What is the most disturbing令人不安的 thing ever done by a popular historical历史的 figure人物 that most people do not know about?

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Ladies and gentlemen, let me introduce you to Sir爵士 Winston Churchill.

1. Unfortunately, Sir Winston has reached到达 that level程度 of fame名誉 where表示程度 he is now regarded视作 with almost godlike视神明, noble贵族 qualities特点. He’s celebrated被歌颂 as possibly the finest最好 Prime Minister首相 that UK has ever had yet但是 if one peeks窥视 behind the curtain窗帘 of his actions行动 and character性格 we see a very different person.
2. He was a racist who believed that white protestants新教徒 were at the top of the pecking order权势等级. In 1937, he told the Palestine Royal Commission巴勒斯坦 皇家专门调查委员会: "I do not admit承认 ，for instance, that a great wrong has been done to the Red Indians of America印第安人 or the black people of Australia. I do not admit that a wrong has been done to these people by the fact事实 that同位语 a stronger race, a higher-grade race种族, a more worldly老于世故的 wise race to put it that way, has come in and taken their place."

新教教徒protestant 权势等级 巴勒斯坦 皇家专门调查委员会（英国） 老于世故的

1. In Churchill's view, white protestant Christians基督教徒 were at the top, above在什么之上 white Catholics天主教徒, while然而 Indians were higher than Africans. Churchill saw himself and Britain as视作 being the winners in a social Darwinian社会达尔文主义 hierarchy等级制度. - John Charmley,Churchill: The End of Glory.
2. He advocated提倡 the testing of poison毒 gas on Kurds库尔德 and Afghans阿富汗.

"I cannot understand this squeamishness神经制的 about the use of gas. I am strongly强烈 in favour支持 of using poisoned gas against uncivilised不文明 tribes部落,"… “The moral道德 **effectn影响** should be so good that the loss of life should be reduced减少 to a minimum最小. It is not necessary to use only the most deadly致命的 gasses: gasses can be used which cause great inconvenience不便 and would spread扩散 a lively积极的/强烈的 terror恐慌 and yet would leave no serious permanent永久 **effect影响** on most of those affected影响 v." Winston Churchill, written memo 1919. [1]

提倡 库尔德人；阿富汗人 squeamish神经脆弱的容易受惊的

1. He allowed 3 million Indian’s to starve to death饿死. India, at the time part of the British Empire, experienced a famine“fa mi ne”大饥荒 in the north eastern东北 region地区 in 1943. Despite尽管 this, he insisted that虚拟语气 动词原形 或者加sould+do India continue to export出口 rice while at the same同时 time refusing to send them wheat.[2]

"[The War Cabinet内阁] ordered the build-up逐渐的增长 of a stockpile储备 of wheat for feeding喂饱 European civilians after they had been liberated解放. So 170,000 tons of Australian wheat bypassed绕开 starving在挨饿的 India - destined not for运送 consumption消费/吃 but for storage储藏," -Madhusree Mukerjee,Churchill’s Secret War

战时内阁 is destined for运往，去往

1. Churchill then在那时 had the audacity大胆 to blame责怪 the Indians themselves, claiming认为 they "breed繁殖 like rabbits". [3]

**I’m not downplaying贬低 the fact that** he was a very capable有能力 leader during WWII, and he did have some admirable令人赞许 qualities品质 but the above actions need to be considered思考 before we go around+doing 经常做 erecting树立 statues雕像 and putting him on our money.