

## Edward Colston statue toppled

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Protestors at an anti-racism demonstration pulled down a statue of Edward Colston in Bristol yesterday because of his involvement in the slave trade.

During the 17th century, Edward Colston sent around 80,000 men, women and children as slaves to the Americas.



The statue of Edward Colston on Colston Avenue in Bristol

Three protestors climbed on top of the statue to fasten ropes around the head. 30 seconds later the statue was on the floor. Many jumped on the fallen statue. Others climbed on the plinth where the statue had stood holding a 'Black Lives Matter' banner.



Protestors dumping the statue in Bristol Harbour