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## Knocked off their perch: protesters target empire builders, Confederate symbols



Federal Reserve Board Chairman Jerome Powell presents the Monetary Policy Report to Senate Banking Committee during a hearing on The Semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington, U.S., February 12, 2020. REU-

LONDON (Reuters) - Once feted as pioneers, some of the architects of Europe's empire building now face a backlash: anti-racism protesters are demanding their legacies be revisited and their often imposing statues be torn down and consigned to the trash heap of history.

FILE PHOTO: A statue of former Belgian King Leopold II, a controversial figure in the history of Belgium, stands in the city of Ghent, Belgium June 11, 2020. REUTERS/Yves Herman/File Photo  
From Cecil Rhodes in England and Captain James Cook in Australia to Christopher Columbus in the United States and King Leopold II in Belgium, the imperialists are under attack, sometimes from the descendants of those they once colonised.

The cause? A sweeping global reassessment of history and racism triggered by the May 25 death of George Floyd, a black man who died after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes while detaining him.

"Slavery is still very real history for black people - we are still living with the consequences of it, with a racial hierarchy that puts black people at the bottom," said Mary Ononokpono, who is doing a PhD at the University of Cambridge on the British-Biafran slave trade.

"Britain, Europe and America - and Africa - have to confront their history," said Ononokpono. "We urgently need to have a long-overdue and honest discussion about the history of slavery and its legacy of impoverishment."

Protesters pulled down a statue of Edward Colston, a 17th Century slave trader, in the English city of Bristol on Sunday and dumped it in the harbour. It has been retrieved and will be placed in a museum.

Such is the anger that the movement has broadened to target colonialists, monarchs and explorers, who in some cases destroyed or enslaved local populations across the world in the European scramble for empire and treasure.

It has also reignited debate in the United States over symbols associated with the South's pro-slavery Confederacy.

Opponents of the symbols, including monuments, memorials and the Confederate flag, consider them emblems of slavery, racism and U.S. xenophobia. Supporters say they represent the South's heritage and culture, and serve as a memorial to Confederate casualties during the 1861-65 Civil War.

### SINS OF THE PAST

Statues have long been toppled as the currents of history shift and empires rise and fall.

Just days after the American Declaration of Independence in 1776, revolutionaries felled a statue of George III. During the French Revolution, Louis XV was torn down.

Josef Stalin fell in Budapest in 1956 during the Hungarian Revolution. Vladimir Lenin was toppled as first the Berlin Wall and then the Soviet Union itself crumbled.

'Iron Felix' Dzerzhinsky, who established what became the KGB, was pulled down in 1991 outside KGB headquarters in Moscow. In Baghdad, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's statue was felled after the invasion in 2003, with the help of American troops.

Moscow even has a cemetery for fallen statues: a museum littered with the crumbling heroes of a fallen superpower.

While revolutions may usher in sharp changes in historical perspective, rarely has one man's death triggered so much debate about racism and the sins of the past - which many black people feel have yet to be atoned for.

Some find the destruction of statues troubling.

Former Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott condemned demands to take down a statue of Rhodes at Oxford University.

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## Alief Community Service Center Breaks Ground

Located at Bellaire Blvd. and Kirkwood Road, ground has been broken for the new Alief Community Center. This center will cost sixty million dollars and has been the result of hard work by many city council members and community leaders. After almost ten years, the City of Houston has finally approved the project.

The old community center has been there for decades. The outside pool and other sport facilities are already out of

te. We have so many local residents that still want to enjoy the Alief Park.

Today we are so glad that this state-of-the-art center will bring a new look and cultural education to our community. Local citizens will have a new home for their functions and activities.

We have also been talking to many community leaders about



building a historical wall where the story can be told about how the newcomers came to this beautiful land they now call home.

Even in this difficult pandemic time, we are so very excited that this new center will bring much joy to our people.



