

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: On "The Children of the Confederate Creed"
Date: Friday, January 25, 2019 11:51:08 AM

To whom it may concern,

As a proud Texas resident, I am proud of the recent vote by the TSPB to remove the Confederate Creed plaque, and support its continued removal from the Capitol Building.

The home of the state legislature should, at its core, be a home of truth and a place where Texans decide a good and honorable future. This seems, to me, to be an obvious thing.

The sentiments and statements on the Confederate Creed plaque are false. This is not about history or confederate monuments. Whether we want Robert E Lee statues in public forums or not is beside the point. The Capitol Building should be a home of truth. The plaque is not true.

The plaque states, quite plainly, "The war between the states was not a rebellion, nor was its underlying cause to sustain slavery." Any student of history could tell you the blatant falsehood of these two statements. I could go into the various historical points that argue this fact, but it does not need to be done. Many others have done so before and will continue to do so better than I could.

I am all for preserving history, however complicated. However, preservation of history should be done so housed in truth, and with the proper historical and societal contexts. Slavery and the underlying racism behind it are vital contexts to the Confederacy, as is the rebellious nature of its founding. We could discuss whether a statue gives sufficient context (or should). However, this is not a statue. This is a plaque with text that clearly attacks the clear truth.

Texas can remember the past, but only by looking at the past with the proper lens can we view the future.

Sincerely,
S. Kyle Davis
Dallas, Texas

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S. Kyle Davis

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Children of the Confederacy Plaque
Date: Friday, January 25, 2019 1:06:31 PM

I want to write and let everyone know that this is a fantastic thing to take down. It was inaccurate, misleading and needed to go.

Do not kowtow to those that say it should have stayed. It was an abomination and as such, should be thrown into the garbage along with it's racist past.

Sincerely,

a 5th generation Texan,

Darrel Smith Jr

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate monument- remove it
Date: Friday, January 25, 2019 2:59:01 PM

No use for it. No need to glorify the civil war and slavery

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate plaque
Date: Friday, January 25, 2019 3:01:31 PM

Hello,

re: <https://www.statesman.com/news/20190125/preservation-board-invites-public-comment-on-confederate-plaques-fate>

I support the removal of the Confederate plaque from the Capitol. If the Daughters of the Confederacy want it "back," that seems fine, but it doesn't belong in our Capitol.

Thank you,
Oliver Wong

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Plaque
Date: Friday, January 25, 2019 3:39:16 PM

I am a Native Texan, currently living in Oklahoma. I am proud to be a Texan and be from the south. All of my male ancestors fought for the confederate side.

I would dearly love to have the plaque. I will not display it where others will see it. It will be in my home. Please give my request consideration.

My name is Connie Martinson

4400 Hemingway Drive

#124 Bldg. 6

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118-2242

Again, please consider giving me the plaque. My daughter and granddaughter would love to have it in the family, also.

Thank you again,

Connie Martinson

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Children of the Confederacy Creed Plaque
Date: Friday, January 25, 2019 3:41:30 PM

Hi,

As a longtime Texas resident I believe the removed Children of the Confederacy Creed plaque ought to be placed in a museum so that the proper context can be explained and preserved for the public. Future generations have a right to understand all of our history, including the awful parts like this and we have a duty to preserve this for them.

Stephen Gibson - 76182

From:

Subject:

Date:

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Confederate plaque

Friday, January 25, 2019 4:35:53 PM

What to do with them? Burn them, trash them, recycle them- since the false teachings are not worth the paper or stone they are printed on.

You can always give them back to the Daughters of the Confederacy so can they can hang them in the bathrooms at home.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Children of the Confederacy Creed Plaque
Date: Friday, January 25, 2019 4:45:05 PM

To Whomever It May Concern

Reference the article in the *American-Statesman*, 25 Jan 2019, titled "Preservation board invites public comment on Confederate plaque's fate":

My name is Sharon Thomas. I am a U.S. citizen and I reside in Universal City, TX.

Regarding the future location of the subject plaque, I recommend the following:

- Repeal/overturn House Concurrent Resolution 104 that authorized placement of this plaque in the State Capitol in 1959.
- Return the plaque to its legal/rightful owner.
- Ensure the plaque is never again placed on government property or land again.
- Remove all other plaques, monuments, statues, or other representations erected/displayed/named in honor of the treacherous Confederates of the Civil War (and their descendents) from all government property and land in Texas as soon as possible.
- Pass another resolution to ensure that no monument, structure, emblem or any other representation will ever be erected/displayed/named on any government property or land in the State of Texas that honors these traitors who committed treason against the United States of America.

Yes, the Confederates were traitors who committed treason. They waged war against their country, resulting in the U.S. Civil War, for the purpose of continuing to own and enslave other human beings. Regardless of their motivation to continue these heinous acts of slavery: economic, cultural, tradition, cruelty, whatever, they waged war against their own country. By the very definition in our United States Constitution, that was treason.

Unfortunately, all of it is a part of our country's history and should be remembered, accurately; and all artifacts placed in appropriate venues, such as museums. However, no Federal, State or municipal government should have ever allowed the Confederates and their treason to be officially recognized and memorialized *in honor* with subsequent statues, monuments, buildings and inaccurate plaques. It is shameful. Remove it all from government property and land.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Respectfully

Sharon Thomas



Universal City, TX

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Date: Friday, January 25, 2019 5:35:33 PM

To who it my concern,

I do not agree with this , as it might bother people , you can not try and erase history because of the color of ones skin. It should be Re installed in the place it hung and then install one with statements about were we are now and where we need to go . Removing statues and plaques doesn't change history we as Americans have the right to be remembered for our history

Ed

Sent from my iPhone



Subject:

Date:



Plaque

Friday, January 25, 2019 5:41:13 PM

Melt it down! I am absolutely appalled that I have moved to a state that has confederate memorabilia in the state capital in the first place. This is the 21st-century that crap should be moved to a museum not unlike a holocaust museum where people can reflect on the disgusting history of our country where we used to buy and sell human beings like commodities. The point of historical memorabilia such as this is that it needs to be put in a place where it is called what it is. It is an embarrassment to our country and it is history that should never be repeated. And as an aside when the news encourages Texas residents to contact the preservation board it would be nice if you actually put a link on your website that made it easier for people to comment about what to do with this inaccurate plaque.

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Karen York, BSN, RN

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: The Confederate plaque
Date: Friday, January 25, 2019 8:04:23 PM

Never erase history, use it to teach about our mistakes as a society, otherwise we are doomed to repeat them.

Germany left Auschwitz standing in the same condition as it was when the Allied forces found it, and they use that black mark on all Germans as a tool to educate. It is part of their history, it cannot and should not be erased.

Put the plaque and the rest of the civil war monuments in a state or national museum, teach future generations of mistakes we have made.

Wes Kurtz

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate plaque public comment
Date: Friday, January 25, 2019 8:19:44 PM

Hello - I think the plaque would serve well in a museum. No point in displaying it with honor but rather just as a historical reference to the past. It'd be interesting for people, adults and children alike, to see how we "used" to glorify the confederacy. And how we still do...

