

**London's boarded up statues  
show Sadiq Khan has lost  
control of the capital's  
streets**



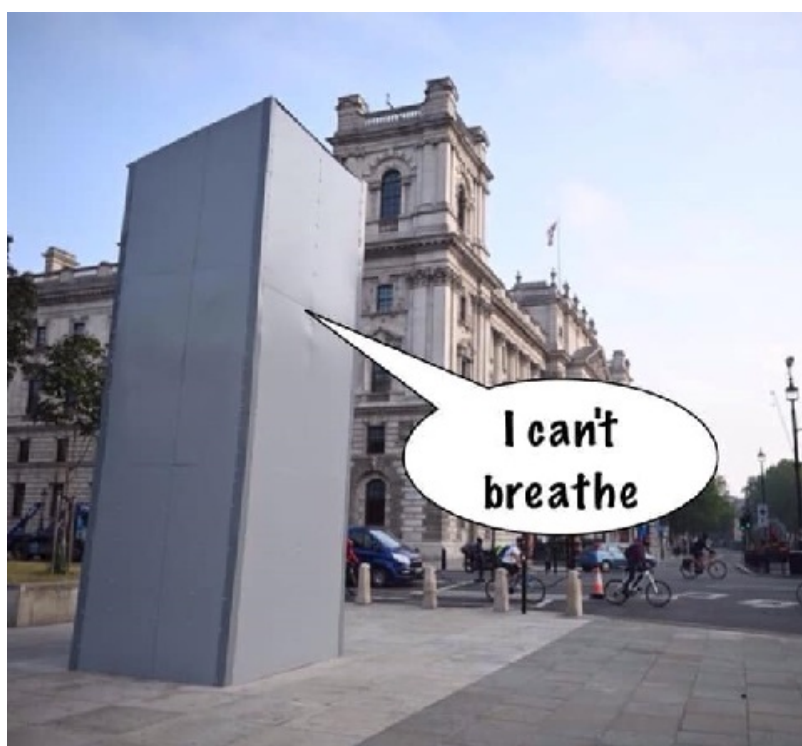
This is all getting very sinister. It isn't just Sadiq Khan and his agenda to bring down London. Statues, memorials and street names are in danger all over the country from Lord Baden Powell founder of the scout movement in Poole on the south coast (racist, believer in either traditional marriage or celibacy, once praised Hitler before the nazi showed his true colours) to [this article in this evening's Telegraph](#) sums up my opinion, at least about the attack on

historic monuments.

Sadiq Khan is playing an irresponsible and dangerous game

by establishing a new commission to tear down London's landmarks. The Mayor expects this to be an easy virtue-signalling PR win – but his decision has created division and inflamed tensions in the capital.

In a remarkable admission of failure, Khan has [ordered that key statues and monuments be covered up](#), including The Cenotaph, Winston Churchill, and Nelson Mandela. It's depressing that the only way we can protect the monuments to those who defeated fascism, protected our freedoms and ended apartheid in South Africa is to board them up.



How did we get here as a country? Winston Churchill (left) has regularly topped polls to be called the greatest Briton in history. Only a few short weeks ago, we celebrated the 75th anniversary of VE Day and remembered the heroes who fought. And until now, there has been little debate about statues across the country.

A loud mob has decreed that Britain should no longer commemorate historical figures whose past views do not conform to today's values. They have so far gone unchallenged and as a consequence we have already begun

sliding down the slippery slope which could topple vast swathes of British history.

Labour councillors have called for a mural of Churchill in Croydon to be removed, the founder of the Scouts Robert Baden-Powell will be temporarily removed, and some campaigners are even calling for statues of Admiral Nelson to be toppled.

Actually Baden Powell won't be removed. Local people and Scouts (and former scouts) from [it was boarded up earlier.](#)



Sadiq Khan's new virtue-signalling Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm will make City Hall the arbiter of history in London. This should make us all deeply uncomfortable – no politician should take it upon themselves to become judge, jury, and executioner of a country's history.

In a liberal democracy, history should be debated and discussed, but never hidden or erased. Whether we like it

or not, there are many very good, some bad, and a few ugly elements in Britain's past, and it's a complicated picture is filled with imperfect heroes. The notion that historical figures should be judged by today's standards will eliminate every British hero that this country holds dear.

And where do we draw the line? Should Gandhi's statue be removed because he believed Indians were racially superior to Africans? Will Karl Marx's tomb be destroyed because of his deeply held anti-Semitism? And should Egypt's Pyramids and Rome's Colosseum fall because they were built by slaves and those civilisations profited from that abhorrent trade?

It's Khan's job to keep London safe and prevent violence and vandalism on the capital's streets. His divisive decision to tear down statues will have made the Metropolitan Police's job even harder in the upcoming demonstrations.

Instead of posturing in this way, the Mayor should take a long hard look at his record of failure which has left communities behind in London. After four years at the helm of City Hall, it's time he took his fair share of responsibility for the challenges and inequalities that exist in London.

On his watch, violent crime soared to record levels and murder reached an 11-year high, only 12,000 affordable homes have been completed, and 22 major transport upgrades that could regenerate communities have been delayed or cancelled.

BLM and Antifa intend, or intended to march and protest through central London again tomorrow. They claim that the fight against racism, as they perceive it, is far more important than any socially distancing regulations put in place to save lives by stopping the spread of Covid 19. A

unity coalition of patriots, veterans and football lads, with the support of Tommy Robinson intend to protect the memorials.

BLM then announced that they will protest today, not tomorrow. I'm starting to see reports of their protest in Hyde Park ongoing. Social distancing be damned. I have no predictions about what will happen tomorrow (other than the monuments will be protected, either by the steel casings, or the unified patriots) but as and when I hear anything I will try to report, at a distance.