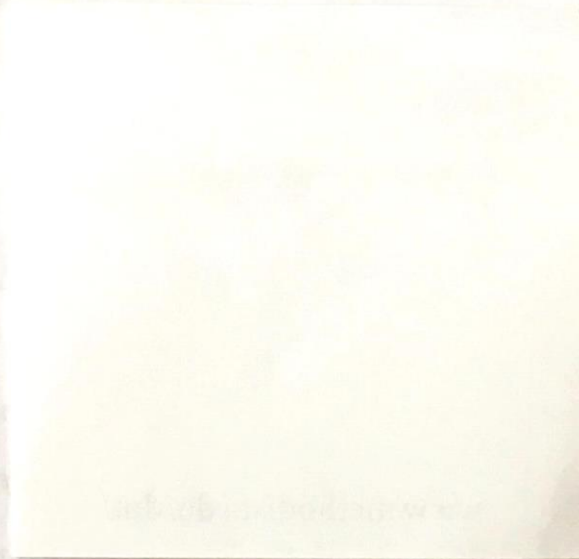




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The statues play an important role in reminding about the American history. Thus, demolishing or relocating the statues may impact the future generation and inhibit them from getting to know ~~better~~ the American history. On the other hand, either relocating or demolishing the statues will also affect the current history scholars since most of them use the statues as references in their work. The paper will cover *Topics covered are* on various ideas such as civil war, why the statues were erected, slavery, the legacy of Robert E. Lee, American history, destruction of statues, political figures and racism.

Civil War

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Erecting of statues is the only way to help the Americans have a clear remembrance of the civil war. From ⁽²⁰¹⁷⁾ John's article, he clearly states that civil war can only be remembered through erecting monuments all over the city. He goes on to say that the war veterans can only communicate their message through erecting statues in the cities. This makes the monuments to help us reflect things that took place in early twentieth-century in America ~~(John, 2017)~~. Joshua disagrees claiming that erecting the monuments in the city is not appropriate since it is one way of celebrating lives of men who committed treason in the name of preserving slavery. It is past *One century has passed* one century and most of the Americans are still confronted with the issue of celebrating the lives of men who fought tirelessly to preserve slavery during the civil rights era ~~(Joshua, 2017)~~.

Although John and Joshua hold different positions about erecting of monuments, it can be well seen that monuments portray more about the civil war despite the negative message the statues convey to the people.

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Why Statues were Erected

The statues in the American cities were erected for various reasons. Yoni argues that the statues were erected to convey the message of who was in charge of the cities. He also elaborates that this message about who was still in charge of the city was to be conveyed to all those who walk in their shadows (Yoni, 2017). In the opinion of Mitch, however, tends to despise the erecting of the statues claiming that they acted as part of the terrorism that took place during the civil war and hence needs to be demolished. Mitch illustrates that erecting of statues was part of the terrorism that happened in the American history (Mitch, 2017). All the opinions given by Yoni and Mitch shows that the erecting of the statues all revolves around the history of the American people during the civil war although they tend to disagree on their ideas.

Slavery

The aspect of slavery is well depicted either through destroying statues or relocating them to other places. From John's article slavery is depicted through proposing demolition of the statues that honored a bunch of racist who fought fiercely to preserve slavery. According to John (2017), America should not be at the forefront fighting to preserve the history of the bunch of racists who fought fiercely to preserve slavery and it is high time for all the statues to be demolished and be smashed into pieces. Joshua (2017), also agrees that the Southern veterans put it clear that it was a senseless argument to hold that slavery was a just, benign social and political system. Information from Kyle's article also shows that most of the statues were erected to commemorate slavery during the civil-rights era. Most of the statues erected during the civil-rights era were to antagonize the black Americans (Kyle, 2017). He goes on to say that toppling of monuments come from the actual picture they portray about slavery in the civil-rights era.

Jacey agrees that the statues were erected to commemorate those who fought to uphold slavery.

There ~~exist~~ ^{strong} ~~stiff~~ ^{exist} debates on whether ~~those~~ ^{Confederate} statues that remind ~~about our past~~ ^{Americans about the} slavery should be demolished or not since we cannot erase our history (Jacey, 2017). Destroying statues gives a clear picture about the aspect of slavery during the civil war.

