it's the American way
we have a day every year called Columbus day, a day to celebrate the guy from Europe that discovered North America
except he didn't actually discover North America, because vikings did hundreds of years before he even got there

he killed millions of natives with his weapons and through disease
the world population at that time was far lower than it is now, and proportionately he killed far more people than Hitler and all the Nazis combined

he gets his own holiday