

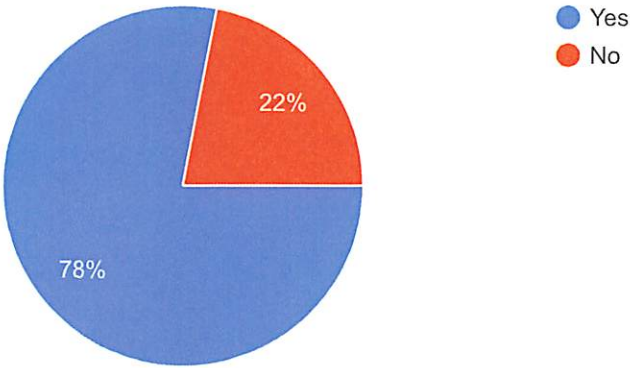
Courthouse Square Memorial Committee Community Input Survey

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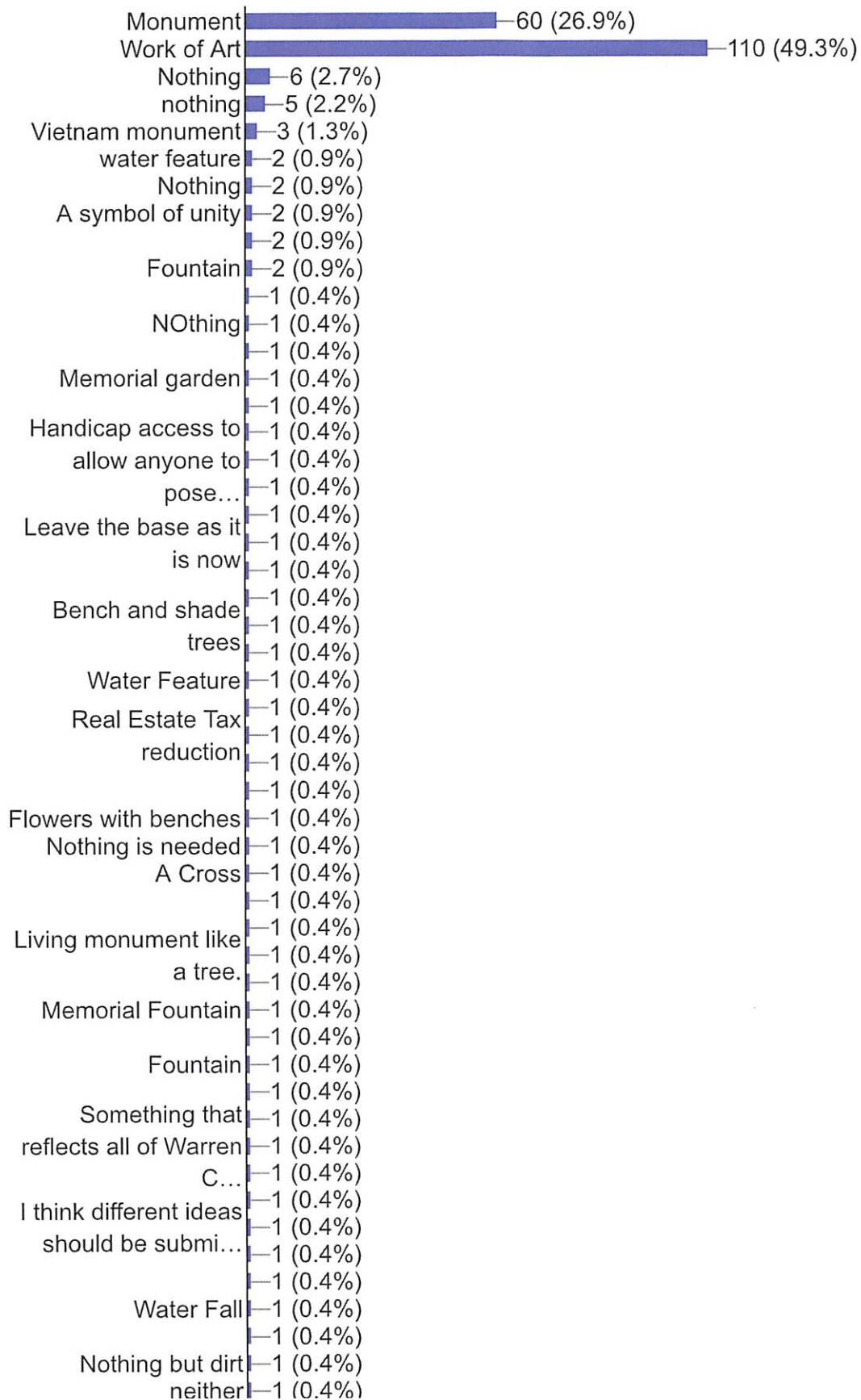
Should there be something put in the place of the Confederate soldier monument on the Courthouse Square?

