


Statues around the world in question

Statues of slave traders, imperialists, conquerors and explorers are tumbling across the world in a wave of anger against racism following George Floyd's death at the hands of police in the United States



*Toppled statue of **Christopher Columbus** in U.S. city of Saint Paul. Protesters accuse Italian explorer of genocide and exploitation of native peoples*

■ Cecil Rhodes

Demonstrators want removal of statue at University of Oxford – Victorian imperialist seen as architect of apartheid in southern Africa



■ Jefferson Davis

Confederate President led 11 southern, slave-holding states against north during American Civil War

■ Don Juan de Oñate

16th-century Spanish conquistador revered as Hispanic founding father, but reviled for brutality against Native Americans

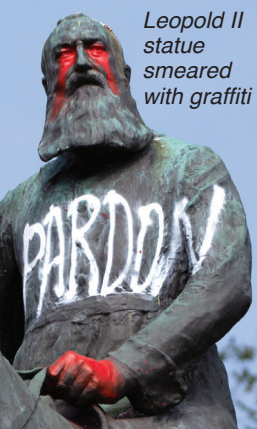
■ **Leopold II:** Belgian king ruled Congo over 100 years ago, forcing multitudes into slavery to extract resources for his own profit. Experts say his actions left up to 10 million dead

■ Captain John Hamilton

New Zealand city of Hamilton has removed bronze statue of its “murderous” namesake – British naval officer accused of killing indigenous Maori people in 1860s

■ Jean-Baptiste Colbert

Minister who served under France's **King Louis XIV** drafted “Code Noir”, which regulated conditions of slavery in French overseas colonies



Leopold II statue smeared with graffiti