Maybe add next to it that the plaques sentiments are blatantly not true:

"We hold as undeniable truths that the governments of the various States, and of the confederacy itself, were established exclusively by the white race, for themselves and their posterity; that the African race had no agency in their establishment; that they were rightfully held and regarded as an inferior and dependent race, and in that condition only could their existence in this country be rendered beneficial or tolerable.

That in this free government *all white men are and of right ought to be entitled to equal civil and political rights* [emphasis in the original]; that the servitude of the African race, as existing in these States, is mutually beneficial to both bond and free, and is abundantly authorized and justified by the experience of mankind, and the revealed will of the Almighty Creator, as recognized by all Christian nations; while the destruction of the existing relations between the two races, as advocated by our sectional enemies, would bring inevitable calamities upon both and desolation upon the fifteen slave-holding states.

By the secession of six of the slave-holding States, and the certainty that others will speedily do likewise, Texas has no alternative but to remain in an isolated connection with the North, or unite her destinies with the South."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Children of the Confederacy Plaque
Date: Friday, January 25, 2019 9:12:22 PM

Dear Sir/Madam,

As I understand I am able to submit suggestions on what the state shall do with the plaque in question.

Recently, I brought someone from Oregon to the Capitol. He is thinking of moving to our great state, and loves Texas history. I thought the Capitol would be the perfect place. As we walked the grounds, we found ourselves before monuments honoring Confederate soldiers. I believe one of them even referred to them as “patriots.” Both of us were shocked, as a Texan who is proud of my state, I was ashamed. It made the end of our visit exceedingly uncomfortable.

The plaque in question, and every monument on the grounds of the Capitol that exalt the Confederacy must be either removed or amended to show that we Texans are not proud to have seceded and fought to keep slavery legal in our state.

I suggest the plaque never be displayed in the Capitol again. It should be given to a historical group who will use it to educate within the correct context.

Respectfully,
Stephanie Macejewski

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Removal of Confederate Creed plaque
Date: Friday, January 25, 2019 10:35:24 PM

Dear TSPB Board:

I am writing to commend your actions in authorizing the removal of the shameful Confederate Creed plaque. It was long overdue and your action is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Robert L. Hobbs
775 Covered Bridge Drive
Driftwood, TX 78619

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Hi, thank you
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 7:49:44 AM

I wanted to extend my gratitude for removing the Confederate era plaque and making this place more accessible and more welcoming to me, my family, and those other families that feel like minorities instead of feeling like proud, multiethnic, multicultural, deeply passionate Texans.

It is the right decision.

Furthermore, if anyone gives y'all any shit about it, please invite them, and invite me, to a real discussion about the intent and effect that these memorabilia have. Threatening behind internet e-mails And hate mail is not the way Texans do things. We're braver than that.

Thank you, have a great day.

Sincerely,
Jose Eduardo Pérez, my family, my colleagues, and my friends

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Thank you for removing Children of the Confederacy plaque
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 8:07:51 AM

So very happy to see this was removed. It belongs in a museum where it can be displayed with an explanation of what it is, what role it played during that dark period of slavery, and what it represents. The goal is to educate current and future generations so this horrific chapter in our country's history is NEVER again repeated!

Sincerely,

Cristina Adams
Writer + Editor
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: New location for Confederate plaque
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 8:42:09 AM

Bullock Texas State History Museum would be an appropriate location for the plaque recently removed from the State Capitol building. A complete history of its installation and removal should be included in any display.

Barbara Stone
Dallas, Texas

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate Plaque Input
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 8:45:11 AM

State Preservation Board:

My first choice is: return the plaque to the wall in the capitol!

My second choice is: give the plaque to the United Daughters of the Confederacy

Gary Pemberton

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate plaque
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 9:15:23 AM

Thank you for the opportunity for public input on what should be done with the Confederate plaque that was in the Capitol for 60 years.

I certainly have no desire to defend the Confederacy, but I was bothered that the known history on this issue was either ignored or unknown by the media. Yes, slavery was a cause of the civil war, but the plaque was actually correct in saying that it was not THE cause of the Civil War. Historians know that the river and railroad issue certainly stirred up passions in the Confederacy. (Northern leaders defended the funding of railroads in the North--and not the South--on the grounds that the South had more rivers for transportation.) This was one of the economic irritations in the South, given the differences between the dominant economic drivers in the North and the South. Like most wars, the cause of the Civil War was primarily rooted in anger about the perceived inequity of economic benefits. Because slavery was such an intricate part of the economy in the South, it was certainly a cause of the Civil War, but it is not as though the South was fighting to promote slavery. Slavery was so ingrained in the plantation economy that leaders in the South did not know how to make the economy work without it.

As for what to do with the plaque, it itself is now a part of Texas history. If the plaque still belongs to the Daughters of the Confederacy, I suggest returning it to them. But if it belongs to the state, I propose putting it in the Bob Bullock History Museum. Historians could set up a display explaining what is known about the causes of the Civil War. The display could also cover the controversy about the plaque's placement in and removal from the Capitol.

Gary Preuss

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: confederate plaque ouster
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 9:16:43 AM

It should be placed in a museum next to a picture of the water fountain in the capitol with the sign colored only. It's a history we don't want to forget..just like the holocaust.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: THANK YOU CONFEDERATE PLAQUE GONE
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 9:24:25 AM

Thank you so much for taking down the Confederate Plaque at the Texas Capitol. The Civil War needs to end and we need to be a Nation for all people. That Plaque was a lie and a disgrace for everyone! Please tell anyone against the removal that they can put it in a museum for Dead Civil War Antiquities as this is 2019 and the War is long over!

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate Plaque Removal - Right thing to do!
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 9:33:38 AM

Hello Texas State Preservation Board,

Removal of the blatantly false and racially divisive "Children of the Confederacy Creed" plaque was the right and just action to take - it should have been done decades ago.

Based on the article in the Austin American Statesman today 01/26/2019, the SPB meeting yesterday was attended overwhelmingly by pro-plaque supporters. I would say this fact is due to more of lack of awareness - I had no idea the SPB was meeting to discuss the removal again, as I assumed it was all said and done two weeks ago when it rightfully approved the removal.

I am happy to appear and wish to appear at the next SPB meeting. Is there a notification list on upcoming meetings with agenda items?

My recommendations:

- **Keep the plaque far from any state-owned government grounds unless it is for teaching the populace about the horrible history of slavery in the US and Texas as well as the horrific legacy of the Jim Crow and race discrimination era that followed, or**
- **Give the plaque back to the Children of the Confederacy group; and**
- **Have our elected state officials who are members of the SPB make a public statement regarding the removal of the plaque, that there is no place for race discrimination in the State of Texas (either public or private) and that the plaque's statements that "the war between the States was not a Rebellion nor was its underlying cause to sustain Slavery" is FACTUALLY WRONG at best AND A PURPOSEFULLY RACIALLY DISCRIMINATORY LIE at worst.**

Again, I would like to attend future SPB meetings regarding this subject. Please let me know how I can find out when future meetings will be held or be notified of such.