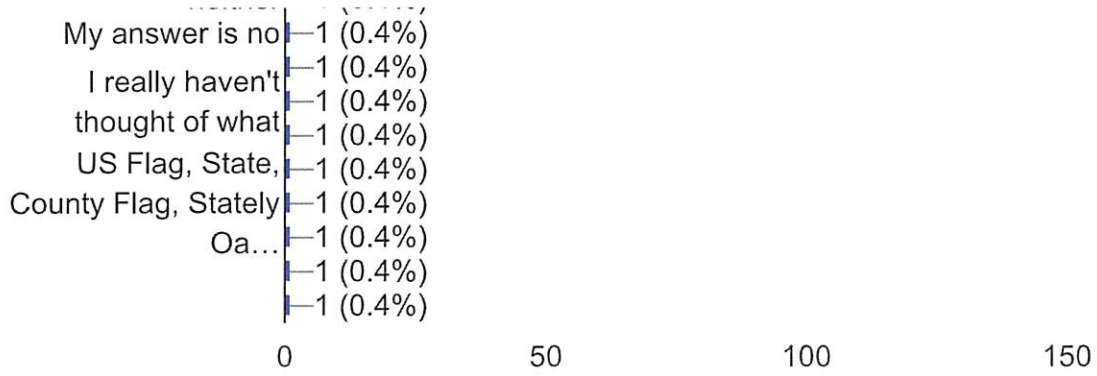
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If your answer is yes to the last question, should it be a monument or other work of public art or something else?

