

# SEN. JOHN C. STENNIS: AN AMERICAN TRADITION



## WHO WOULD HONOR A MAN.....

who tirelessly opposed civil rights legislation time and time again, denouncing voting rights and anti-lynching legislation that, in his words, would "sweep aside many of what remnants we have of State's rights," resulting in the loss of "many of our social habits and customs in the South?"

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who signed the "Southern Manifesto"—a declaration of war against school desegregation signed by over 80 southern senators and congressmen?

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Whose contempt for human rights knew no borders—who vehemently demanded an even more massive bombing of the cities and countryside of Vietnam during the early stages of that war—when the U.S. military had already dropped more tons of bombs on Vietnam than they had dropped on Europe for all of WW2?

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who, as a Mississippi district attorney, aggressively prosecuted three Black men for murder—Black men whose "confessions" came only after horrific tortures? One man was hung twice from a tree, and all three men were repeatedly and brutally whipped by sheriffs deputies—deputies who proudly testified to these beatings on the witness stand. The men were convicted and sentenced to death. After the U.S. Supreme Court threw out the convictions, Stennis fought to keep the men behind bars.

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MAN?



The U.S. government—which named an aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis after this stone-cold racist!

The Bush regime has just sent the USS Stennis to the Persian Gulf to join a carrier group already there—as part of U.S. war threats against Iran. A U.S. attack on Iran—including air strikes and possible use of nukes—would be a horror for the people of Iran and have terrible consequences for the people of the world.

Stennis—the man and the warship—concentrates the American tradition of ugly white supremacy and naked military aggression.

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