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Revisionist history

[Historical revisionism is the reinterpretation of orthodox views on evidence, motivations and decision-making processes surrounding an historical event. The assumption of the revisionist is that the interpretation of a historical event or period as it is accepted by the majority of scholars needs a significant change.]

Example 1: Conservative Patrick Buchanan's revisionist spin on “Why did Japan attack us?”

Explain why (on composition paper) PATRICK BUCHANAN'S view of why Japan attacked the United States on December 7, 1941, is a REVISIONIST viewpoint.

Example 2: Liberal Howard Zinn's spin on “Should the United States have dropped the atomic bomb on Japan in World War II?”

Explain why (on composition paper), of the 4 historians in the discussion of the decision to drop the atomic bomb on the video debate, HOWARD ZINN has the only REVISIONIST viewpoint.