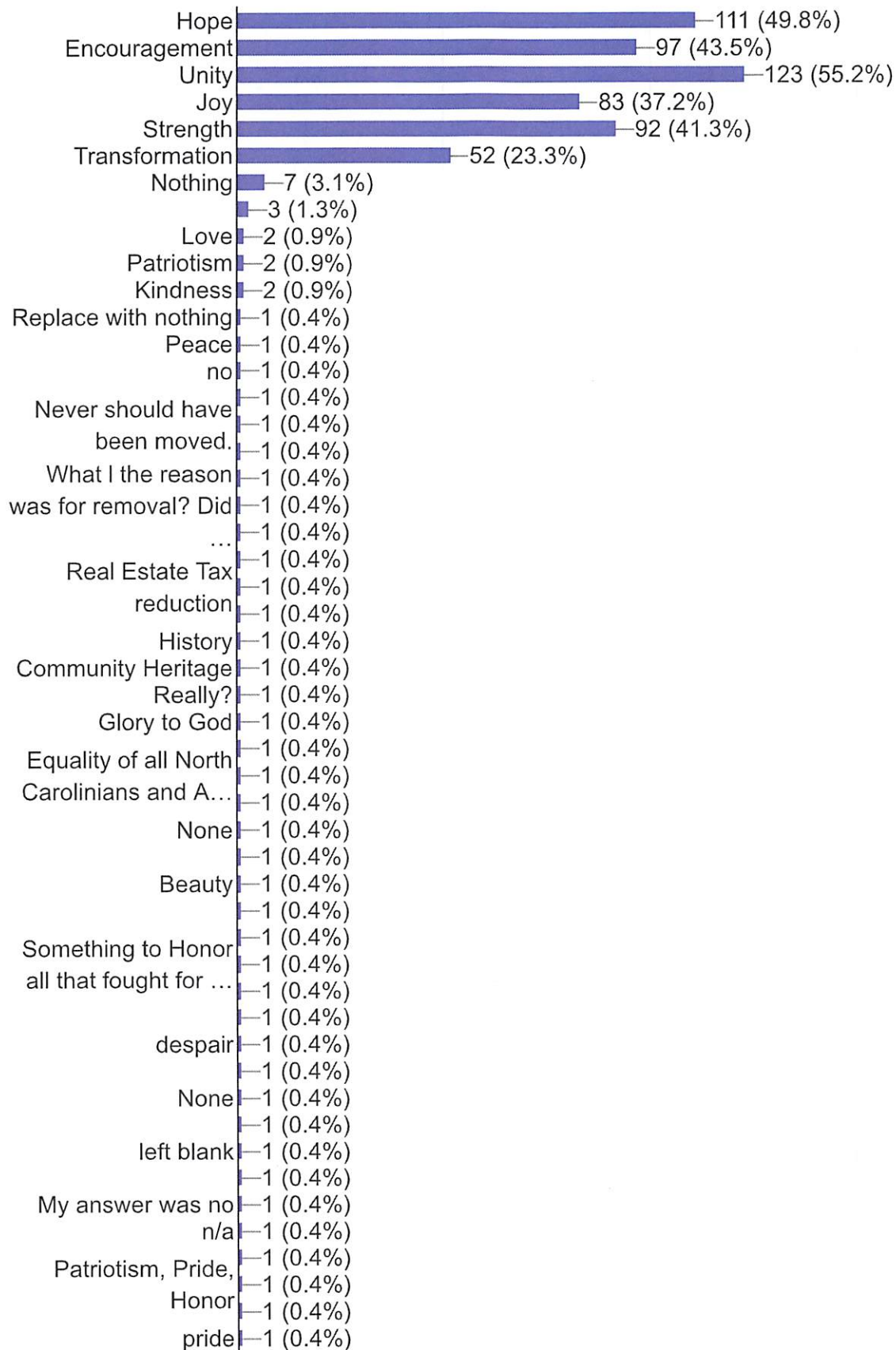
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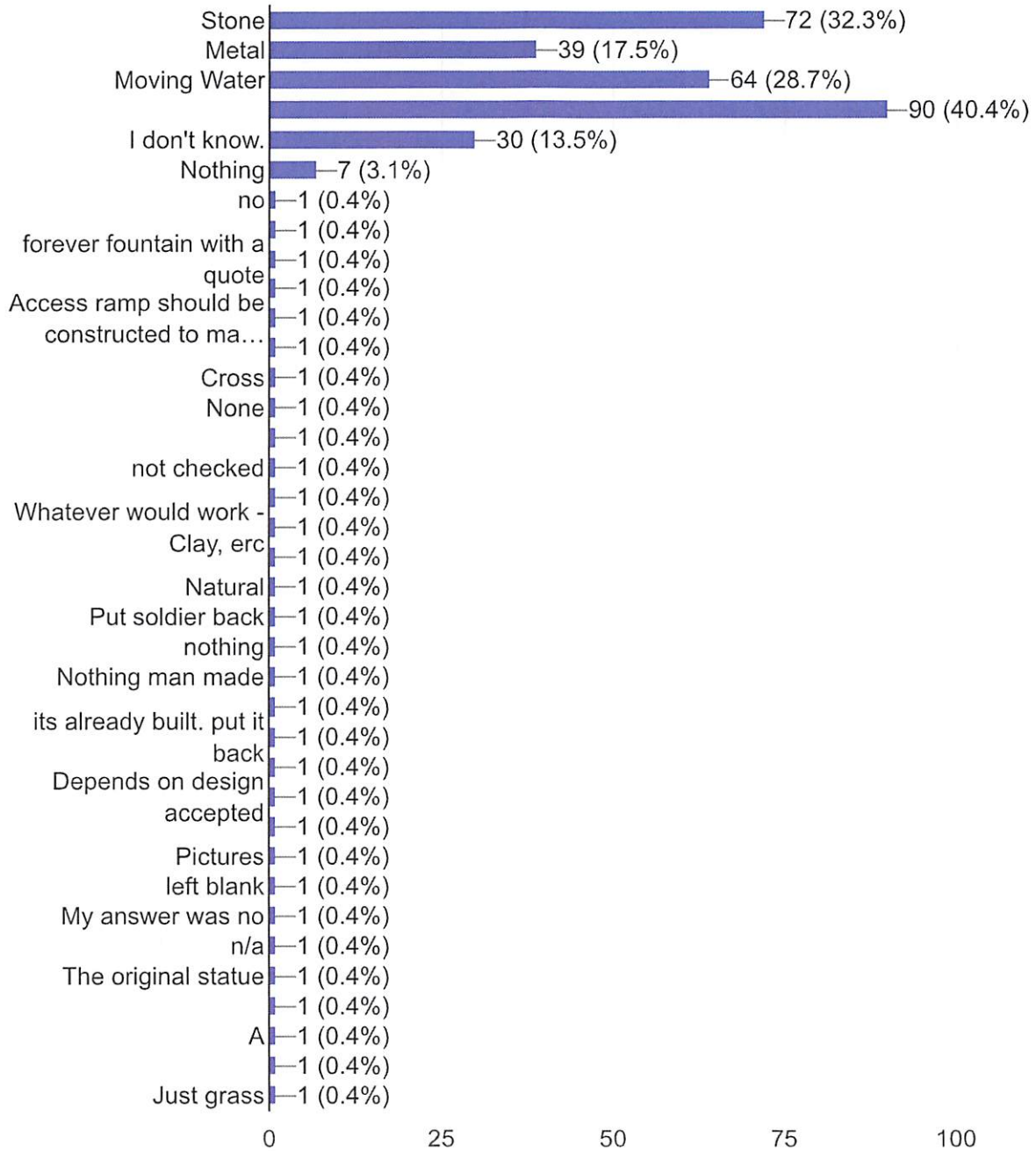
What, if any, of the following emotional responses do you think the replacement should bring forth within the viewer? (Check all that apply.)