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# BUSINESS

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**U.S. COVID-19 Infections Now Close To Two Million With More Than 110,000 Dead**

### Dr. Fauci Says The Coronavirus Has Become His 'Worst Nightmare' And 'It's Not Close To Over Yet'



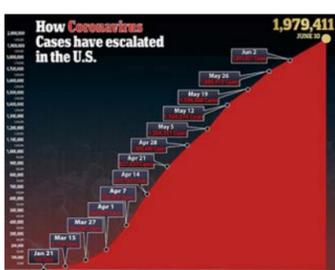
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**KEY POINTS**

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- \*The White House advisor said although he knew it was possible for an outbreak like this could occur, he was surprised by how 'rapidly he took over the planet.'
- \*He said the coronavirus is far more complicated than HIV - a disease he has dedicated his career studying - because of its varying degrees of severity.
- \*Fauci added that vaccines will be the only way to completely curb the coronavirus' spread, however he did voice confidence one would be found soon.

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President Trump's infectious disease expert Dr. Anthony Fauci issued a grim assessment of the coronavirus Tuesday, calling the ongoing pandemic his 'worst nightmare' and insisting the fight against its spread is far from over. The bleak admission from Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, comes as states across the US continue with their gradual reopening efforts amid widespread protests over the police killing of George Floyd.



'In a period of four months, it has devastated the whole world,' Fauci said of

COVID-19 during a virtual appearance at a Biotechnology Innovation Organization conference. 'And it isn't over yet.' As of Tuesday, confirmed coronavirus cases in the US are heading towards two million and more than 111,000 have died.

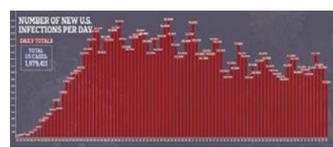
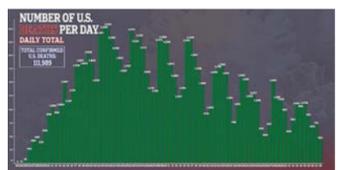
The White House advisor said although he knew it was possible for a devastating outbreak like this could occur, he was surprised by how 'rapidly he took over the planet'.

'An efficiently transmitted disease can spread worldwide in six months or a year, but this took about a month,' Fauci said.



**Reopenings have come amid widespread protests across the US over the police killing of George Floyd.**

Fauci continued that still so little is known about the virus, how it can be contracted or spread and the specific impact it may have on the human body. He said the coronavirus is far more complicated than HIV - a disease he has dedicated his career studying - because of its varying degrees of severity, ranging from asymptomatic carriers to patients who develop fatal conditions. 'Oh my goodness,' Fauci responded. 'Where is it going to end? We're still at the beginning of really understanding.' The nation's top coronavirus expert added that vaccines will be the only way to completely curb the coronavirus' spread, however he did voice confidence that an antidote would be found soon.



Fauci said he's expecting 'more than one winner in the vaccine field because we will need vaccines for the entire world - billions and billions of doses,' he said. 'I'm very heartened by the fact that the industry has stepped to the plate - very much differently than what we saw with SARS,' Fauci continued. 'The industry is not stupid - they figured it out. SARS had a degree of transmissibility that it burned itself out with pure public health measures. No way is that going to happen with this virus.'

The doctor said COVID-19 shines a 'bright light' on the health disparities in the US, warning that as the country begins to rear its head from the public health crisis, resources must be readily available for the most vulnerable communities.



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Fauci identified African Americans as a particularly vulnerable group, who, because of a number of different factors - including socioeconomic and employment - have been 'getting hit with a double whammy' of the virus. '[African Americans] have a greater proportion of jobs that don't allow them to sit in front of a computer and do telework. They're out there, they're doing a lot of things physically where you to have interact,' Fauci said. (Courtesy <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/>)



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## Editor's Choice



Relatives and health workers unload the body of a man who died due to the coronavirus for his cremation at a crematorium in New Delhi, India. REUTERS/Danish Siddiqui



Artists fill in the letters of a "Black Lives Matter" mural on E. Pine Street as protesters establish what they call an autonomous zone while protesting against racial inequality and calling for the defunding of Seattle police, near the department's



U.S. President Donald Trump waves to reporters in the pouring rain as he departs for travel to Dallas, Texas from the South Lawn at the White House in Washington. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque



Members of the 1199SEIU union, the nation's largest healthcare workers' union, kneel for eight minutes and 46 seconds of silence, during a vigil and walkout action at Brookdale Hospital Medical Center in a protest against racial inequality in the..