Thank you for listening,
James Walsh
3002 Beverly Road
Austin, TX 78703

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Removal of Confederate Monuments
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 9:43:44 AM

The removal of "Confederate" statues, monuments, memorabilia, street/location names etc. are the result of political correctness taking over our country and state.

The 'War for Southern Independence'/'War Between the states'/Civil War was started and fought over the southern states having economic freedom, NOT over slavery. The southern states, because of good climates, were the main producers of agricultural products for the nation. In the 1850s European countries started buying food related products from the southern states which improved prices received by southern producers. These price increases upset the northern states, who dominated the congress due to having more states and population. The northern states imposed barriers and taxes on southern state exports which resulted in the southern states movement to withdraw from the union and to form their own country which would be friendly to southern states' economic possibilities. The northern states declared war on the southern states in an effort to preclude their leaving the union (Leaving the controlling government dominated by northern states) and the southern states decided to fight for their freedom. Ergo, the war which the northern states eventually won due to the northern states having greater populations and their ability to produce more weapons, ships etc. than the southern states.

The issue of eliminating slavery and making it a reason for the war was not started until Lincoln was running for reelection, was behind in polls and needed something to increase his reelection chances.

My name-sake family moved to Texas in 1840 and I am a true Texan and southerner, but, am also a true American. I am very non-prejudiced and treat all races equally. This is a matter of history, not prejudice and certainly should not be governed by political correctness.

Thomas K. Terry

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate plaque input
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 9:50:30 AM

I am a high school US History teacher in Texas. I hold Texas teacher certifications in History, composite Social Studies, and Health. I have a bachelors and masters in History, with my thesis research conducted in the area of civil rights and desegregation in education. I believe that the best use for items, such as the Confederate plaque that used to hang in the capitol, is for educational purposes. Specifically, I think the plaque would serve the greatest purpose in a civil rights musuem. Part of the greater civil rights story is to show the reactions to the movement and the ways in which groups tried to undermine the successes. The capitol plaque is a prime example of this, as it was placed during the civil rights movement (1959) and denies slavery as a cause of the Civil War. Alternately, it could be used in civil rights displays at other historical museums, though I believe it should be displayed within that context or with such an explanation.

Sincerely,
Stacey Blackstone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: fate of the Confederate plaque
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 9:59:59 AM

Greetings,

The historically inaccurate Confederate plaque should be deposited at the Bullock Texas State History Museum. Then, in the near future it should be put on public display in a historically accurate exhibit at the Bullock Museum that describes the context of the Jim Crow era, the motivations of those who paid for and mounted the plaque, and the efforts to have it removed from the Capitol. The exhibit should be designed by historians with no input from elected officials. Sufficient funding should be appropriated by the Legislature to pay for the exhibit and have it completed in a timely fashion.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Baumgardner, Jr.

(descendant of at least three Confederate soldiers)

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: [Webmaster](#)
Date: "Plaque"
Saturday, January 26, 2019 10:06:42 AM

Leave it down! It should never been there to start with. It's like "fake news from 1959". Give it back to "the ladies" or put it in a museum as an Ignorance Exhibit.

Philip A. Stoke, Austin TX.

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Confederate plaque
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 11:11:49 AM

Good riddance. I agree that the plaque should be placed in an education or museum setting with an explanation of why it should not be in the State Capitol.

It does not tell the truth and should have been removed in the 60's when the much needed civil rights legislation was enacted.

Helen Garman
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Children of the Confederacy Creed plaque
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 11:33:34 AM

To Members of the State Preservation Board,

I noticed the Children of the Confederacy Creed plaque more than 20 years ago, after I moved to Texas and first visited the state capitol. I was appalled that such a misrepresentation of history was allowed in this public space, and I'm sure many other visitors to the capitol have shared my feelings over the past few decades.

Today's Austin American Statesman cited comments from several people who attended the latest meeting of the State Preservation Board to the effect that no one had complained about the plaque in the past. I am certain this cannot be true; I know I was upset about it even if I did not know how to get it removed. It is scandalous that the plaque was ever mounted in the first place, for its presence meant that the State Legislature condoned the pernicious falsehood that the Civil War was not about slavery.

The plaque was created more than a hundred years after the Civil War and has virtually no historical importance (except as proof of the widespread denialism in the South regarding the truth about the Civil War). It should be banished from the capitol grounds forever; it is a blot on the honor of Texas.

Please continue to do the right thing and get rid of this awful object and its attempt to rewrite history.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Talbot

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Plaque
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 11:37:28 AM

Melt the thing down. There's no need to hang on to it. It represents hate and bigotry in the purest forms and states an outright lie. It doesn't need to be moved to a museum; there are plenty of pictures of it. It needs to be destroyed just like the bigotry it represents.

Natalie Caddell

From: [REDACTED]
[Webmaster](#)
Subject: Children of Confederacy Plaque from Capitol
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 12:30:29 PM

Dear Sirs and Madams:

I am writing to express my gratitude that this plaque has finally been removed from the passageway behind the elevators in the Capitol Bldg. I first noticed it 20 years ago, when I moved to Austin, and was appalled. Since then, I have shown it to all visitors as we toured the Capitol Bldg. in order to demonstrate the revisionist history rampant in this state. I have an undergraduate degree in History, and have read the TX Declaration of Secession, which clearly states the #1 reason for rebellion was slavery. We see a similar history with the SBOE's ideological choices for public school curricula in both social studies and science, which unfortunately has a much wider effect beyond TX, due to the size of the student population here and the budgetary realities faced by publishers of textbooks.

I think the plaque should now go to the museum in the old Land Office on the Capitol grounds, with explanatory materials elucidating its history. Perhaps next to the history of the construction of the building, initially by Scottish union stonemasons, their dismissal in favor of convict labor, and especially the FINAL settlement awarded to them, after appeals, for breach of contract, which was significantly less than the sum awarded to them in the original headlines.

Lying, and fudging the truth, catches up with you. I sincerely hope you will illuminate the cultural context of this shameful plaque.

Respectfully,

Eric Schenk
Austin, TX, USA

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate Plaque
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 1:11:56 PM

Let's see: "we desire to perpetuate, in love and honor" those who:
"upheld it's (The Confederate States who, as traitors to the Republic, fought to dissolve the Union) flag though four years of war"
so that the "Children of the Confederacy" (states who bought and sold other human beings like livestock) can show their;
"love of justice"
"preserve pure ideas" (of the freedom to own human beings?)
"teach the truths of history" (I would suppose from their twisted viewpoint)
Oh yeah, "That the war between the states was not a rebellion" (say WHAT?, they are delusional), "nor was its underlying cause to sustain slavery" (this goes against ALL historical record and economic realities of the south), and
"reflect honor upon our noble and patriotic ancestors" (Really? Traitors to the Republic. How are traitors ever seen as "noble and patriotic"?)

This is just a smoke and mirrors attempt to rewrite history and ease the pain of loss of state sanctioned racism.

I'm a born and raised Texan with a minor in Political Science who has lived in this state my entire life.

This plaque's attempt to "clarify" history is total BS.

