

As the first Anglo-Indian war in colonial New England, the Pequot War has proven to be the subject of extensive scholarly discussion and, what is more, controversy. If considered from a broader perspective, it is only recently that various reactions against racial intolerance in the U.S. triggered tendencies that have been gradually building up their share in renegotiations of the numerous misleading assumptions and stereotypes about the Indian-Puritan relations held over many generations. Such treatment of historical material holds true not only for the apologists, but revisionist scholars in particular and quite interestingly, however, even today both approaches still manifest a certain amount of need for negotiating the middle ground.

Such statements are primarily based on, and to quote from many, the demonstrated extensive vilification of Indians and victimization of the Puritans, including the frequent dismissal of the Puritan aggressive attempts at renegotiations of indigenous cultural identities on part of the apologists. As for some of the revisionist approaches, their treatment of this historical material may also be considered flawed, based on their hesitance to examine in a more profound manner the Puritan mindset, which had been so heavily driving their actions, at the expense of explaining the background of the conflict predominantly in terms of Puritan monetary considerations and land lust.