

Read . Research . Think



The surge of information or in this case, misinformation, instigates positive thought... Recently, I received a link to an article highlighting the “current” issue of the removal of historic monuments across the pond (England). It was merely titled, “Oxford The Fight Has Begun”. It began as an open letter from an unknown author in their response to black students attending Oxford as Rhodes Scholars, wishing the removal of the statue memorializing Oxford benefactor, Sir Cecil Rhodes.

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#3 in the backward
series of my short
thoughts...**

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**I am not reposting
the Oxford open
letter here.**

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SNOPEs to read
if you wish . . .**

Ok, Oxford is perhaps one of the most prestigious institutions for higher learning in the world so when this article, with the vague title indicating a “... the fight has begun ” was texted to me, curiosity got the best of me... what fight is this article indicating- who, what, where?? Overall, the open letter implied that black students were wrong to demand the removal of the Oxford’s founding father’s statue based on some rather racial biased surmises. As I continued reading it was apparent that while the writer held utmost respect for the Oxford University, it certainly did not up hold the respect of students of color nor, understand the agonizing history that all persons of color globally have endured and continue to endure. One element I will agree with in this open letter is the point made for dissenting students to present actual facts in regards to accusations. An understanding of history on either side I believe would be a positive approach and may even have either opposition learn from the other... After reading the entire letter I realize that again, this debate on statues being removed either across the pond or here in this country has credible merit to be addressed. One must consider if the statues are all destroyed so goes our history, and our history of humanity. It is important to teach this history memorializing the statues in question rather than skirt around the reality of how this racial divide and the persons involved has affected us all. It is my belief that how to handle the preservation of this legacy, painful or otherwise, should be dealt with in a more intelligent manner-rather than by destruction

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of the
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need to
research
the truth...
it's all out
there if
you want
to find it.**

The subject of removing historical monuments is not new to the current state of issues we face, but elevated in importance. This subject should not be ignored. We need to address the subject of historical monument removal whether read in the Oxford article or any related piece. Most imperatively, with any subject, emphasis lies squarely on determining truth in facts, written or spoken words. When we receive or read articles it is always a great idea to research the piece. In this instance, I read it, then researched. I accepted the piece originating from an Oxford source. (a downfall on my part) and discovered the article had in fact been circulating for a few years.... along with cited false facts. After reading I asked myself how any person could be so biased and condescending toward any group of humanity in order to back their opposition toward a statue's removal.

The Oxford piece did open a floodgate of thoughts on the subject of the monuments and their future ... here are a few from my thoughts. How about yours? ... in my opinion, any positive thoughts void of destruction are good thoughts

* * Leave the monuments and install placards honestly indicating why this person is being memorialized: What did they do for humanity, what was their impact on humanity, our country?

- * * Place them in a museum with a timeline how this country was shaped or influenced by these men ...hmmm, never saw any women statues on the chopping block... or, going out on a limb here, display them in the National Museum of African American Culture and History in DC. ...
- * * Move them to plantations that are tourist destinations according to their region with explanations of who, what, why.
- * * Then this thought enters my mind- why display them at all? Did the Germans memorialize Hitler and his buddies??? No, but they did leave the death camps to tour and remind all of us a time in history never to be forgotten or repeated.

As we know, racism has been an issue since the beginning of mankind. The Oxford article actually stated a reference to dark skinned people living in huts in Africa making no contributions to intelligence and, or cultural value! The author clearly fails to acknowledge we are all human beings with a collective love of family and possessing primal survival values. The author's viewpoint does not understand the "weakness" of others- not living up to their standards socially or financially but more over, the author does not grasp why and how the people are who they are ...

I believe the racial divide will always be prevalent across the globe even though the divide currently has a new forthright direction. I see this resurgence to stand up for the equality of generations passed, present and future, across all racial backgrounds as population and biracial people increase. Sadly, I believe it will be many years before we see a positive change in humanity as racial inequality has been hundreds of years in the making. Generations of a weak education system are certainly key factors on how this continues. Now pair this with social media and the lack to discover the truth and we come to a crossroads in our history once again.

My hope is that the sheeple begin teaching all of the children the truths of history, how it shaped our world collectively and to establish a mission of positive thinking to literally save humanity.

We are a tree of life that continues to branch out in many directions, in various shapes and forms. Let us digest on the knowledge of truth and knowing the difference for only then we will grow strong and tall preserving this special species . . . Humanity.



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