Take it down, give it back, put it in a museum.

Do not display this garbage in our Capital building.

Stephen Upham

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Confederate Plaque
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 1:26:03 PM

It's my understanding you are taking public comments on what to do with the Confederate Plaque taken down from the Capitol. Please burn/smelt it so it's constituent parts can be put to some good future use.

Thank you,

Jesús Pantel
Austin, TX

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Plaque at Capitol honoring the Confederate Soldiers
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 1:59:13 PM

The first time I viewed this plaque on display at the Capitol confused me. That goes back some 30 years now. I had been taught through history classes and reading several books regarding the war that slavery was the issue behind the Civil War. Reading the message on the plaque gave indication that the Daughters of the Confederacy were attempting to sway the reality of truth. I couldn't understand why the Texas State government would allow this falsehood to be displayed in public as if it was accurate history. Then again, there is a lot of confusing theories whenever you change environments. Perception can be altered by persistent persuasion. Yet so, it didn't change my beliefs regarding the war. I was curious if others were swayed by the words on the plaque.

After the public outcry in recent years regarding the honoring of Confederate Civil War Officers, I felt like I wasn't the only face in the crowd that found there was an increasing number of those who hailed the battle cry call for the rebirth of the South. I have nothing against folks that want to voice an opinion regarding history but government shouldn't uphold nor promote those prejudiced beliefs, especially on government grounds.

I believe the plaque should be on display privately, perhaps in a museum along with the other statues of Confederate soldiers, street signs or other war propoganda that may stir or alter public perception and the truth behind the Civil War. Or return the plaque to the original owners.

Best,
Glenn Curby
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Removing History to appease a few
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 3:40:14 PM

Nest time you or anyone in favor of removing Confederate plaques or Robert E Lee statues drive by a homeless person on the street remind yourself what \$750,000 alone spent here in Dallas for one statue removal could have been used for homeless, hungry citizens. Those in favor of removal have chosen PC over shelter and food for those in need. Nice.
Richard Allen

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate plaque
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 5:37:33 PM

Dear members of the State Preservation Board,

I am writing to express my strong support for the removal and relocation of the Confederate plaque at the Capitol in Austin.

According to the vast majority of historians, it falsely claims that slavery was not the underlying cause of the American Civil War. Its display at the Capitol since 1959 has already done a disservice to educating the public about American history and would continue to do so by implicitly supporting a politically motivated revision of history meant to buttress racial attitudes and Injustices of the 1950s.

The plaque should rather be displayed in a museum within a historically accurate explanatory framework of post Reconstruction American history.

Kind regards,
Heiko Stang
Wimberley, TX, 78676

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate Plaque input
Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019 6:17:11 PM

This email in response to your request for public input on what to do with the plaque taken down from the capitol building.

My input suggestion is to give it to the Texas History Museum in Austin.

I am fine if the history museum chooses to keep it in a storeroom for a while. However, if on display, then it seems useful to at minimum to include context of:

- * Who put it up, when, why?
- * Why was it taken down, when?

That context can be tricky to provide well, but if it comes from a historical perspective that included say (a) the text of the declaration Texas made when it seceded from the Union and then Civil War (b) reconstruction, (c) the rise of groups such as Daughter's of the Confederacy or even KKK (d) Jim Crow and segregation in the south (e) Civil rights movement and backlash against civil rights (f) awareness and conflicts over confederate symbols since 2000 - then this plaque fits in with an overall historical context.

If the context is missing, it is pointless to display anywhere including in my opinion originally in the Capitol building. So I do applaud the Preservation Board for your action so far.

--mev, Mike Vermeulen

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: "Children of the Confederacy Creed" Plaque
Date: Sunday, January 27, 2019 8:29:24 AM

State Preservation Board,

It is my opinion that the "Children of the Confederacy Creed" plaque be gifted to the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis. It would be my hope that they use it to document the length of time it takes to make things right. However, if they deem it not worthy of display, then they have every right to do with it what they want.

Thank you,
Susan Cooper Parker

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Plaque
Date: Sunday, January 27, 2019 12:27:05 PM

You did the right thing removing the plaque. That plaque should never have been allowed in our Capitol.

Carol Reifsnyder

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate Plaque
Date: Sunday, January 27, 2019 1:17:35 PM

All across the country, I've witnessed the incredible treasures preserved within public buildings, our courthouses, museums, our monuments, plaques, historic markers and even universities. In county libraries in rural Texas were the records of families who settled this land in the 1800's, and in the Alamo were letters like Travis's letter serve shine a light on the true Texas spirit. All of these libraries, courthouses, plaques, monuments, the Alamo grounds, museums, etc, serve to preserve our Texas heritage.

History is not something obscure or unimportant. History plays a vital role in our everyday lives. We learn from our past in order to achieve greater influence over our future. History serves as a model not only of who and what we are to be, we learn what to champion and what to avoid. Everyday decision-making around the world is constantly based on what came before us.

History of any place reflects upon the rich past it once had, long before we were born. The monuments are a reflection of how rich the heritage and culture of those eras were. Not only this, you get to learn so much just by beholding a single monument- the style it represents in the era of construction and designing, the beautiful works of art represent the quality of craftsmanship as well as the hardwork they put through, to cut each and every stone and carve them into a beautiful pieces of art, long before technology made it easier. The tremendous amount of planning represent how able the architects were, even without major softwares that aid today's design, and the scale of the monument represents the possible importance and wealth of it, or the owner who once owned it.

Now imagine you die one day, leaving behind wonderful craftsmanship, or works of art, or poetry, or novels you wrote, or whatever contribution you made to this world, would you like it if your works or your contributions are not given due respect and are destroyed or hidden from the public since you no longer exist? Would we be left with such a rich literature? Think of the monuments in the same way. Monuments are deeply rooted sentiments to a majority of people in Texas, and tells the story of Texas, helping us connect to its history and its presence. This is the very reason our historic monuments should be preserved and left standing where they sit today.

You don't have to be a history buff to learn from the past, only willing to see beyond what is happening today. A wise man once said "Those who do not know history are doomed to repeat it". These pieces of history tell a story of our forefathers. History is glorious at times, sometimes history shows bravery, at others times history is ugly and violent, but in the end history is history.

We still erect monuments in today's society. Take the 9-11 memorial as an example. This monument reflects a dark, sad & ugly time in our history. When many Americans died at the hands of terrorist. But that same monument also shows bravery and courage (like our first responders who ran up those stairs to save lives). "Never forget" are words inscribed on this monument. Why? It brings so much sorrow to some Americans. We

never forget so we can take measures to ensure that this type of terrorist attack never happens again. If we were to erase/destroy this monument our great children might forget and thus be doomed to repeat our history. The same goes for the monuments built in the 1800's & the early 1900's.

I write to tell you all this because I am a 5th generation Texan, I have deep roots in our state, and I'm asking you put the plaque back up in the Capitol until the people of Texas have voted on its permanent location. As president of TITFF I represent over 20,000 Texans who feel the same way I do. What y'all did was wrong. You work for the people of Texas, so let them decide the fate of the plaque.

