

LOS RINCHES



While many Texans look back on the Texas Rangers with a sense of pride, there is a darker history few acknowledge rooted in racism.

Using the long and generational memories of Mexicanos, contemporary writers have unearthed the bloody past of the Texas Rangers that spanned for nearly two centuries.

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RINCHES

Who were they?

Rinche was a name given to Texas Rangers by their border people of Texas, as well as any other Anglo Americas that were armed and looking to kill Mexicans.



Although the Texas Rangers have been painted in a heroic light, their involvement in lynchings and other extrajudicial murders of Mexicano Texans earned them a more unflattering reputation within the non-Anglo community.

Fact or Fiction

Stereotypes of Mexicano Americans
published in Anglo papers, magazines,
and books

The only way a Mexican
can beat a Texan is by
stabbing him in the back

Mexicans are cruel by
nature and must be
treated cruelly

Mexicans are
naturally thieves and
will take any chance
to steal from you

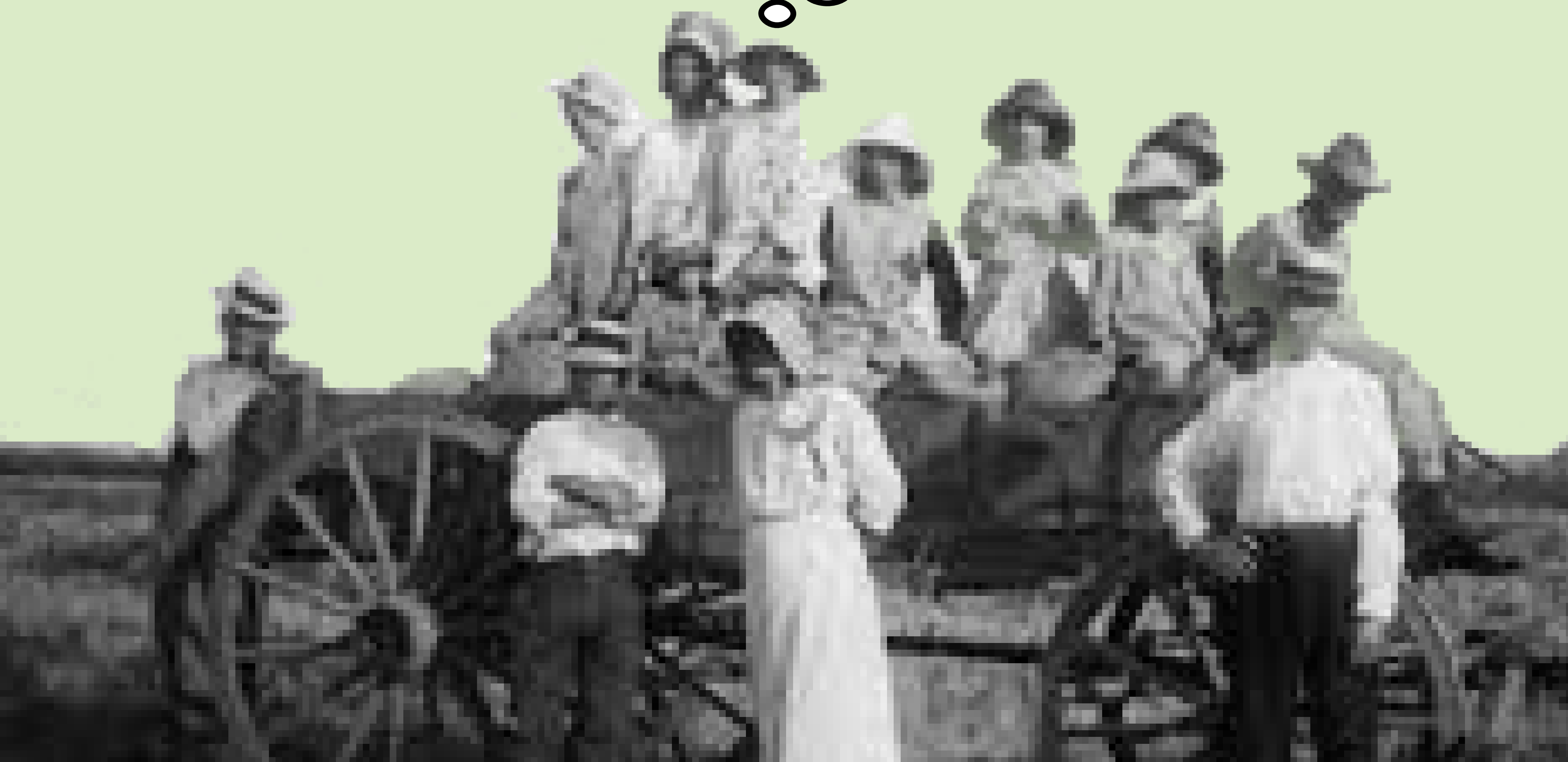


Fact or Fiction

Their mixed blood of Spaniards and Mexican Indians makes Mexicans degenerate

Mexicans know they're of a lesser race than Texans and other Americans

The Texan has no equal anywhere, but within Texas itself there developed a special breed of men, the Texas Rangers



Did You Know...

by the time Texas was annexed in 1845, thousands of Mexicans had been living in the region for generations.

between 1848-1928, a minimum of 232 people of Mexican descent were killed by mobs or lynchings.

the Texas Rangers were unofficially founded in America 1823 with the intent to drive Native People from the land.

today, Latinxs make up 40% of the Texas population - a majority of them being of Mexican descent.

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WHITE'S ONLY
NO



The Lie

Broadway plays, novels, movies, and tv have all glorified the history of the oldest law enforcement agencies in the United States. The Texas Rangers weren't heroes to everyone though.



The Reality

Texas Rangers had a long and dark history of participating in the burning of villages and the murdering of innocents. They pursued runaway slaves, committed war crimes, and hunted Mexicans, Mexican Americans, and Native People. They were so feared in the boarder region, they were comparred to the KKK.



Tools of Terror



1847 Walker Colt



Colt Model 1851 Navy Revolver



Colt Model 1860 Army Revolver



Colt Model 1861 Navy Revolver



Colt Dragoon Revolvers

1860 Henry Rifle

Edwin Wesson Rifle



Colt Revolvers with Shoulder Stocks

An End to the Horror?

Since 1935, the Texas Rangers have been a division of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

As of 2019, there are 166 commissioned members of the Texas Rangers.