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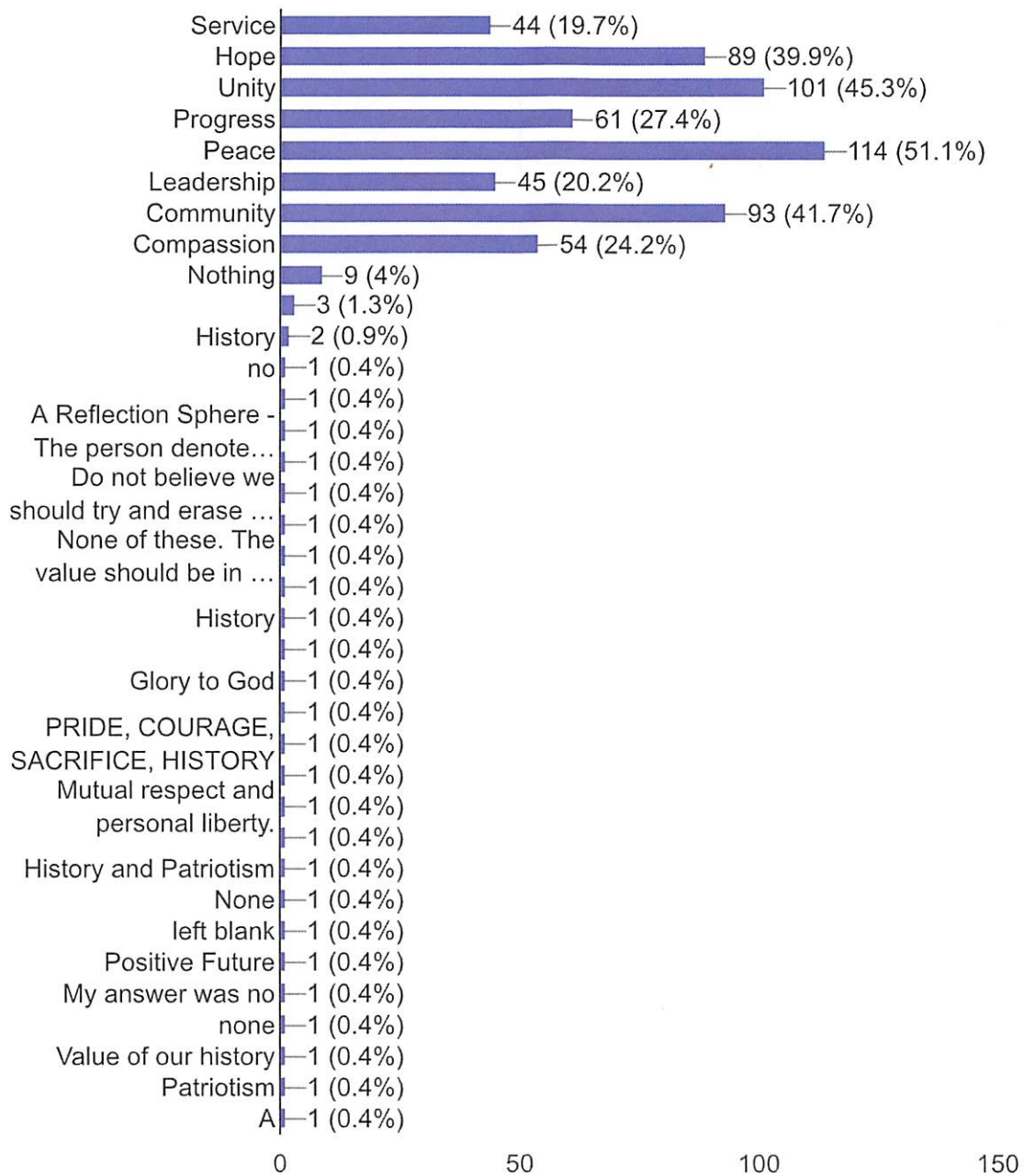
What kind of material(s) do you think the replacement should be made of?

