

# *Statues of Columbus and Confederates toppled in cities across U.S.*

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New York, June 12 (RHC)-- Monuments to racists, colonizers and Confederates continue to fall across the United States and around the world.

In Saint Paul, Minnesota, activists with the American Indian Movement tied a rope around a statue of Christopher Columbus and pulled it from its pedestal on the state Capitol grounds. The AIM members then held a ceremony over the fallen monument.

In Massachusetts, officials said they'll remove a Columbus statue from a park in Boston's North End, after it was beheaded by protesters early Wednesday morning.

In Richmond, Virginia, protesters toppled a statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis from Monument Avenue. In the nearby city of Portsmouth, protesters used sledgehammers to destroy a monument to Confederate soldiers.

In Washington, D.C., House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Wednesday joined other lawmakers demanding the removal of 11 Confederate statues from the National Statuary Hall in the Capitol.

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