A roe deer cub licks a coati at a local park of miniatures in Bakhchisaray, Crimea. The newborn roe deer, named Silver Hoof, was found and then brought to the park, where it was adopted by Roza the goat and now neighbours with coatis. REUTERS/Alexey...



Stranded passengers, mostly Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) with cancelled flights due to the coronavirus outbreak, take shelter under the NAIA Expressway, outside the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Pasay City, Metro Manila, Philippines



Physio Amanda Horsburgh wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) with a patient during a physiotherapy appointment at Sheena Storah and Associates Limited Physiotherapists in Northwich as they reopen, following the outbreak of the coronavirus...



Voters line up at Christian City, an assisted living home, to cast their ballots after Democratic and Republican primaries were delayed due to coronavirus restrictions in Union City, Georgia. REUTERS/Dustin Chambers

## ***Pandemic Reaches Remote Reservation*** **Coronavirus Attacks Navajo Nation With Over 3,000 Cases**



A sign reads, "Navajo Monument Valley Tribal Park Closed Until Further Notice," posted at the entrance of Monument Valley in Oljato-Monument Valley, Utah, on the Navajo reservation April 19, 2020. The reservation has some of the highest rates of coronavirus in the country. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

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TUBA CITY, Arizona (AP) — The virus arrived on the reservation in early March, when late winter winds were still blowing off the mesas and temperatures at dawn were often barely above freezing. It was carried in from Tucson, doctors say, by a man who had been to a basketball tournament and then made the long drive back to a small town in the Navajo highlands. There, believers were preparing to gather in a small, metal-walled church with a battered white bell and crucifixes on the window. On a dirt road at the edge of the town, a hand-painted sign with red letters points the way: "Chilchinbeto Church of the Nazarene."

From that church, COVID-19 took hold on the Navajo Nation, hopping across families and clans and churches and towns, and leaving the reservation with some of the highest infection rates in the U.S. Crowding, tradition, and medical disparities have tangled together on the tribe's land — an area nearly three times the size of Massachusetts — creating a virological catastrophe.

And the most basic measures to fight the virus' spread — handwashing and isolation — can be difficult.

**If Navajos are susceptible to the virus'**

spread in part because they are so closely knit, that's also how many believe they will beat it

One-third of the homes across the vast, dry reservation don't have running water, forcing families to haul it in. Many in close-knit Navajo communities live in crowded houses where self-quarantine is impossible, and many must drive hours to the nearest grocery store. To most Navajo, isolating an infected person from their family is deeply alien.

The Chilchinbeto meeting, which brought people together from across the region, included everything from discussions of church finances to a joyful meal of roast beef. They prayed for strength in the face of the new virus, which seemed like a distant worry.

Instead, it was already in their midst. "We're such a small town. We're so remote," said Evelyn Cleveland-Gray, a Chilchinbeto official who struggled to keep residents from panicking as the virus ripped through the town of about 500, eventually killing more than a dozen people. "We never thought it would hit us."

By now, the loss is felt across the Navajo Nation. With roughly 175,000 people on the

reservation, which straddles Arizona, New Mexico and a small corner of Utah, the Navajo Nation has seen 3,122 cases — a rate of nearly 18 cases per 1,000 people. At least 100 people have died.

If Navajo Nation were its own state, it would have the highest per-capita rate of confirmed positive coronavirus cases in the country, behind only New York. In the states it spans, the number of cases and deaths among people who are Native American, on and off the reservations, is disproportionately high.