God bless Texas,

Brandon Burkhart

President

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(Public Relations, Marketing, Social Media Specialist, SAR Instructor)

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Subject:
Date:



Children of the Confederacy plaque
Sunday, January 27, 2019 3:40:06 PM

The Children of the Confederacy plaque should be either returned to the group that presented it to the state, or housed in a proper archival/museum/educational setting. This marker is factually inaccurate and reflects a mindset that is not in keeping with historical thinking. It should be placed somewhere that can take advantage of the educational opportunities it represents and where it can best be used for that purpose. The halls of the Capitol of Texas are not meant for educational instruction per se or to house markers or plaques that are both offensive and incorrect. Markers and plaques and other commemorative items in the Capitol of Texas should reflect truth and accuracy and make a statement about what our state finds important.

Bob Ward
1707 Romeria Drive
Austin, TX 78757
512.452.7305

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate plaque removed from the Capitol
Date: Sunday, January 27, 2019 4:17:45 PM

Please donate the plaque to the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis. It is important to know that our state supported these claims by posting this shameful plaque during the civil rights movement as propaganda in support of those who were wrong, and that it was not until 2019 that this filth was removed.

If they are not interested, please consider making this a part of a civil rights exhibit at th Bob Bullock museum.

Best,
Dylan McAfee

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Texas Capitol Confederate plaque
Date: Sunday, January 27, 2019 5:11:08 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I did not vote for Governor Abbott or Dan Patrick to remove history! I voted for them thinking the intention would be to preserve and protect truth and history!

Put the plaque back in the capital!

Lisa Bacchi
Conroe Texas

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Texas Capitol Confederate Plaque
Date: Sunday, January 27, 2019 5:14:57 PM

Put the plaque back where it was in it's original state and secure it with a law that it will remain in that place forever.

Tracy Huff
San Antonio, Texas
U.S. Armed Forces, retired

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Adrienne Rison - Isom : Confederate plaque
Date: Sunday, January 27, 2019 5:59:10 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)
[image.png](#)

Adrienne Rison - Isom - Travis County Historic Commission Rep. Precinct #1

I feel the Preservation Commission should take a photo of the plaque in question. They should also make a hard-copy record of what was written on plaque. They should include a little history about the plaque and the times in which it was created. Both can be filed in the area where the State Library stores historic documents. I am sure there are plenty of other old, offensive documents in their files that someone would want to peep at every now and then, with a purpose of trying to figure out.....why?

They should then give the metal to a foundry that makes nice plaques for humanitarian causes, to offset their cost.

"RECYCLE TO CREATE A BETTER MEMORY"



Sculptress - Adrienne Rison-Isom

"I believe in working to make history clearer. It is very stressful to work to keep an untruth circulating"

<https://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/01/us/galveston-pays-tribute-to-jack-johnson-100-years-later.html>

[U.S.](#) | **New York Times** - Contribution originally from the Texas Monthly

A Century Later, Galveston's Nod to Jack Johnson

Article By MICHAEL HOINSKI JUNE 30, 2012

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Fw: Adrienne Rison - Isom : Confederate plaque
Date: Sunday, January 27, 2019 6:11:25 PM
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Article By MICHAEL HOINSKI JUNE 30, 2012

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate plaque in the Capitol
Date: Sunday, January 27, 2019 7:18:49 PM

To The States Preservation Board,

My comments on the confederate plaque:

This plaque represents a racist past. Hopefully, this attitude does not represent the people of Texas. This plaque has no place in today's world and should never be displayed.

I think the plaque should be destroyed.

Thanks you for accepting comments,

Pat Armstrong



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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate plaque
Date: Sunday, January 27, 2019 8:52:49 PM

The plaque is shameful and a lie. It holds no historic value and attempts to revise history to sanitize it. It can't be allowed to permeate any other space. It should be destroyed.

Lee Daugherty
214-621-3179

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Texas Capital Confederate Plaque
Date: Sunday, January 27, 2019 10:52:01 PM

I believe the plaque should be returned to the United Daughters of the Confederacy.
Thank you.

Diane Barnes
5585 Randell Lake
Denison, TX 75020

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Relocation of Children of Confederacy plaque
Date: Sunday, January 27, 2019 11:20:46 PM

The removal of the recent plaque at the Texas capital goes against my family & the history of great state. Instead of removing and trashing use it as a tool to let people know how far we have come.

Stacey

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Children of the confederacy plaque
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 12:00:21 AM

Dear Governor or to whom it may concern:

Please replace the plaque where it belongs. I appeal to you to not fold to the nonsense that the liberals are pushing that will destroy our Texas history. Please either put the plaque back up or give it to the Children of the Confederate group so they can keep our history from disappearing.

The civil war was about States rights. As we all know slavery was an abomination on our society but to erase all forms of history is to leave no trace of it for other generations to see. I was never a slave owner nor were any of my family members. But others had family members who fought in that war. It is a travesty to toss all of these historical plaques and monuments away.

Return the plaque now.

Sincerely,
Stacey Roberts
P3 chair Republican party Reeves county Texas

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate Plaque
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 6:58:24 AM

Please destroy the plaque. There is no place for it. There isn't a museum that accurately accounts for the civil war and the segregationist aftermath where this plaque could be placed into proper context. It is quite clear that the Daughters of the Confederacy were attempting a massive miseducation campaign of the future generations about the South's efforts during the civil war. Again, I ask that you all destroy this plaque.

Marvin Chaney

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Plaque
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 7:33:54 AM

Regarding the plaque recently removed from the capitol: since it is inaccurate it should be disposed of, unless it can be adequately displayed in a museum setting as evidence of willful propaganda. Thank you. Winnie Hinson Richardson TX

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate Plague
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 8:15:49 AM

Put it back up where it belongs. Don't mess with Texas and our history !!!

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Children of the Confederacy Plaque
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 9:10:50 AM

Dear Commission Members,

We need to stop fighting the Civil War by discussing Jim Crow and the need for Southerners to justify the "War of Northern Aggression" which decimated their male population and set the former Confederate states back economically for over 100 years.

This is not only visible in Texas. Fifteen years ago, I was visiting Harvard University with my high school junior and we were toured through Memorial Hall, so-named because it was built in memory of their Civil War alumni dead. The interior lobby had recently been restored -- it was a leather faced wall with gold embossed decoration and the names of the dead. When I inquired, I was told it was only those alumni who had fought for the Union Army and none for Confederate alumni.

Slavery is not dead world-wide and we would do well to condemn it both currently and historically. In my opinion, the plaque should go into an exhibit about the aftermath of the Civil War in Texas -- how the war itself slowed the settlement of Texas, how Reconstruction happened in the state, what carpetbaggers and other people came in to take advantage of a down-and-out population.

My maternal forbears were military and fought on the Confederate side. Their sons joined the army, but only could afford one year of college and West Point was out of the question. My paternal forbears spent several generations avoiding the slave question and war - from Virginia to Missouri to California [during the Civil War] to Missouri to Texas. Both families learned that people of all colors were the same and I consider it my privilege to have two parents who were raised to not be racists and to make their children show respect for everyone.

