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MYTH BUSTING - HAWAI'I IS NOT THE 50TH STATE, BUT RATHER AN OCCUPIED STATE

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By not applying State theory and international law, it was assumed that when the United States overthrew the government of the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1893, the Hawaiian Kingdom as a country ceased to exist. And when Hawai'i was annexed in 1898, the United States did it as a colonizer, which rendered Native Hawaiians as an indigenous people similar to Native Americans. State theory and international law, however, says the Hawaiian Kingdom still exists and annexation and Hawaiian idigeneity a myth.



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