Eugene Dinehdeal shields his face from the setting sun on the Dinehdeal family compound in Tuba City, Ariz., on the Navajo reservation on April 20, 2020. The Navajo reservation has some of the highest rates of coronavirus in the country. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

There was the beloved 42-year-old high school basketball coach who left behind five children. There was the carpenter who lived with his brother and died on Easter morning at age 34. There was the 28-year-old mother who competed in Native American pageants.

This is where generations of the Dinehdeal family children who live in a cluster of prefabricated houses and mobile homes in Tuba City have ridden their bikes and played basketball against a weathered plywood backboard. It's where the men have tinkered with those pickups and where the entire family — the tight-knit web of parents, aunts, uncles and cousins raised like siblings — have gathered for potluck meals, birthday parties and holiday celebrations. It's where relatives from out of town have always been welcomed.

Now, it's where the family mourns.

The pandemic hit the community in late March with Maryann Welch, who at age 82 was still riding horses and running a small sheep ranch on Navajo Mountain, the

dome-shaped expanse that looms over this part of the reservation. When she started to feel sick, her nephew and her 71-year-old sister, Eva Dinehdeal, drove the 90 miles from Tuba City to take her to the hospital. Soon Eva was sick, too, with low oxygen levels and a fever. Then it was Maryann's son, Larry, a veteran of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, who divided his time between the ranch and the Tuba City houses.



From left, Annabelle Dinehdeal, 8; Maria Cruz, Christina Dinehdeal, Eugene Dinehdeal, Angelina Dinehdeal, and their dog, Wally, pose for a photo on the Dinehdeal family compound in Tuba City, Ariz., on the Navajo reservation on April 20, 2020. The family has been devastated by COVID-19. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

Larry and Maryann died a day apart. Larry was buried on what would have been his 60th birthday.

Dinehdeal's daughter, Gloria Uriarte, had moved back to Tuba City from outside Phoenix with her 6-year-old son, Curly, thinking they'd be safer there as the virus spread. But almost immediately she was caring for nearly everyone around her, often using the traditional practices that are deeply ingrained among Navajos. She kept sage boiling on the stove, for example, and encouraged everyone to drink it.

Gloria, 45, didn't escape sickness. She and her mother died April 11 within hours of each other, in different hospitals.

In a small bedroom in one of the prefabricated houses, just down the hall from a wooden table displaying the three women's urns, Curly was tucked under a blanket. He is immobile and nonverbal after a brain injury and doesn't know what happened to his mother. His family keeps Gloria alive for him by playing recordings of her voice on a cell phone. Set on a pillow next to Curly's

head of thick, black hair, Gloria gently calls out "Good morning, good morning." Curly coos softly.

Gloria's sister and her partner are now caring for him.

The losses stripped the family of their matriarchs. They regret not learning how to make Eva's famous yeast bread, which she sold at the local flea market every Friday. They wonder what to do with her clothes, which fill every closet in the house and its storage sheds.



A rainbow is seen in the distance from the closed Chilchinbeto Church of the Nazarene in Chilchinbeto, Ariz., on the Navajo reservation on April 21, 2020. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

Angelina Dinehdeal, one of Eva's daughters-in-law, is trying to hold the family together. Grief and exhaustion weigh heavily on her.

"It just seems like every time I take someone in (to the hospital) they never come out," she said.

In Navajo tradition, communities gather for four days of mourning before a burial. Sacred stories are told. Elders talk to the young about coping with death. Donations are collected to cover funeral costs. In a culture where dying is rarely spoken about, it is a chance to openly grieve.

But with families hunkered down to avoid the spread of the virus, burials have become rushed graveside services. With funeral homes overwhelmed by the dead, some families have sidestepped tradition and had their relatives cremated.