Segregation was part of my parents' lives but my mother integrated the Val Verde County Public Library by having a busload of students from the segregated school come to the library to get library cards and check out books -- during a meeting of the County Commissioner's Court. My parents had two wedding receptions -- one at the Fort Sam Houston Officers Club and the other in my grandmother's back yard. You can guess the one that had live music, more fun and where they spent more time!

Please make this experience a learning moment, including describing the decision to take down the plaque and the discussion about its content.

Thank you,
Julia J. Cauthorn

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Plaque
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 9:13:18 AM

TSPB

Thank you for listening to public comments last Friday regarding the plaque you removed. I spoke to you but did not leave a written copy of my comments. Just down from where the plaque was is photos of all the State legislature members including the years 1860-65. They were there when the state seceded. They had the soldiers represented by the plaque conscripted and sent them off to war. They were Texas soldiers. The 1st Texas Infantry Regiment at the battle of Sharpsburg (Antietam) suffered 82.3% casualties, the highest casualty rate of any regiment on either side during the whole war. These soldiers left their families alone on the world's most dangerous frontier, walked most of 2000 east and fought and died for 4 years. They did not do so for the 4% who owned slaves and to say they did is ridiculous. The plaque you removed honored the legacy of these soldiers. So what if it offends a few people. Most citizens are not offended but you and other government bodies now seem to only pay attention only to the loudest voices and not the most voices. In WWII we had a soldiers group that fought and died protecting the monuments in Europe - now we take down our monuments to soldiers. Why? Because a few loud people are offended? There has yet to be a monument removed in Texas (Austin, Dallas, San Antonio), where the tax paying citizens have been allowed to vote on it, not one. Why is that? Don't we have an antiquities code? Plaques and monuments should be portals to learning. Put it back and don't take down any more.

Thank you

Richard Brewer
San Antonio

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate plaque at capitol
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 10:14:50 AM

Greetings,

I'm writing in response to the request for public comment regarding the recent removal of the Confederate plaque from the state capitol, to which I say, in short: good riddance! There's a critical distinction between a museum piece and a monument; Confederate memorabilia belongs in museums, where people can reflect on that time in history and how it has shaped the present, but it does NOT belong in public spaces--especially not the state capitol--where its presence would indicate an ongoing adherence to those ideals. That period in American history is a time to be lamented, and learned from, not commemorated or celebrated. I applaud Governor Abbott and the State Preservation Board for making the correct decision to remove this inaccurate and inflammatory artifact from our capitol, and I hope the Board will follow suit to remove all such relics of bigotry both at the capitol and throughout Texas.

Sincerely,
Christopher George-Twyman
Dallas, TX

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: What to do with Confederate Plaque
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 11:07:12 AM

I am in favor of returning the Confederate plaque to the United Daughters of the Confederacy since they paid for it.

Marilyn Kosanke

From: [Birdie White](#)
Subject: comment on removal of factually incorrect Confederate plaque
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 12:29:14 PM

I live in Austin, Texas, and I agree that the factually incorrect Confederate plaque should have been removed from our state capitol building, and that it should be destroyed, not displayed elsewhere. No incorrect information should be displayed in the state capitol. Thank you.

[Birdie White, CLA, Paralegal](#)
[MARTINEC, WINN & VICKERS, P.C.](#)
[611 S. Congress Avenue, Suite 450](#)
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate Plaque
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 2:36:17 PM

I think the plaque needs to be in a slavery-Jim Crow exhibit in a state run history museum with the full details of the lies it included.

Gary Carmack
Carrollton TX

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Please respect the Men who died fighting for our land and put back the plaque
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 3:23:40 PM

Sorry it offended someone. These men fought for Texas for many reasons other than slavery. We can argue how big of a factor that was but regardless it happened.

Next we need to change our Capitals name because you know Austin defended slavery.

Then please remove the Cowboy Statue because cowboys killed animals and some even killed Native Americans. Many vegan will be offended not to mention Native Americans.

Then please remove Goddess of Liberty.

She looks like the Greek goddess Athena. Many Christians could be offended as they believe in one God.

Seriously though this is a slippery slope. The State Preservation Board, please out of respect to our ancestors please preserve history.

Thank you!

Wade Floyd
Founder, [CoachTube](#)

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: "Children of the Confederacy Creed" Plaque
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 7:29:35 PM

Board Members:

I am writing regarding the "Children of the Confederacy Creed" plaque that was recently removed from display at the Capitol.

I support the Board's decision to remove the plaque. It contains a statement explicitly denying that slavery was an underlying cause of the "War Between the States". This is a false spin on the history of our Nation and our State. The Board acted properly to remove the plaque, despite that some want to have had input on the removal. The State of Texas should not explicitly or implicitly endorse this false narrative by continuing to display the plaque.

As for its disposition I believe the following. The plaque represents something that did happen in our history, and attitudes that, perhaps, persist still for some. Many of our ancestors did serve the Confederacy from a sincere sense of duty that we may wish to respect. Ironically, that leaves us in the position of honoring their sense of duty to a deeply flawed cause.

Slavery is shameful blot on our National and State history. I often wish for the plaque to be melted down and discarded. However, a better use for us all together would be to place it in an educational setting, perhaps the Texas History Museum or similar venue. There it could be used to illustrate and own up to our history, and in some way, to atone for the disgrace of slavery in the history of our country, whose true creed includes "all .. are created equal" and "liberty and justice for all."

Respectfully,

Stephen Sansom
Austin, TX 78749
512-417-8351

From:



in Capital

Date:

Monday, January 28, 2019 9:18:51 PM

PUT IT BACK!! And leave our history alone!! It happened, it's true!

Donald L. Cranford

Native Texan and lifelong resident

Age: 71

1020 County Road 3277

Quitman, Texas 75783

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederacy artifacts
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 10:14:34 AM

Dear Preservation Board Members,

I suggest that the Barker History Center or the Bullock Museum create a space for memorabilia created during the Jim Crow era and later celebrating and attempting to justify the Confederacy.

Sincerely,

Linda Team
600 Bellevue Place
Austin, TX 78705

[REDACTED]
512-917-1930

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate Plaque
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 1:51:33 PM

Sirs:

My wife and I are on complete agreement on the removal of that plaque. It should never had been put up, and frankly the current board and some of its members looked for some other body to take it down and were forced to do their duty.

We suggest that it be given back to the Daughters.

Sincerely, Joanne and Roger Scarborough

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: please leave Texas history alone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 10:33:10 AM

Please leave the rich history alone and don't take down any plaques or monuments that is tied to the rich history that I hope every single Texan is proud of, and especially the people that have been voted into office and represent the people and the state.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Monuments
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 10:33:19 AM

Hello

I want our historical monuments left alone.If you want to have the public vote on this subject do that.No politician should make the decision to remove ANy monument only the public.

Mike

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Texas Wall Plaque
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 10:33:49 AM

Good morning,

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the Texas State Board trying to remove the Texas Confederate Wall Plaque from the State Capital building.

It's astonishing that your board thought it appropriate to rule on this with no input from the public.

