

5210352: What do you suggest should be done about the confederate statues and other monuments?
I personally feel that this question is a bit tricky. Technically, since the Confederates lost there should be no problem with removing Confederate monuments should that come to pass. Personally I think that anything regarding this topic would be best put to a vote perhaps by the people within the community.
I think that the monuments could be removed and reserved for education. I don't believe in erasing history and by destroying and removing these statues, it takes away the opportunity to reeducate.
We should not erase United States history and they should remain where they stand.
If a monument or statue is offensive to the members of that community and its historical relevance than it should be removed. history will not be forgotten if items like this are removed. I think they should be replaced by statues or artwork that reflects the nature of the surrounding area.
I believe that the confederate statues should be taken down. In the past these may have been seen as memorial monuments but in today's day and age it is offensive.
I believe they should be removed. They represent a history that I don't think we as Americans should be proud of.
They should be removed especially if it was to justify slavery because that is not ok.
I think it shouldn't be changed or removed. I'm no confederate but non of these monuments shouldn't offend anyone, it is part of history and everyone should know what happen in the past. We shouldn't plastic America to what people of now would want, in my experience non of these affect me whatsoever.
I think that it is important to document our history and preserve statues and monuments, as destroying these marks of history will just ensure that people will forget or deny them. However, I do believe that such monument should be removed from public spaces, and be placed in museums where they can be observed in full context and voluntarily. The presence of Confederate monuments in public places like they are today shows the continued commitment to white supremacy as an ideal in the US, and until they are removed and acknowledged as being part of a dark history of cruelty and oppression, they will continue to represent the same ideals that they did when they were initially raised.
I think the confederate statues can go, to be honest. There are countless other ways to remember a region's history. I believe monuments in public spaces should speak to the public, and I think the public has changed greatly within the last 50 years, and will continue to change. For as much as I love and respect history, I also think it's wise to be cautious of revering relics solely for how long they've been around. As communities, we should continually ask ourselves why we protect and cherish our traditions, if not to transform for the better, then at least to respect their significance.
Should be taken down and/or replaced with non-offensive and non-racisit important historical figures
Confederate statues should be kept as well as other monuments. As a nation we have to keep this historical figures even if they are negative. Preserving our history allows us to grow from our past and have an artifact that we can base off of. There also has to be a boundary between what is allowed and disallowed. We can't just rip statues like pages of a history book and say it never existed. We can't just say our founding fathers owned slaves, so to deal with that we must demolish Mount Rushmore. History needs to be preserved. Everything in this world started somewhere with som ideology and it grows from knowledge from the past.

I think it depends a lot on the history of who those statues and monuments are for because they carry a lot of history and pride for a lot of people, and although the civil war was fought largely for slavery, there are other pieces to the war that people who generally live in the south should be able to share pride over. If the people who are represented in the statues were corrupt and bad people, they should not be honored, but if they were hero's toward their people and saved lives of their comrades and soldiers, I think they have a right to be honored.Â

Despite its bad history, I don't believe in removing something important in history. These monuments can be kept as a reminder of mistakes we can avoid in the future.

I think the statues and monuments should stay as long as it does not condone any racism or something that can effect the public. It is after all just statues and monuments, which could be considered part of America's history. Although the past had bad things it should be kept to remind us not to go down the same path again in the future.

I believe that the confederate statues and other monuments should be left in their place. What is offensive people can change over time and that does not necessarily mean that everything else also has to change. The civil war is part of the history of the United States and should remind us of the scarifies that were made for the prosperity of this country. Removing the statues and monuments will really not solve any problem. It is people and their ideas that can cause harm. If people want more peace, then it should be portrayed mainstream through our daily lives.Â

I think each individual statue and monument should be reviewed and should be dealt with on a standard of racial justice laws and opinion of the people. How they're dealt with is something I think can and should be dealt with opinion of the people in mind. Particularly, I think the difference between destruction or simply relocation are things people of the community should have a say in.Â

I feel that confederate statues should be removed because we shouldn't be glorifying people that had the wrong mindset and were harming others (whichever way that was).We should still teach about the confederate period but outline why it was damaging to certain communities so that we can prevent future horrible events in history.

