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THE NEW YORK TIMES

THE WASHINGTON POST

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REASON

WHAT MICHAEL TALKS ABOUT

01 Your state flag is probably bad

There are five rules for designing a good flag. Most US states break all of them. Name any state, city, or country and Michael will rank it live.

02 The great American flag redesign

Mississippi, Minnesota, Utah, Illinois, South Dakota. Why some redesigns pass and others fall apart, and why it is almost never about the design.

03 What you're allowed to fly outside your house

HOA fights, Pride flags, Gadsden flags, and the Supreme Court. Michael has covered this for the New York Times and the Washington Post.

04 The flag for a place with no government

Antarctica, Mars, the Moon, the Olympics. Who has the authority to invent a symbol, and what happens when nobody does.

05 75 countries, one flag story each

Field research, collected flags, and the stories behind them. The loose, conversational one.

BIO

Michael Green is a published vexillologist, two-time TEDx speaker, and the founder of Flags For Good. He has been a flag expert cited in major documentaries and news stories, edited flag guide books, appeared on multiple podcasts, and has collected flags while traveling to over 75 countries.

CREDENTIALS

- Technical Editor, *The Complete Guide to Flags of the World*, 4th Ed. (Fox Chapel)
- TEDxTAMU and TEDxUSU speaker
- Member and design judge, North American Vexillological Association
- Member, The Flag Institute (UK)
- Lecturer, Duke University
- Adjunct Professor, Mays Business School, Texas A&M
- SAG-AFTRA member, cleared for professional productions
- Founder, Flags For Good. Official Flag Supplier to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway

RECORDING

Home studio built for TV and podcast interviews, with broadcast-quality microphones and a hardwired connection. Records locally and sends a clean track. Comfortable on whatever platform your show already uses. Also available in studio in Indianapolis, and travels for the right conversation.

SELECTED APPEARANCES

Get IN. with Nate Spangle, Ep. 277 (Apr 2026)

Moment of Um, American Public Media (Feb 2024)

Top Artist Podcast, My Modern Met, on the first flag for Antarctica (Jan 2022)

Flagged for Content, ICV 31 roundtable (Jul 2026)