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# Letter to the editor: Protect history, statues

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The police of my childhood would have never allowed a mob of vandals to destroy public property. They would have given an order to disperse and then moved in decisively, using the age-old concept of minimum necessary force.

The statues they deface belong to everyone, yet a minority of malcontents is allowed to obliterate our history with impunity. It is time to put a stop to this madness.

If our political leadership is too craven to defend the images of our by-gone past then it is time to dispense with them and the rabble whose feet they kiss.

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