Mourning is done over text messages, video conferences and three-way phone calls. (Courtesy apnews.com)

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## 神奇的水杉树

在森林总总的植物中，水杉虽未曾有过自己多彩的花季，但却以阅尽沧桑的非凡经历、朴实清新的外在形象、亭亭净植的伟岸身躯、蓬勃向上的奋发劲头、万别千差的实用价值，给我们以深刻的启迪和极大的激励。我赞美神奇的水杉树，更要赞美具有水杉树高贵品格的神奇的武汉市和武汉人民！

水杉是一种极其普通的树，在中国广大地区随处可见。水杉更是一种神奇的树，在万木峥嵘中独居神韵、尤其珍贵。

——水杉的神奇，首先在于它是复活的“化石”植物，具有非凡的经历和国际影响力

在20世纪40年代以前，水杉还是“化石”植物，人们早已认定它与恐龙一样，只有残存于岩层中的遗迹能够证明其曾经存在过。然而，1941年中国植物学者在湖北利川谋道镇首次发现这一闻名中外古老珍稀孑遗树种，从此水杉“活了”，成了“活化石”。水杉的发现轰动全球植物界。近80年来，水杉在许多国家引种成功，再一次回到了千万年前它曾踏足过的土地。作为我国特有的珍稀孑遗树种，水杉是第一批列为中国国家保护植物的珍贵树种，也是为数不多的被中国学者发现、由中国学者命名的著名树种。

水杉不仅承载着地球千万年的历史，而且具有顽强而旺盛的生命力，为全世界所喜爱。它对环境的适应力很强，虽然是喜光的树种，多生长在通风且光照充足的环境中，但是，它既能在土壤中生长，又能在浅水中生长；既能在热带高温下生长；既能在田间和山岭中生长，又能在大街和小巷中生长……所以，它被80多个国家和地区引种栽培，成为中国与世界各国传播友谊的使者。

1972年，周恩来总理将2公斤水杉种子赠给朝鲜元首金日成，表达中朝友好情谊；1972年，尼克松以美国总统身份首次访华后，把自己心爱的游艇命名为“水杉号”，以此纪念中美关系友好的开端；1978年2月，邓小平同志赠给尼泊尔人民2棵水杉苗，并亲手种在皇家植物园，尼泊尔人民选它作“尼中友谊树”；1992年初春，邓小平同志南巡时

，在参观深圳仙湖植物园时说：“有一种古代树种，叫水杉，现在全国都有了，有一棵很大的，在三峡附近。”当年，邮电部发行了一枚水杉邮票。这棵“水杉王”既是中国的国宝，也是世界之宝。近几十年来，各国研究此树发表的论文、著述达700多篇(部)，获得博士学位的专家有76人，每年有不少中外游客前来观光考察。

——水杉的神奇，也在于它一年四季所表现出来的非凡的品质和神韵

春天一到，寒冷还未完全退却，水杉树就用积蓄了一个冬天的力量，顽强地从干秃的枝丫间露出尖尖的翠绿小角，像绿色的米粒，又像一颗颗碧绿的小碎玉，招引着无数的鸟儿飞来飞去，宣告着春天的到来。没过多久，水杉便生出了翠绿的嫩芽；随着气温的提升，嫩芽渐渐长大为嫩叶，一层层，一叠叠，迎风招展。远远望去，一株株水杉树犹如一座座宝塔，既古朴典雅，又肃穆端庄。

到了夏天，水杉叶成了羽状，不仅颜色深沉，而且枝叶坚硬，繁盛得遮天蔽日，成为人们纳凉的大伞。它的树干笔直挺拔，树皮像是轻覆其上，正正经经的深棕色或红棕色，带着一种原始的感觉，像是白垩纪。江河流经之处，各处是汀洲，水杉便可以在这水中央葳蕤自立，树干长年浸泡在水里，呈现出一种冷静沉着坚毅倔强的色相。

步入秋日，水杉虽没有垂柳的婀娜多姿，没有枫树的热情似火，没有银杏的金黄辉煌，但它有着钢铁战士般的守卫精神，心无旁骛，笔直地挺立着，玉树临风，直向云天，高贵而不同凡响。特别是进入深秋，水杉的叶子开始由绿变黄变红，阵阵秋风袭来，如羽翼般地悄然无声地飘落，在树下或水面上铺上一层厚厚的金红色的地毯，散发着醉人



