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Left: Protests against the Dutch tradition of Zwarte Piet (Black Peter) in Meppelber in 2015. Right: William of Orange.

Left, protests against the Dutch tradition of Zwarte Piet (Black Peter) in Meppelber in 2015. William of Orange (right) received the modern equivalent of millions of dollars from the slave trade, a new report has found.

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