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The Google Doc where the San Francisco school board did it's research for deciding which historical figures to cancel is public, and it's hilariously bad

The best part is the "Notes" tab, where someone lays out why the stated reasons are complete BS.

Case in point: "Lowell High School must be renamed because the namesake was a racist."

Notes: "Yeeeah, no, it wasn't named after that guy at all."

(they voted to rename anyway)

Another example: "Paul Revere led the Penobscot Expedition, which led to the colonization of the Penobscot."

Notes: "What? No. The Penobscot expedition was fought against the British, in Penobscot Bay. The natives weren't involved."

(voted to rename anyway)

"Dianne Feinstein was responsible for evicting an entire Filipino neighborhood!"

Notes: "That happened in 1977. She wasn't mayor until a year later."

(voted to rename anyway)

"Abraham Lincoln executed 38 Dakota Indians!"

Notes: "The Minnesota governor was going to execute *300*. Lincoln intervened when he had no obligation to, and saved the vast majority of them."

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"George Washington: slaveowner, colonizer."

Notes: "HE REVOLTED AGAINST A COLONIZER TO FREE COLONIAL SUBJECTS. HE IS LITERALLY GEORGE

WASHINGTON. ARE YOU SERIOUS RIGHT NOW."

(voted to rename anyway)

Also, James Lick was canceled for funding a racist statue, but if you click the link it says he funded it *posthumously*, so it was his estate that's to blame

Horace Mann-- an abolitionist!-- is not absolved, btw. "more research needed," presumably until we find something.

(for further reading, see this link from a communist newspaper)

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Oh missed this one: "Sanchez was a missionary who served as a military chaplain for the colonizers"

Notes: "guys, the school is *on Sanchez Street*, which is named for a different Jose Sanchez."

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