



## **The Legacy Presidents' Closing Remarks**

### **End of Special Project: 2020 Spain on Historical Alert**

We are in the last stretch of a tough year, complicated by a global pandemic that has wreaked havoc around the world. We say goodbye to this sinister year with the hope of vaccines that may return us in 2021 to our longed for normality.

The Legacy had prepared a series of large-scale projects that have been affected at large extent. In all of them the face-to-face component was very relevant. "2020 Spain on Historical Alert" was born to mitigate the damage, to bring awareness. We have not stopped seeing attacks on our history, our symbols, our legacy. We cannot blame or point to the countries that have caused it, first we have to do a reflection exercise and then step forward and take action on the matter.

We have been inactive for hundreds of years and measures are urgent now. We need to find the channels for agreements and cohesion, starting with the participation of educational institutions as well as many others that should join the effort. The results are needed. There is a common factor for all Spaniards, with no political colors, we need to be aware of the importance that, a more accurate image of "Lo Nuestro" ("what is ours"), a more truthful and documented account would have in our economy. The most obvious example is historical tourism. This is a reality with an upward trend that attracts millions of income to many countries and for certain Spain should be top of that list. The image and marketing of a country is not trivial. To be successful key institutions must be aligned and ready.

We, from **The Legacy**, will continue, without pause and relentlessly, telling the wonderful stories that we have yet to discover, to spread out and to make relevant in our culture. We'll keep working hard on the recovery of the forgotten and punished history of the Spaniards.

- Why is it not taught in our schools and universities ?.
- Why do not our institutional leaders insist on their knowledge and dissemination?

I am pleased to share with you on this link <https://youtu.be/X7HL6TBrd9o> some of the testimonies of Alexander Humboldt, the father of modern geography. His comments date back to the early 1800s. His vision of the work of Spain gave us, once again, more than enough arguments to insist on the urgent need to know more and better about our legacy:

I wish you all a harmonious farewell to the year, in health first and family later.

***"We cannot change the past ...  
but we can change the future of our teaching.  
It's in our hands, it is our responsibility to succeed on the objective for a  
a new generation well informed, with solid arguments  
to end the historical injustice of our people."***

Eva Garcia  
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