

Covering up Churchill statue affronts all British people

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The egregious mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, who is an extreme Left and marginally racist personification of the moral collapse of post-Thatcher Britain, has decreed that the statue in Parliament Square of Sir Winston Churchill be boxed up and invisible as a reaction to extremist graffiti. This is a vivid illustration of the moral decay of the country that was generally a beacon of respect for human rights from the time of Cromwell nearly 400 years ago until well within living memory.



Also in Parliament Square are many other great figures of British history, including Disraeli, Canning (in a toga), Palmerston, Lloyd George, Peel, Derby, and such foreign

luminaries as Lincoln, Smuts, Mandela, and Mahatma Gandhi. The logical reply to the desecration of the Churchill statute accusing him of racism, would be to detail another member of the Metropolitan Police attached to those who protect the Parliament buildings across the square, to ensure the security of the statuary.

There is a distressing message in the mayor's action. Since he is one of the leaders of Britain's Muslim community, which is infested with extremists who frequently exhibit ambiguous loyalty to the United Kingdom and harbour forces of militant anti-Semitism, it is not easy to abandon the suspicion that he was acting on his own resentment of Mr. Churchill's well-publicised reservations about Islam and his almost life-long promotion of the British Empire, with its implicit dependence on at least a partial notion of white supremacy. This is despite the fact that Winston Churchill looked benignly upon all peoples and races, specifically those with whom he had personally been in mortal combat, including the South African Boers, the Sudanese Muslims, and the Germans.

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