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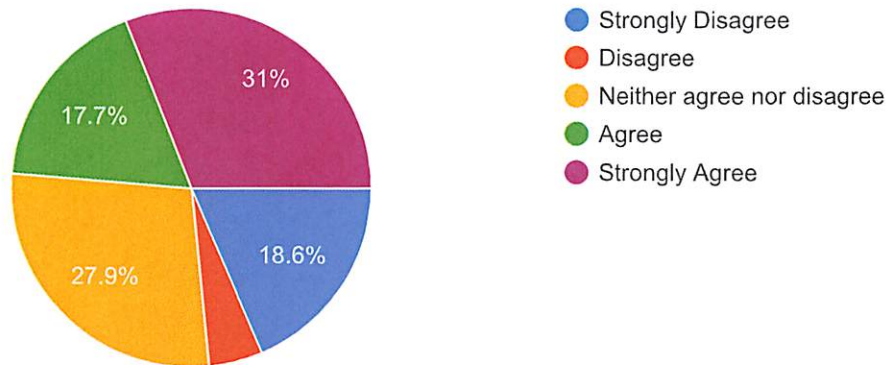
What values would you like to see reflected in the replacement created for the courthouse square ?(Choose your top three.)

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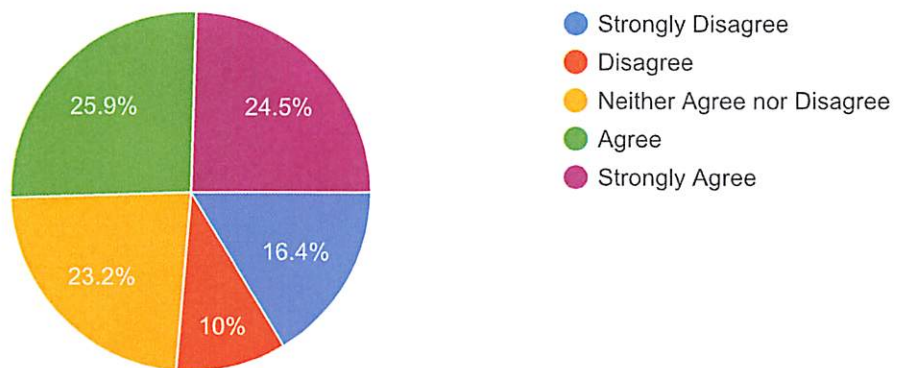
Should the replacement reflect Warren County's diversity? (Ex: cultural, racial, demographic, etc.)

