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So, as an archaeologist, I'm here to tell you the best way to destroy a racist statue

Please only do this on racist statues that deserve to be destroyed

There's lots of examples of destroyed statues. Iconoclasm is the fancy term



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Just a reminder that statues of The President & Vice President of the Confederacy, a so-called nation founded on the very idea of racism & inequality, still reside inside the US Congress  
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BTW: Alexander Stephens, a vile racist who served as the Vice President of the Confederacy, has a statue STILL UP in the US Capitol Building, mere feet away from a statue of Rosa Parks. #HATM #twitterstorians



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So, the first step, is to deface the statue

And by that, I mean remove its face

This can be done with a chisel and hammer. At least that's the traditional tool for much of iconoclasm

Pharaoh Thutmose III had mommy issues and did this on statues of his step-mom Hatshepsut



Usually the nose is the easiest thing to knock off. So go for it first

Like with this statue of Aphrodite excavated from the Roman Agora. The Christians knocked that honker right off and carved a cross into the forehead

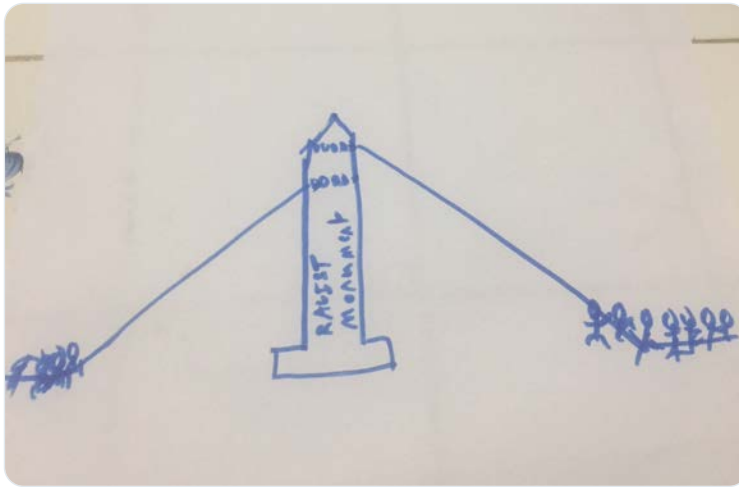
And this brings up another key point. Make sure to tag it



But, maybe that statue is too high to reach?

Well, in that case, I'd channel [@indyfromspace](#) & work with some ropes to bring the racist statue crashing down

A contraption like this could work well. But of course, a statue should be easier to bring down. So less people needed



Once down, you can smash the racist statue to pieces with sledgehammer

Another tactic of the Christians was to melt marble statues, turning them into lime for use in architecture. The Hexamilion wall's mortar was made of so many ancient Corinthian statues



So, remember to do iconoclasm right!

Safely knock it over, whack off that nose to deface it, reduce what's left to rubble with a sledgehammer. Melt it into lime

And built a new monument to a more peaceful world

It's not destruction, rather transformation




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PSA For ANYONE who might be interested in how to pull down an obelisk\* safely from an Egyptologist who never ever in a million years thought this advice might come in handy

\*might be masquerading as a racist monument I dunno

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(mini thread) These debates over statues are infuriating to an archaeologist like me

We do not randomly protect everything from before 1982...

This idea that nothing can be destroyed is categorically false, because archaeology is inherently destructive

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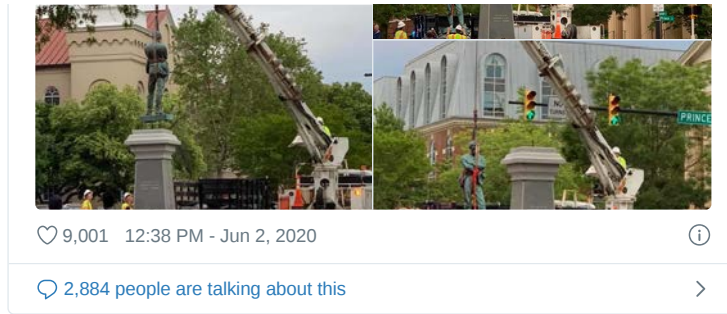
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A Confederate statue was taken down in Alexandria this morning.





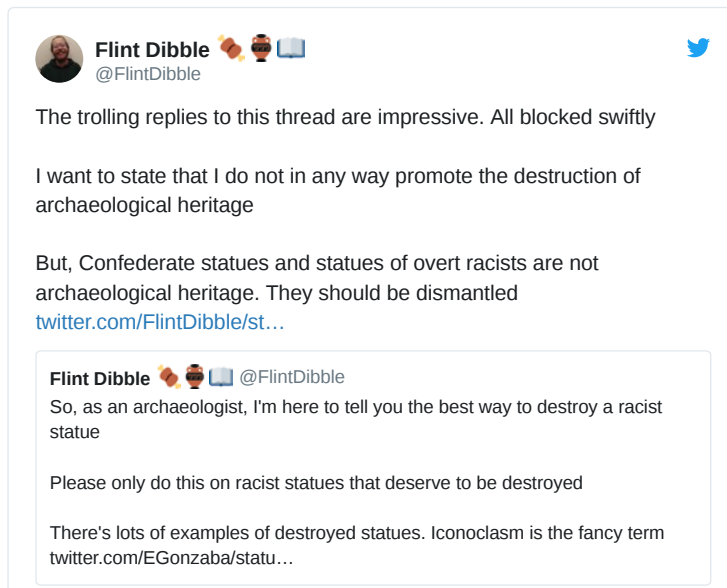
It isn't unethical to remove statues or monuments. Happens all the time

What we choose to preserve & not is our choice, as a society

American tax dollars preserve Confederate monuments that cause harm to black people. I am opposed b/c Black Lives Matter



btw, this is my reply to all those who are trolling me by saying i'm failing my profession. (besides a quick block)



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