`DECISION TREE' FOR DETERMINING THE FATE OF MONUMENTS COMMEMORATING BELIEFS LATER CALLED INTO QUESTION

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1. *Does the statue commemorate an individual who inflicted harms on a living person that would be actionable in a federal court?* If so, remove the statue; if not, move to the next question.
2. *Did that individual order the commission of treason, capital crimes, slavery (or human trafficking), genocide, or terrorism* (as defined by the International Court of Justice)*, or incur direct responsibility for them*? If so, remove the statue; if not, next question.
3. *Did the individual have a specific connection to the location of the statue?* In other words, was the person born or raised there, or did a momentous event in their life happen there? If not, remove the statue. If so, think hard about what kind of event this was and whether it merits a statue, then go to the next question.
4. *Is the statue used as an active venue for promoting treason, capital crimes, slavery, genocide, or terrorism?* The police data should tell us, but if there is a provable line of invocation connecting the subject of the statue and the actions being conducted around it, then remove the statue. If not, go to the next question.
5. *Did the individual undertake specific acts to mitigate the historical harms done?* By this point, we are close to concluding that a statue could stay. But only, after this question, with this caveat: Itemize those mitigations on a plaque on the statue's base and do it clearly.

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