Generally speaking, I believe they should be removed. In cases where they're not removed, they should be either relocated to a museum, or additional plaques should be posted giving historical and social insight into why the material or individual is being depicted is problematic.

With there being a tremendous amount of negative history following the statues. I believe that they should be removed because with this new generation coming to a rise. Many know the difference between right and wrong. Â They can photograph it or take a peace from it and put it in a museum but I do not think it should be out in the open,

I feel that depending on the area there should be a vote by the community on whether or not there should beÂ confederate statues and other monuments. I think it should be up to the people.

I believe they should all be taken down and overall removed as they do not need or deserve to be glorified, as they all have a negative connotation behind them.

I do not think anything should be done about these monuments. They are part of our history and remind us of the past. They should not be removed and hidden away.Â

I think that the offensive statues and monuments should be taken down and destroyed. Having a statue or monument made of a person shows that they are honorable and worth keeping a statue, so they do not deserve that honor.

Take them down and put up other statues of memorable people that history doesn't talk about that much.Â

I think that the community should vote on whether confederate statues and monuments should be removed as some may find them offensive.

local government should decide if it will be taken down or not.
They should be replaced with those who actually made a positive difference in this country or be removed all together.
They should be removed.
No opinion
Tear it all down.Â
I believe that their true demeanor should be brought to light to represent who they actually are and what they did rather than representing the individuals greatness, it should also highlight their faults and what affect their faults had.Â
I suggest that all statues be moved to museums, and monuments should be renamed or torn down if it is the statue of a person and replaced with a plaque to educate or inform the public of the statue and its history.
In my opinion, it is on the local government. Actually civil war kills each other. All deads were American. If let me make the dicision, I would collect most monuments to DC and build a museum for them.
Open discussion/cast votes to decide statue appropriateness
I think nothing should be done about the confederate statues and other monuments because it has only become an uprising issue as of currently because of the problems that has been highlighted recently. I don't think people should worry about the pass because it only inflames the issues presented in today's world. We should leave the past how it is and worry about what is in front of our faces and not the things that can not be changed.
There should be a vote held with the locals as well as a larger vote to ensure the opinions are seen from a majority perspective.Â
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I would suggest they get removed or replaced. If citizens such as the people who are part of the African American community are uncomfortable by confederate statues and monuments that honor and glorify someone who did not want them to be free, then they have a right to be upset about it. There is nothing honorable or to be proud of when the historical context of the people behind the monuments. I believe they ought to be removed they are tacky and remind people of the dark history of this country.
Confederate statues if removed then, it should be placed in museum with the valid information below them so people can actually visit there and see them and know their background through the given information.Â
If the community is being bothered by these confederate statues or other monuments, they or we should be doing them ourselves and using us as the voice
It should be considered unconstitutional considering the amendmets that have been placed in regards to equality, to then have known racist statues and street names displayed and some minorities may even live on the streets or have to see it daily. They should all be removed and sheets renamed after hers who died for civil rights or innocent people who lost their lives to police brutality or marching against issues.Â
I believe that if a statue s representing terrible or racist things that that person or people did, that it should be removed.Â

Statues are historical figures of both the good and bad parts of our history. It is important for us to remember our history so we won't repeat the same mistakes.

Simply to remove any statue and monuments that offend all of the community but to an extent.

Anything that is consider offensive should be taken down and burn away.

Getting rid of confederate statues and other monuments should not be taken away for good. They represent terrible parts of US history but they still should be acknowledged.

Considering that there is already a lot of bias, the best solution is to have state governments deal with the issue since many people would be unaware of what's happening. It would also make sense because the people who vote on it might not represent the majority and will lead to more disagreements.

I believe all statues and monuments that are now deemed offensive or inappropriate should be removed without hesitation.

It was not offensive back when it was made, so why is it so offensive now. People tend to forget the meaning of things, and instead of seeing the history in things they want to only see what's going on in the world and what everyone else thinks is offensive and some people agree with others just to agree whether it be true or not.

Confederate soldiers are not something to be celebrated or memorialized in this country. Monuments and areas such as the Folsom lake area which is referred to as "Negro Bar" need to be replaced.

