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Announcements

- Fairness, Henry and Talia

Elections!

Thursday May 5th during Flex speeches and voting for all elections aside from agenda chair. Friday, May 6th we will have the agenda chair debate with all candidates for Agenda Chair.

If you would like to run for a position, please fill out this form by Tuesday, April 19th.

Great way to get involved! Feel free to contact current officers to find out the specific responsibilities of each of these positions.

Danielle made it to the top 24! But she needs all of our votes to make it to the next round.

Voting starts 8pm Sunday night and ends 3am on Monday.

Detailed information on how to vote is posted on schoology.

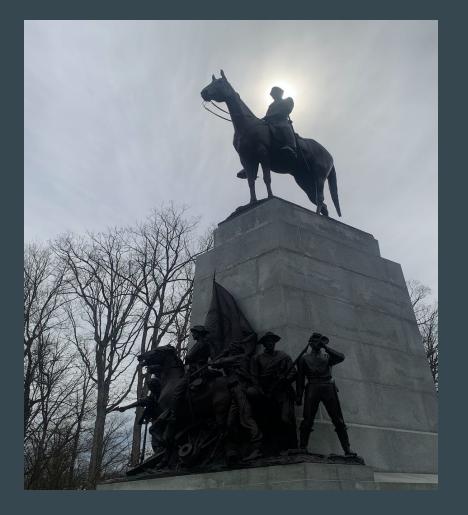
Please share with everyone you know!



Meme of the Week



Confederate Monuments







"In America, we pride ourselves on free thought. Free expression.
Freedom to worship as we believe.
Freedom to speak our minds without terrorizing or harassing others.
Freedom to associate with groups and have ideas that may differ from each other, even if they are the "wrong" ideas.

At the end of the day, I don't want statutes of Robert E. Lee to come down."

- Sophia A. Nelson



"These symbols serve one primary purpose — to honor figures of the past who upheld an undemocratic vision of America. They were created by white supremacists. And they function as a balm for white supremacists who long to return to a period when Americans regarded black people as property."

- Keisha N. Blain



Celebrating or Capturing History?

- Are monuments inherently a celebration of an event?
- What are the effects of taking down monuments?
- Do we need physical things (statues, artifacts, etc.) to remember and truly learn history?
- Are there any comparisons we can make to Jewish history?

Washington, Thomas Jefferson — owned slaves. Does removing statues of

Columbus or Confederate officials pave the way for action against monuments

"What about the slippery slope argument? Many of America's founders — George

honoring those who helped create the United States?"

A Slippery Slope or Necessary Step?

- Is there any value to the slippery-slope argument?
- Do you agree or disagree?
- If you disagree, where can we draw the line? (i.e. what is okay to make a statue of)
- Who should be able to "draw the line"?

Beyond Statues

- Is the removal of confederate monuments an act of cancel culture?
- Could this suggest that in some cases, cancel culture is effective and correct?
- Should we only display the positive parts of our history?
- What's the proper way to remember our low moments?

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