223 responses



In the replacement area should signage be used to explain the historical background of the space?

220 responses



Do you have any additional comments?

104 responses

No

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No

American Indians should be included in the new monument.

no

N/A

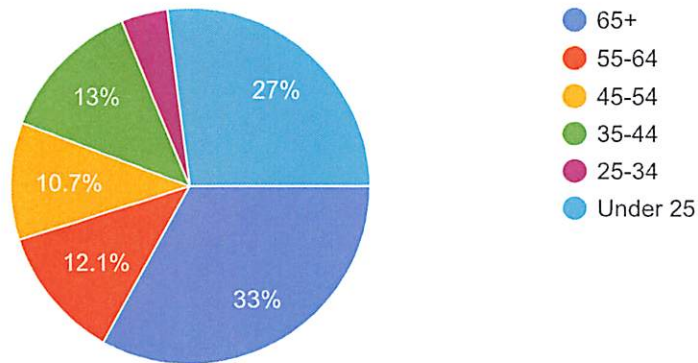
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Demographic Information

Age

215 responses



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Please relocate the statue to a respectful location. I.E. if you don't want it in the square, put it somewhere to memorialize the lives and history it represents. Take it out of storage.

No.

Relocate the confederate statue in a respectable manner to a non public area.

The Confederate monument was part of history, so should not be replaced with anything historical. Anything diversity related would always be offensive to someone, which is why the Confederate monument was taken down.

Something like a statue of racially diverse children holding hands

A garden could provide seating, perhaps a bench or rock grouping, perhaps water feature. The historic nature of the site can be explained and interpreted in a way that offers an opportunity to reflect and meditate on past history (possibly some stories representative of different contexts) and invites thoughtful consideration of what binds us together.

The survey does not allow a "NO" replacement vote to stand without asking other irrelevant questions.

You cannot erase history. You cannot pretend it doesn't exist, but you can appropriately teach it's meaning

What are you going to do about the chiming church bell and the segregated water fountains that bring back negative memories. How can they be so close to an art of Hope and Change?

If any thing should have been moved, the segregated water fountains.

Historical signage can be placed elsewhere on courthouse square. Positive messages/signage only at pedestal, as it is highly visible to both visitors and residents

So many cultures would be impossible to portray, typical geometric, modern art is not appropriate to our historical county, therefore, something simple and inclusive is my input. Something that shows individuality, unity, and wholeness - that's why I chose a ball or circular shape - I thought much could be brainstormed about it's significance to time and humanity - the circle denotes life, continual growth, etc.

Take the base up as well. If anything goes up it should be a Cross to show the love of God.

I feel as if the statue should be someone of color .

The space should be left as is - let each person envision their own hero standing on the base I would like to see the confederate monument relocated to an appropriate and respectful site in the county.

I think whatever is put in its place it should be something made by students but that shows respect for one another. Build a place to show off art made by students from each school and grade. Change it up each month so everyone gets a chance.

Replacement of history and historical Monuments is in my opinion an evert to appease a few folks who do not understand history. History is what has happened and if we do not learn from it and hide from it we are doomed to repeat it and will eventual loose are freedom.

no not yet

The art piece should tell the history of Warren County to include Native Americans, Blacks and Whites. It should show the past and present state of affairs in Warren County. The courthouse location of the artwork must imply equality and justice for all in the future. Anything less would seek to maintain the status quo and thus inadequate.

No I don't.

The county need something that gets rid of the racial comments that are being made

No! Not at the moment

Keep it local.

On the question asking about diversity, I said neither agree nor disagree. If it is historic or political, I strongly agree.