Now that a comment period is open, I urge you to keep the plaque on the wall. It is a testament to our history as a society. A history which is not taught very accurately today.

Thank you,
Michael Mull

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Statues and memorials
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 10:35:36 AM

Dear Sirs and Madams,

Our culture, history and memorial statues are important for our children to learn about their own USA countrys' history. That is good or bad history, both are important. Do not remove any plaques, statues or USA historical pieces without asking your local, State and Federal citizens with a vote. Don't destroy our country's history like what the Communists Chinese , Nazi's and Isis terrorists have done in other counties.

From ,

Veronica Barker

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Monument Preservation
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 10:37:23 AM

Your contribution to the destruction of a culture that has played an undeniably significant role in the building and maintenance of The Society that has created the highest standard of living for the most people across the board is infuriating. I recommend that y'all make amends for the harm you have caused to the history and heritage of this great land; lest you live to rue the day you sold this land out to communists.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Concerned Texan
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 10:46:09 AM

Hello,

My name is Manjinder Singh. My family comes originally from India, but I myself am born and raised in Canada. I came to USA in December 2013 and chose Texas to be my home. I think I bring a unique perspective to this issue.

The issue, the removal of confederate statues, is something that hits close to home. When India was invaded by Islam, all of the statues and historical references were destroyed, especially in the western provinces of Afghanistan and Punjab. Did you know Afghanistan was originally part of India, and was home to a large community of Buddhists? Most people don't know this because the Taliban and most recently ISIS have destroyed any statues, plaques and other references to history. I fear this has now come to America. Regardless of what I think of the civil war and the Confederates, which I see them in a negative light, it is an important part of history. To remove these would make you no different from those with radical ideologies, like ISIS and the Taliban, who destroyed artifacts and Buddha statues across Afghanistan.

If you truly believe this is the will of the people, then put this up for a vote. Have a state wide referendum. If you truly believe that you are the representative of the people, then what better way than to ask the people via a vote what they want, and then carry out their wishes. I hope you have the fortitude to do this. It will only make the board look better, and you have nothing to lose.

I hope you take this letter into consideration.

Thank you.

Manjinder Singh
- Concerned Texan

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From: [Texas Freedom Network](#) on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Comment on the Children of the Confederacy Creed Plaque
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 10:52:46 AM

Jan 30, 2019

Members of the State Preservation Board

Dear Members State Preservation Board,

Thank you for your vote to remove the Children of the Confederacy Creed plaque from the Texas Capitol.

You no doubt have received many suggestions on what to do with the plaque now that it has been removed. Those suggestions include giving the plaque to, for example, a university or museum where it can be studied. If you do decide to relinquish ownership, I ask that you do so under the conditions that future public displays of the plaque, if any, will be accompanied by:

- Clear and unambiguous information about how the plaque's language distorts the history of slavery and the Civil War

- An explanation about why the plaque was placed at the Capitol--in particular, that it and similar monuments across the South were installed as a reaction to the progress of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and '60s

Since your vote to remove it, you have also heard from individuals who want the plaque returned to the Capitol. Please ignore these calls. The plaque blatantly lies about history and has no place in a building that is supposed to represent all Texans.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Corcoran
2705 E 13th St
Austin, TX 78702-1510
(512) 917-6860
[REDACTED]

From:

Subject:

Date:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Tearing down statues

Wednesday, January 30, 2019 11:35:41 AM

Who do you think you are?? The people of Texas had NO say in your criminal act of removing historical statues. What you are doing is purely political and wrong. You better stop doing this or the people will respond in kind!

From: [REDACTED]
To: Webmaster@pspb.texas.gov; [Webmaster](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Date: [REDACTED] Historic Monuments
Wednesday, January 30, 2019 11:40:33 AM

Protect Texas Historic Monuments!

Texas has & Texans have a long history of standing up for what is Right and Good

Right & Good does not include destroying historic monuments just because you want to change or hide history you don't agree with or are uncomfortable with

Do the Right & Good thing and protect ALL historic monuments

Thanks much for your decision in favor of what is Right & Good

Mike Minnihan

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Where to put the Children of the Confederacy plaque
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 1:02:01 PM

The plaque should not be returned to the Daughters of the Confederacy. That organization's officers and members had plenty of warning beginning in 2017 that they were long overdue in asking the State Preservation Board to remove this plaque from the Capitol wall and return it to them. The Daughters should have stepped up and acknowledged that both the language on the Children of the Confederacy plaque and the reason for asking it to be placed in the Capitol was wrong 60 years ago and is wrong today.

The Children of the Confederacy plaque should now be used, along with other monuments that lie about the reasons the Southern states formed the Confederacy and that elevate as "heroes" the people who made it happen, to tell the truth. The plaque should be located in an easily accessed public place where its history is used as evidence of the irreversible, lifelong damage these lies have done and continue to do to all people of all ages throughout Texas and the USA.

Kathy Hill
3804 Ridgelea Dr, Austin

512-413-6297

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Confederate plaque
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 1:47:45 PM

We want the plaque to be presented to the Daughters of the Confederacy!! Shame on all of you! You do this because a small group is "offended", when a large group of us are "offended" by your actions!! Riley, Linda, Shaune and Jared Boothe

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Re-Mount Capitol's Plaque
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 1:58:34 PM

Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor
Honorable Dan Patrick, Lt. Governor
Honorable Dennis Donnen, Speaker of the House, Co-Vice Chairman
Honorable Bryan Hughes, Texas Senate
Honorable Jeff Leach, Texas House Representative
Alethea Swann Bugg, Citizen Board Member

Dear Texas Preservation Board,

I am writing you on behalf on the State of Texas, and her historic role the Nation, as well as Internationally. The plaque on the Texas Capitol that the Texas Preservation Board unilaterally removed, is a critical part of Texas history- which is why it was mounted in the first place.

I strongly urge the Texas Preservation Board to immediately restore the removed plaque, in order to uphold the Board's commitment and obligation to "Texas Preservation."

Everything we are rejecting, is what the world loves about us. The Wild West, the no BS attitude we have. Texas is well known throughout the world for first and foremost, our integrity. - they love our Freedom, the beauty, the American Way. Preserving our history, the good, the bad, the ugly, is integral to our well founded respect.

Those who don't know history, are bound to repeat it. If one truly cares about "racism," they will preserve every single monument up- to know our history, in a celebration of unity, having overcome so many great challenges.

The Texans have been traditionally literate society, well versed in civics, well versed in government. Today, less than 29% of Americans could pass the current American civics test for incoming legal immigrants. We have nothing to fall back on when removing historical monuments.

You can debate the details of the War Between these States, and debate the timing of the various issues that were at play during those past times, but you can not debate the erasure of Texas history itself.

How can the Texas Preservation Board, there to uphold and preserve, now be the arbiters of history itself? How can the Texas Preservation Board act to remove Texas history, in direct defiance to the Board's mission? The removal of Texas State Capitol's plaque, nullifies

the Texas Preservation Board's authority in of itself.

