

Balanced reporting

What do we mean when we say 'balanced reporting'?

Why is this important?



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Is it balanced? Whose view does it show?

Protestors remove slave holder statue

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

Joel, a protestor, said: “Things need to change. We should not have statues in city centres of people who enslaved thousands of black men, women and children.”

Bristol’s mayor commented: “There’s a lot of excitement among many people that the statue has been pulled down.”



Photo: Mr Standfast/Alamy

The statue of Edward Colston on Colston Avenue in Bristol



Photo: Ben Birchall/PA

Protestors dumping the statue in Bristol Harbour

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Angry protestors destroy historic statue

Protestors at an anti-racism demonstration pulled down a statue of Edward Colston in Bristol yesterday due to his involvement in the slave trade. Photos and videos show demonstrators, packed closely together - despite social distancing guidelines - pulling the statue down with ropes before cheering and dancing around it.

Adam, a local shop owner, said: "Pulling down statues doesn't help end racism. It's just mindless criminal damage." Priti Patel, home secretary, described the act as "utterly disgraceful".



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The statue of Edward Colston on Colston Avenue in Bristol



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Protestors dumped the statue in Bristol Harbour.

Can you write a balanced report?

Now it's your turn.

Can you write a balanced news report about the Edward Colston statue story?



What have you learnt?

1. In order for a story to be balanced, what do you think it needs to include?
2. Why do you think it's important for reporting to be balanced?



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