No sir

Be more outright and fair to the county residents

No, I do not have any additional comments.

That monument like all other monuments never hurt a soul

To honor those harmed by the symbol of the Confederate Soldier statue, it is absolutely necessary to recognize the historical context of the space with bold signage. Then instead of with another memorial to the past, the space would best be used in a way that invites all people equally to come to it, using art as a universal means to speak to a diverse public. What about a subject central to all people, the power of storytelling -- something people of all ages, races, backgrounds, and genders -- are especially good at here in Warren County? What about a sculpture, maybe combined with moving waters?

This is my second submission - the first may have been too modern looking for the surrounding buildings. A heritage sphere made of a material which is not shiny depicting all earthly tones reflecting all races working together...beiges, browns, golds, reds...not greens and blues...skin colors intermingled or swirled together depicting unity, peace, movement and change...moving forth together for a bright future for Warren County...united not divided...I do not have a specific look or design but desire something showing my belief that we are one "people" in Warren County. Our goal depicted and explained at the county seat of Warrenton. Please "scratch" my first submission...shiny ball.

It should not be historical as we see that can be erased. It needs to be honoring a member of the community that is voted on or some random piece of art. Maybe a tribute to the volunteer firefighters but that may offend someone. The original monument was for service to begin with so how can that be a choice now?

I think it should be a Native American Monument of a Native American that shows great characteristic traits such as Unity, Peace, Leadership, etc.,

Would prefer not to have anything on the spot

NOTHING should be placed on the Confederate Soldier Monument Base. The statue base needs to be moved to where ever the county moved the confederate statue. If something is placed on the courthouse square, it should not be on that base.

No I do not

THE STATUE WAS PRIVATELY FUNDED AND AUTHORIZED BY THE COUNTY. IT SHOULD BE REPAIRED AND REINSTALLED AS IT WAS. IF NOT, IT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE ORGANIZATION THAT FUNDED IT ORIGINALLY. IT DOES NOT BELONG TO THE COUNTY.

nope. Just want everything to be better during the Covid-19.

It would be nice if the monument could stand for those who strive for equality of all people.

Glad you are asking for feedback. I'm originally from Michigan so these things were all new when we moved to NC in 1994.

no

Replacing the monument will only fuel future controversy. Since the statue has been removed, the pedestal and all remnants should go as well. Start a new chapter, one that will be as non-controversial as possible. We all need to come together and remember we are all brothers and sisters of God.

I would like to see a fountain with signage that honors ALL who have served Warren County; not by name, just the fact that we have had a variety of people who provided honorable service to our county. Also recommend that the previous monument be auctioned to highest bidder, which will raise funds for whatever comes next.

It should be what the town of warren stand for now.

A place for reflection in one's own thoughts.

Let's not make anything about race. Just a symbol of unity and progress.

I just believe we should show more unity within our community.

The original monument was not put there with Warren County taxpayer funds. Anything that replaces it must not use taxpayer resources. Raise the funds from private resources.

no sir

As long as the county includes all races even American Indians as the county has a tribe within it county limits

your cowards on the county board removed the statue without consulting the citizens of the county. Put it back.

Not at this time.

No I do not.

I do not think it should be replaced with anyone since race is being used to divide us all. This county is full of rich art and talented people. Perhaps that should be reflected as it will leave no one out. Or possibly a map of the town marking where they can find shops, cemetery, historical homes and perhaps a brief history on those. Unity and community need to be at the forefront. Anything you put in this area will be controversial to someone. Why start a debate, or disagreements, or bad feelings for any residents in Warren County. Save some money that can be used for better things that actually help Warren County's residents. If the large stone left there is bothering anyone, then remove it and leave the area bare or cover it over with concrete or grass. No problems or major expenses or bad feelings.

Whatever you decide to put there should not be about our differences or color, but should be about what unites us as Americans. We can remember our past mistakes without hating our country going forward. We cannot undo the deeds of our predecessors, but we can learn from their mistakes and shape the future to be better than the past. I think you should request design ideas to be reviewed.