I believe that while these statues are considered offensive, they are still of historical importance to our country. In many cases, these confederates provided a great deal of importance to this country, but they are frowned upon because they had slaves in a time where it was acceptable to do so. There is a fine line that has to be walked here as these days I believe our world is overly sensitive about things of the past that were done in a time where the actions were acceptable. I personally believe that there should be a review into the people which the monument honors, and then decide if it is acceptable to have a public monument of that person or not.

I think most confederate statues and monuments are ok but if any of them come up to be a problem then they should be discussed and dealt with.

Although it was part of the nation's history, the confederacy is not something that should be celebrated considering the consequences of the nation's history still affect millions of people living today. Instead, other notable figures that have contributed to the society in a positive way should be the ones that are honored.

Overall, I feel like the status of confederate statues and other monuments should depend on the context of the artifact as well as its contribution to the community. I overall feel that statues that honor confederate soldiers should be kept because they were once an importance and important part of our history and although not supported today, have a great impact on history and should remain respected in that aspect alone. On the contrary, I do believe that places with offensive names should be changed, but that can also depend on public opinion. I believe the place itself is more historically significant than the name, which is why I believe that it can be more easily changed than removing a statue altogether. Overall, the voice and opinion of the community matters greatly as well. The development of a community relies greatly on the culture and history, and those opinions can vary greatly.

As I have shared my opinion before that we should let the people in that community decided about the confederate statues and other monuments.

<p>I am a firm believer in the preservation of history. I don't think that the statues or names should be removed or changed because those statues and names are there for a reason. If something needed to be changed, then maybe you could add a plaque explaining why there is controversy, but I think that history should always be preserved, for the knowledge and educational purposes, no matter the embarrassment that they may hold on our nation. If we remove things that are part of history, who's to say that we won't repeat the dark part of that history. In WWII, who were the ones who stopped the destruction of the concentration camps in Germany? It was the US. And the reason being so that the camps served as a constant reminder of the hell that Germany presented on so many people. All serving as a reminder, so that nobody is doomed to repeat that past. So in total, statues and names should not be changed or removed.Â</p>
<p>Maybe move it to a sort of monumental museum in a way to show what history it represents here in America.</p>
<p>I think it shouldn't be a question to remove them or not. The statues and monuments represent racism and white supremacy and shouldn't be represented today.Â</p>
<p>I believe it really shouldn't change just because its been part of our nation's history in the U.S. and it has its purpose and significantsÂ</p>
<p>It is a difficult issue to determine a definitive answer to whether or not a symbol should be removed, or made illegal in public places.</p>
<p>On one hand some may say it is an oppressions of rights and freedom of speech, however, in much the same way nazi symbols are now largely illicit, or at least disapproved, symbols that have been proven to represent a system that is unjsut or wrong should not be allowed to be displayed publicly.Â</p>
<p>I believe it should be completely removed because it is honoring an era in time that is told to be forgotten. How do you tell African Americans or other people of color to forget about racism yet still have statues and monuments that celebrate that past.Â</p>
<p>I suggest that the confederate statues and monuments that are currently present should be voted on by the local government if they should continue to stay, changed, or removed; but before making that decision the local government should educate the people and the youth in regards to why these statues and monuments were made and what is their significance.Â</p>
<p>if they are found highly offensive I suggest that they be replaced with someone/something else from history that's important but not offensive. I also feel that even though they are offensive they are a part of our history and show us what our accentors fought for us to have today.</p>
<p>decline to answer</p>
<p>I think confederate statues and other monuments should be removed if the community as a whole deems it as offensive.</p>
<p>I feel once voted on by the local government with input of the community, confederate statues and other monuments should be removed and properly disposed of.Â</p>
<p>I think on one hand it is important to see the history of our country. Yes, some statues and places can be seen as offensive and hurtful today. However during the time the statue/building was established, it was a different time. I believe we should replace statues and rename buildings, but we should also still pay homage to the past of our country. As much as "cancel culture" has played a part in our society recently, we shouldn't cancel everything just because we want to and can.Â</p>

Most of the confederate monuments that were built are not simply memorials for the dead or an artistic piece representing a battle that happened within certain locations. They are typically statues of confederate "heroes" that were built right after Reconstruction and the Civil Rights movement as reactions/backlash against these progressive forces. Not to mention they are deeply tied to the "Lost Cause" of the South myth that's perpetuated by societies/orgs within the South. The idea that we would be "destroying" history if they were to be removed from public spaces as monuments is laughable. This history needs to be remembered what it was, and its narrative has to be combated every step of the way. An easy solution is to simply have the statues recontextualized in museums to help demonstrate the narrative white supremacists were/are trying to push. No need to destroy any of them if we want to not "offend" anyone.Â

