failing to condemn it for centuries, calling it a "wound in Christian memory."

This is truly historic and Republicans are furious...

"It is impossible not to feel deep sorrow when contemplating the immense suffering and humiliation endured by so many in stark contrast to their immeasurable dignity as persons infinitely loved by the Lord. For this, in the name of the church, I sincerely ask for pardon," Leo wrote in "Magnifica Humanitas," his much-anticipated first encyclical.

While previous popes have apologized for the Christian involvement in the trans-Atlantic slave trade, none has ever delivered such a direct apology for the broader role that the Church played in the survival of that deeply evil institution.

The Vatican at times gave European monarchs express permission to colonize and enslave foreign peoples, slathering their brutal crimes against humanity in a veneer of Christian piety. In the 15th century, Pope Nicholas V went so far as to give the Portugese throne authority to subjugate and rob "Saracens, and pagans, and other infidels, and enemies of the name of Christ" as well as "reduce their persons to perpetual slavery."

Leo took that history on head-first—

"Already in the early modern period, the Apostolic See of Rome, responding to the requests of sovereigns, intervned several times in order to regulate and legitimize forms of subjugation, and, in certain cases, including the enslavement of "infidels," he wrote.

"In the development of her doctrine, the Church has gradually come to a deeper awareness of the gravity of these issues," Leo stated. "It is true that past events cannot be judged anachronistically, as though the moral criteria that matured over time had always been available. Yet neither can we deny or diminish the delay with which both society and the Church came to denounce the scourge of slavery."


He added that it "took eighteen centuries" for the Church to "explicitly" recognize its "full incompatibility with slavery."

"This constitutes a wound in Christian memory, one from which we cannot consider ourselves detached," Leo added.

The pronouncement has already been met with outrage from many members of the online right, who believe that the Western world should never apologize for anything it's done, not even slavery. Social media is aflurry with MAGA accusations that Leo has succumbed to "suicidal empathy" and "white guilt." These are the same people who believe that the Civil War was fought for "states' rights" and that the Confederacy was an admirable endeavor.

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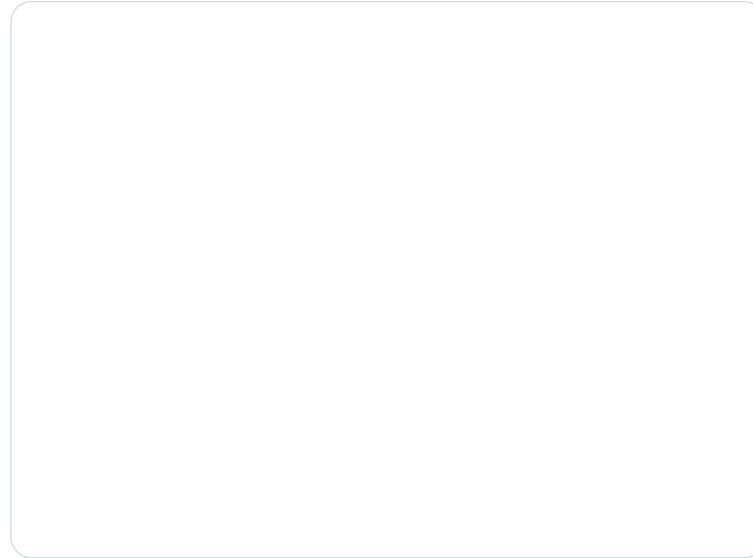


the world around us. Leo connected the topic to slavery by warning that these emergent technologies are leading to new forms of human exploitation and debasement, as neocolonialist labor practices are implemented to provide the rare minerals necessary to build AI chips.

The situation in the Congo is particularly dire, with untold masses of men, women, and children being paid next to nothing — and in some cases nothing at all — to work in inhumane, unhealthy conditions mining cobalt.

While so many of our world leaders are failing to confront the challenges and evils of the modern world, Pope Leo is boldly leading the way.

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