的芳香；而树梢上仍然飘扬着的叶子则金黄透红，远远望去火红一片，给人们展示着它生命里每年的一次精彩。

在严寒的冬天，水杉虽然叶子快要落光了，挺拔的身躯却不带丝毫的萧瑟感。它细长而倔强的手臂伸向灰蓝的天空，深褐的枝干深深扎进地底，像站岗放哨的战士一样与严寒作斗争，无声地守卫树林，守护着村寨街巷。它把满身的皱纹掩藏在粗壮的枝干下，干枯的躯体看上去有仙风道骨的超然，更有阅尽繁华的冷静，也散发出一股坚强不屈的浩然正气，显示出铮铮铁骨的威武形象。它又增了一圈年轮，静静地伫立在冬日的风雪寒流里守望，守望春风催生新的梦想。

——水杉的神奇，还在于它具有非凡的实用价值

水杉的经济价值很高。它生长迅速，高可达40~45米，胸径可达2.5米以上，一般20年左右可成材使用。其心材紫红，材质细密轻软，是造船、建筑、桥梁、农具、家具及木纤维工业原料的良材，同时还是质地优良的造纸原料。

水杉的树姿优美，为著名的景观树种。武汉市“东湖绿道”上的近万株水杉树，像一条绿色的彩带飘荡在碧色的湖岸，从而使东湖绿道成为我国“最美

的绿道”之一。水杉在园林中最适于列植，也可丛植、片植，可用于堤岸、湖滨、池畔、庭院等绿化，也可盆栽，也可成片栽植营造风景林，并适配常绿地被植物；还可栽于建筑物前或用作行道树。水杉还对二氧化硫有一定的抵抗能力，是工矿区绿化的优良树种。

水杉的医用价值不可小觑。现代药理学研究表明，水杉含有的多种黄酮类化合物，具有抗心肌缺血、心律失常和心肌肥厚等作用；同时具有抗大鼠血小板聚集和改善血液流变性的作用。它的叶片挥发物中，含有大量镇咳、祛痰、平喘及消炎等作用的活性成分。据《中国中药资源志要》记载：水杉叶、种子有清热解暑、消炎止痛之功效，用于痢疾、腹痛、痔疮等症；《名医别录》将其列为中品，谓煮汤洗，可治疥疮；《本草纲目拾遗》载杉木油治一切顽癣。另外，其种子挥发油对8种植物病原真菌均有一定的抑制作用，在园林植物配置中，可不同程度减少预防同园植物部份病害的发生。其叶片、种子挥发油中含有的多种活性成分及抗菌作用，不管是在医药化工还是农业应用等方面，都有着广阔的应用前景。

在森林总总的植物中，水杉虽未曾有过自己多彩的花季，但却以阅尽沧桑

的非凡经历、朴实清新的外在形象、亭亭净植的伟岸身躯、蓬勃向上的奋发劲头、万别千差的实用价值，给我们以深刻的启迪和极大的激励。

从水杉的种种神奇中，我联想到了将水杉敬称为“市树”的武汉市和武汉人民。武汉素有“历史文化名城”“英雄城市”等美誉，其适应复杂自然环境能力、悠久灿烂的历史文化、敢为人先追求卓越的精神和重情重义、英勇无畏的品格，都与水杉树的神奇多么的相似啊！从古代的盘龙城到今天的光谷科技城，从武昌首义到敢为人先追求卓越，武汉创造了多少可歌可泣的光辉业绩啊！尤其是在2020年初，为全力做好新型冠状病毒肺炎疫情防控工作，有效切断病毒传播途径，坚决遏制疫情蔓延势头，确保人民群众生命安全和身体健康，具有一千多万人口的大武汉毅然决然地“封城”！这是举国的首次义举、举世的首次义举、全人类历史上的首次义举！这种“封一座城，护一国人”“坚决把瘟疫闷死在自己怀里”的大爱情怀和义勇精神，感天动地，书写了人类顽强不屈的新篇章！

我赞美神奇的水杉树，更要赞美具有水杉树品格的神奇的武汉和武汉人民！