I think that monuments are apart of history, whether good or bad we should preserve it. If something might have a negative connotation then people should be educated and made aware of why it is unfavorable, That way we continue to educate generations so they may not repeat those same mistakes as our fathers made in history. I think there should be education on the statues and even tours where students can go and learn. If we erase things from the past, this can blind us to what is at stake, humanity.Â

Remove them if the majority of people agree to do so.

Honestly, we do not need them. I guess if people really want to keep them they can all be moved to one museum or something. Vandalizing them is also not that bad, because so many statues get destroyed all the time.

They should be removed if they are considered to be very offensive. Like the statues that were brought down because they represented persons who had owned slaves.Â

I understand that they are important (history wise) but for some people, me included it's very offensive and it hurts to see them. It's hard for me to see a confederate flag so having statues that are representing something that damaged my community and so forth should not be in display. It's cruel.Â

I think that all of them should be removed. While history shall not be forgotten to avoid a repetition of it, the reminder and praise of such a past should not exist in the public view. It's like erecting a status to Hitler or Heinrich Himmler or someone else from the Third Reich in Germany.. is it history? yes.. is it necessary to have it out in the open? absolutely not.

Tearing down monuments doesn't absolve, change or repair the past. Statues erected to self-evidently revere confederate soldiers and leaders should be taken down only at the behest of the community it exists in. A small group of ideologically-extreme individuals shouldn't be allowed to topple an historical statue of their own accord. We've seen how far these ideologically-extreme individuals will go if allowed to topple whatever they want - former presidents, even Ulysses Grant and Abraham Lincoln, became targets. Destroying history is a great way to forget it, and those who forget history are, as the cliché goes, doomed to repeat it.Â

I believe they should be put in museums, they are still part of American history. Instead of completely erasing the dark past of America I believe we should educate the population. Educate them on the American history and how it has developed since then. How we can learn from the mistakes of the past rather than ignore/ hide it. It is important to shed light on how American ideology used to be and how we've grown past that ignorant thinking.

I think they should be taken down. They are honoring people who tried to tear the country apart, based mostly because of slavery.Â

I think that statues honoring confederate soliders/generals are meant to be remembered, but not celebrated. It's a difficult decision to make because these statues serve as a reminder of this time in American history, however it may be perceived in an honorable light or in a way that symbolizes the injustices done to black people during the Antebellum period. I think it is important for people to be aware of the history, but since the statues are meant to honor these soldiers, I believe that they should be removed. This should be a decision made by community members, local, state, and federal government.
They should be replaced with statues honoring women or people of color that have created positive change in history.
I believe that the local people of these areas containing statues and monuments should be allowed to discuss and vote upon the removal.Â
They should be removed because they reflect racism in America.
I think these statues are more than just statues. They have a past and sometimes it's an ugly one so why should we have a statues up for something horrible? I don't know why people would oppose such a thing if their only excuse is because it's history.Â
I believe that the confederate statues are still apart of American History. Maybe not making them look like gods, but make them look like an average person or something that doesn't seem like they are idolized. Perhaps the statues can be taken down but a placker of information about the historical significance of the spot it was in or what happened to that person.Â
Personally I do not think we should even have statues for confederates. They represent something that should not be honored. It represents dark times and just divides people further.Â
I think confederate statues and monuments should be removed because they symbolize racism and slavery. It is 2021 and we are in a different time so the statues and monuments are very offensive to African Americans. African Americans have the same rights as everyone now so they shouldn't have to see a statue/ monument of something that horribly affected their ancestors.
I believe that the local community should have a say about what should be done to the confederate statues and other monuments. I don't think that they should be removed from public places and they should even be taken better care of. There should also be a decision being made from the local government.Â
Depending on the situation or how it is being viewed today, removal may need to be made.
I believe confederate statues and monuments should be educated to people and see what intentions that person at the time had. If it is bad, then take it down or if it was an action that doesn't seem bad, then they can keep the statue. This question is very controversial to many parts of society.Â
I believe that confederate status give no benefit to the area and the people in the communities so why should we keep them. The past that they portray is one of hatred and disgusting actions.Â
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The confederate statues and other monuments are a part of American history even though it's an ugly history. We can't simply get rid of the statues and monuments to mend the past of America. They were many wrong things and false ideologies that we can't just ignore that happened. We have to face these wrongdoings that come with the statues and try to learn from our past mistakes and try not to repeat them. However, there should be more statues built to honor the civil rights movements and their leaders and their great fight and change, to contrast the significance of the confederate statues, that has occurred since they seem to be fewer of these in public places. this way America can witnesses the hardship and progress made to civil rights and recognize the past without attempting to erase the wrongdoings.Â