Robert E. Lee's Legacy

There exist different views about Robert E. Lee's legacy. ⁽²⁰¹⁷⁾ Karen argues that defending Lee history is merely defenseless and will not benefit the Americans in any way. According to ~~last name~~ ^{full name} Karen (2017), it is very sad to see part of our country's legacy being removed from our cities by destroying the statues. ~~John~~ ^{last name} disagrees stating that the legacy of Lee is still vivid through erecting of statues thus giving a clear picture of how the American history looked like. Having the statues in our cities tend to venerate Confederate heroes like Robert E. Lee, thus, enabling us to have a clear understanding of the misty-eyed nostalgia and the story of the Lost Cause (John, 2017). It is clearly shown that the legacy of Robert E. Lee forms a crucial part in the American history which is held in different views.

American History

American history can be remembered through ^{many} different ways. From ~~Yoni~~ ^{many} point of view, American history should be remembered through ideals such as white supremacy. The today's Lee defenders are fighting for a worthless history that will, in turn, make the situation worse instead of appraising the American history the way it is, ~~(Yoni, 2017)~~ ^{many}. In the opinion of ~~John~~ ^{many}, however, remembering the American history does not rely on the statues and thus he supports the destruction of the racist monuments who fought to preserve slavery claiming that it is not necessary at all which acts as a painful reminder of our past. It is not right to preserve the American history in the name of preserving the evil men who fought had to make sure that slavery exists in our society and therefore such statues should be broken into pieces (John, 2017).

The ideals for white supremacy and erecting of statues contributes a lot to the remembering of the American history.

Destruction of Statues

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The statues are being destroyed in both Germany and America. Joshua (2017) argues that Americans seems to oppose the destruction of the statues that reinforced the romance of reunion. Most of the Americans had fought so hard to protect the demolition of statues through popular literature, college curricula, and history books and also through erecting statues to celebrate the martyrs and veterans (Joshua, 2017). Deroy^{last name} agrees, saying that a bunch of Americans is supporting the destruction of the statues which has brought a lot of controversy in America. The New Orleans mayor Mitch Landrieu fought tirelessly to preserve the four confederate[↓]-era arts with all his might (Deroy^{last name}, 2017). Destruction of statues comes out to be the main solution to heal the past wound of the Americans during the civil war. (who said)

Political Figures

Political figures are depicted playing an important role in the American history. Yoni (2017) argues that in Kentucky, the mayor of Lexington responded to Charlottesville by increasing his efforts to relocate statues of two Confederate veterans from the courthouse lawn to a public park (Yoni, 2017). Karen^{last} also agrees to say that some of the political figures in the American history such as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson contributed a lot and helped to build the great history of America. He also wonders if today is the demolition of Robert E. Lee statue, then the statues of Stonewall Jackson will be destroyed next and after that, the statues of George Washington and that of Thomas Jefferson will follow (Karen, 2017). Political figures seem to have contributed much to the American history an aspect that receives a lot of support from the two articles written by Yoni and Karen.

Racism

The American history clearly depicts the aspect of racism. ⁽²⁰¹⁷⁾ Yoni states that Lee's army was given the mandate to respect the white property and not the blacks. According to Yoni (2017), the Lee army was commanded to preserve any property belonging to the white abound and given freedom to seize that belonging to the black Americans and be returned to the South. Last name (year). Mitch also holds the same opinion with Yoni as Africans were asked to drive by the property they owned during the early 21st century. It is indeed clear that the American history is full of racism where the black Americans were highly discriminated. Who said

Conclusion

Although the matter of either destroying or relocating statues has faced a lot of critics, the incoming government seems to support the idea of doing away with the statues. What is clearly evident is that the authorities are not aware of the harm they are doing to the future generation. who opinion? Future research on the topic of statues lies on the strategies that can be placed to ensure the preservation of statues even if it means getting them out of the cities. Second, future researchers should investigate whether it is indeed morally right to have some of the statues in the cities although some of them reflect about the evils that were experienced during the civil-rights era. Such attempts will help to solve the current disagreement and controversy on the erecting and preservation of statues in the cities and public leisure places. Third, the researchers need to expound on the Americans differences and come up with a solution to move the nation together as a people. As a matter of fact, the Americans need to realize the importance of their past to be able to shape their future.

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