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Jacqueline Lalouette examines statues in France and its overseas territories, protested or vandalized for their ties to slavery and colonization.

The death of African-American George Floyd unleashed a variety of acts against statues glorifying white "great men" whose actions are condemned on various grounds (slavery, colonialism, racism). In order to better understand the reality and the stakes of the debate, Jacqueline Lalouette, who has studied the situation on several continents, now turns to cases in continental France and its overseas territories, examining proposed solutions from their removal to the creation of statues of new heroes.