Polling shows that 78% of the public support keeping these historical monuments. Texas Preservation Board, represent this 78%, yet as a board of six individuals, against public statements by your very own Board members promising to defend these monuments, have moved against the will of the people.

If the Texas Preservation Board takes down this plaque, what's next- our Texas flag? Because it is in all fact and all consequence, no different from lowering the Capitol's plaque.

Is this something you would advertise in campaign time?

By bowing down to political bullying on this item of action, each individual on the Texas Preservation Board, and the Board itself, has green-lighted an entire elimination of Texas itself. With no vote, this action dissolves our state's independent voice, into the screams of mob rule. Suppression of Texas history is unacceptable.

You may feel at this time, it is too late to change your decision, not so, I urge you to take corrective action immediately, and I assure each one every one of you, dear respected Board members, you will garner more respect, more support, and more fanfare, if you exhibit a resounding ability to fix your wrong. The time is now.

Grab your courage by the boot-straps, the day is today.
Re-mount the Capitol's historic plaque, and Preserve Texas!

Sincerely,
Kimberly Sherpa

From: [Martha A Hartzog](#)
Subject: Re: Children of the Confederacy Creed
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 2:02:01 PM
Attachments: [TexasPreservationBoardreCofCPlaque.docx](#)

Mary Belle: Thank you! I actually got into this as a concerned, individual citizen, who wants to see ALL the monuments and memorials protected (from every historical period), but Dorothy Norred asked me to speak at the meeting on behalf of the Texas Division, UDC, as she could not attend. I am attaching the Position Paper I sent to the Texas State Preservation Board prior to the January 11th meeting. This makes the points I feel are most important, but of course I doubt the board members even read it.

Not only does the Preservation Board need to hear from citizens, but the elected legislators in every district need to have e-mails sent to them as well, and letters and guest editorials need to run in local newspapers regarding monument protection. Senator Fallon has introduced SB 226 protecting monuments but it will be an uphill battle to get this passed so he needs support.

There are a couple of statewide efforts going on now from the Texas Freedom Network calling for the removal of the plaque and the destruction of Confederate memorials. They have sent around 400 e-mails to the Preservation Board. I know this because one of the men I work with submitted a Public Information Record request and we have received copies of all the public comments. It was interesting that at the second meeting of the "Preservation" Board, none of the three major public officials were present-- they sent staff representatives. It is also interesting that Rep. Leach, who sits on the Preservation Board, has been quoted as saying to the effect that if he had a sledgehammer in his office he would use it to remove the CofC plaque. Perhaps he needs to receive the "Golden Sledgehammer Award," if such a thing exists!

I will keep you informed. I never take off the lovely bracelet you gave me. -- Martha
Please take a look at my Position Paper.

On Wed, Jan 30, 2019 at 11:28 [REDACTED] wrote:
To: Preservation Board

Please return the Children of Confederacy Creed plaque to the parent organization of the Children of the Confederacy. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mary Belle Meitzen
305 Glenbrook
Port Lavaca, Tx. 77979

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Martha Hartzog
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Austin, Texas 78704-2507
512/431-2682 (cell)

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Confederate plaques
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 3:10:08 PM

Hello

I am voicing my disgust with the decisions of a few bureaucrats to remove monuments on public lands without the consent of the people. We will not stand for these actions and demand justice.

A concerned constituent

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Loss of our history
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 5:47:22 PM

I am very disturbed about your unilateral decision to obliterate the history of our Nation and your state.

Texas does not deserve this and neither do the citizens that pay the taxes there. You need to put the "destruction of public property" at least to a vote with The People before you make a decision that changes and destroys our history.

I am so sad about what is happening in Texas and our nation due to attitudes like yours.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Preserve OUR History & Culture by Leaving OUR Historic Monuments
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 7:32:16 PM

A message to the Texas State Preservation Board Committee.

Preserve OUR History & Culture by Leaving OUR Historic Monuments

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Children of The Confederacy plaque issue.
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 8:02:06 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

One way or another this piece of history shall remain in it's rightful place amongst the other Texas State Capital historical compliments. We must all be constantly reminded of our past timeline of deeds, either to praise them or look upon actions deemed inappropriate/unacceptable as a check and balance to be constantly used as a reference for the future. The War Between The States is a part of history, a part of us. Many Texans had family members involved and their considerations should not be taken lightly or swept under the rug. If this plaque defining our history is so quickly dishonorably removed then this act will be remembered come election time. We'll all get the word out as to what you've tried to do behind our backs hoping not to get caught, this means you Abbott, Patrick, Johnson etc. I respect your service but my respect for you as men varies greatly these days, the People of Texas have a say in this and so many other matters, we will be heard.

Regards,
George McDonough
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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Return the Civil War Plaque
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 9:20:31 PM

Dear Preservation Board of Texas,

I am surprised at Greg Abbot our Governor, who has obviously bowed to political pressure. All of you behave as dictators and taking it on yourselves to destroy our heritage and our history of our Great State of Texas!

Imagine if I came into anyone of your homes and decided that you didn't need your picture of your dear Granny on your wall or your personal favorite pipe or games you enjoy playing. What if I went into your closets and took away your favorite handbag or coat or heels?

Well you have done just that!! You have taken away without permission or consent of the Texas people their plaque of 1959 honoring and remembering those who fought in the Civil War from TEXAS. We want to remember their sufferings and sacrifices made! We do not want to forget them!

Just because Eric Johnson is prejudice?!?!?

This Texas Preservation Board has no right to remove any historical monument without the Texas peoples permission. You are robbing our children of their rights to know their history and how Texas came to be as it is. We learn from history so we do not repeat the same mistakes. We need our Heritage!

Leech of Plano Texas, you have no respect for the people of Texas, their emotions, or their sufferings! I personally see you as a destroyer of historical monuments and a traitor! Each one of you on this board, I will not vote for again unless you return that plaque to the people of Texas. It was housed in our Capital and it needs to remain there for generations to come and to see! **WE do not want any of our Historical Monuments removed !** Disappointed in each one of you that you would remove a historical plaque in the night like a bunch of thieves!

THERESA AND CHRISTOPHER FLEISCHMAN

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Texas History must not be destroyed or hidden
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 9:24:07 PM

Jorge Santayana stated: Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

How can we remember the past if you hide or destroy it? You are setting our children up for failure. I do not accept this as a citizen, a taxpayer and a precinct chair.


Doc Greene

System Designer

281-914-1331

[REDACTED]



From: 
To: [Webmaster](#)
Subject: Restore the Plaque
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019 6:52:37 AM

Dear Texas State Preservation Board:

Restore the plaque, take a vote by the people, if you think you have the dictator power to destroy that plaque all on your own.,

The people say, no you don't.

Thank you,

Concerned Citizens,

Jeff Smith
Dallas Texas

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Webmaster; Leslie Pawelka](#)
Subject: Re: plaque
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019 10:06:49 AM

I'm African-American, the descendant of slaves in Texas, and I agree that the plaque is inaccurate and shouldn't be on the grounds. But it's still historic, even if inaccurate, and should be given back to the Daughters. The SPB has done the right thing. What happens next is not necessarily something the governor et al need to worry about.

Lucius Lomax