I suggest they are completely removed from everywhere and replaced with meaningful statues and monuments.
I think if these statues are taken down, it is still important to keep them around. While it can be offensive, I don't believe we should censor our past. There needs to be an in between, a museum possibly, where these monuments can go so it can be turned into a learning opportunity. Hiding and destroying art can lead to precarious situations.Â
I feel that these monuments are a reminder of the hate and discrimination aimed at certain groups of people. I feel it is important to remember the injustices and atrocities committed against Native Americans, African Americans, Latina/o, and Asian American communities, but the history cannot be revered like that. To be glorified in such a manner seems to legitimize such behavior instead of admonish it. These statues and flags should all be replaced.
In my opinion confederate statues and other monuments should be removed if they are offensive to other races for instance. For example, the confederate statues are a constant reminder of the tragic and painful moments black people lived. I know we all have freedom of speech and expression but these monuments in the South are honoring the slavery period, when white people owned blacks as slaves.
I think they should be taken down and put away but not destroyed as these are part of the United States history.
It is a touchy situation because it shows our history and how far we have come, but to some it can be considered offensive. Â I honestly think being offended is stupid and everyone is soft nowadays. Â I personally do not care if they get taken down or not. Â But if we keep removing the historical monuments of how bad things were, what is going to be left as reminders of the past, so we do not remake those same mistakes.
I think that they should be removed if they display or suggest any offensiveÂ or racist words or suggestions. The community should decide by votes.
They should be taken down if it brings bad ideas or if the soldier stood for something wrong.
I understand the need to preserve history, but this is done through history books or in museums. Statues are meant for people worthy of praise. Therefore, I believe the confederate statues should be removed.Â
I think that they should be taken down because they are just reminders of the dark times of our past as a country. We should replace these statues with others that do not cause controversy.
I believe that things should just be left alone. Thought certain monuments may be considered offensive now a days it is still apart of our history and in my personal opinion I believe we should be proud of how far we have come and how much farther we can go as a society in the future. Of course with exceptions, each monument would have to be researched before any action is taken.Â
Monuments are supposed to commemorate important people so I think the people should decide whether they want to keep or remove one. If the statue is very offensive or if the person of the monument is revealed to be harmful then the people should be given time to vote for what they think.
I think that it is important to recognize that the civil war was a big part of American history and monuments and statues represent specific parts of history, whether good or bad, it happened, and still needs to be remembered.
Although, we should remember our history, we shouldn't look up to those that were against the society that we live in today since confederates of the south wanted to uphold slavery. So I suggest that they be taken down.Â



I suggest leaving it as it has been already cemented into history, but it does not define what the majority of people think. It should be up to the national government to decide because the community does not always have the best interests of the people. For example, the Black Lives Matter statue that was put up by the community was torn down after their protests died down.

I believe that confederate statues and other monuments should be demolished as soon as possible because of the idiotic history of it.

I believe that honoring the Confederates is a lost cause and that people should know better by this point. We shouldn't have any Confederate statues, monuments, or be naming any buildings after Confederate figures by this point.

Monuments and confederate statues should be removed/re-named to reflect the value systems that are asserted by the United States Constitution. Anything that serves to celebrate inequality or render one race inferior/superior must go.

It should not remove because it is part of history, It is right that some monuments are offensive, but it represents the past history and memories.

I think people should work more to educate the younger generations of what was occurring during those times and why. I think it is important to study history from the past in hopes to never repeat it. It may be considered offensive now however America is the way it is today because of events that occurred.