I would like to see a work of art or water feature that would honor ALL hero's of Warren County no matter their race or which side of the war that they served their country. Whatever goes to replace the monument that stood on the courthouse square needs to reflect Warren County as a whole and not as a part. Honor the local hero's. Do not let race play a factor no matter which side you may or may not agree with. It would be nice for something that would bring the community together rather than divide it further.

Make sure background info is accurate even if it is painful. Consult Dr. Glenn Hinson at UNC-CH Deciding what goes on Courthouse Square is a significant opportunity to bring community members together to build working and trustful relationships.

I feel the original statue needs to go back

On the monument, you can tell people that on this spot in 2020 our history was destroyed in appease a few.

I feel a monument thanking all our Armed Force's would be a great replacement since it was originally a military monument.

Thanks for working on this.

Keep it simple. Just have it state "In Memory of Citizens of Warren County."

Each person interprets objects and words according to that individual's "reality." Some in our community will be offended or hurt with anything erected. Consider every person, not only the majority. Only answer 1 and comment should be considered. Survey required other responses.

I hope you consider my answer!!

A cross is the ideal answer. What brings more unity than a cross? With the diversity we face today in every walk of life how do we pick an individual, era, or event that would please the majority or the minority. Every person serving on a board, committee or in a leadership role in this county believes in God. The cross symbolizes purity, freedom, unity, and most importantly salvation. God Bless you. God Bless Warren County. God Bless this country.

Don't put nothing there leave it as dirt

Let it always be known that a soldier once stood here to represent those that fought for our Freedom until it was not politically correct for 1 group of people. Leave it a blank podium Leave platform blank to not offend anyone All values do not matter any longer. Only those supported by democratic leaders of the time.

I would like to see a Vietnam Nam memorial since they never received any honor. Do not erect anything that could represent the past - be positive going forward. Don't want another movement on removing statues.

A beautiful, lighted fountain with landscape, benches, quiet space.

The pandemic is further demonstrating the need for open air communal spaces. The installation of a fountain will be timely as it will be a symbol of the county's renewed vision of unity, as well as its proactive approach to bringing citizens together in a safe space in spite of the pandemic.

Put back the original monument, it was ridiculous to take it down.

no

I think it should be put back. It's a part of history and if don't have history we have nothing.

Should not have been taken down in the first place.

it should reflect all of the warren county veterans from all wars

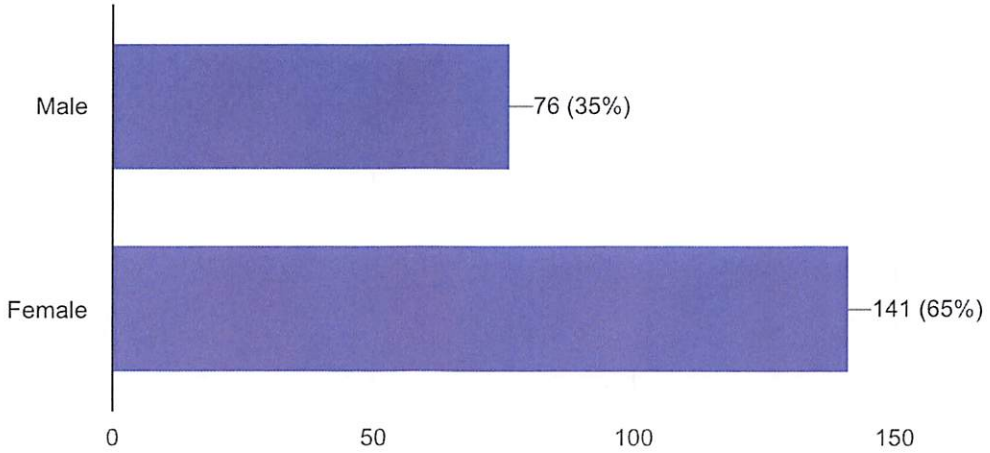
This was a great idea to seek community input.

A very brief explanation of the history of the space maybe - but much more narrative about the replacement and the future.

If we do anything else, we just have more disagreements and expense. Let's just leave it be.

How do you identify yourself ?

217 responses



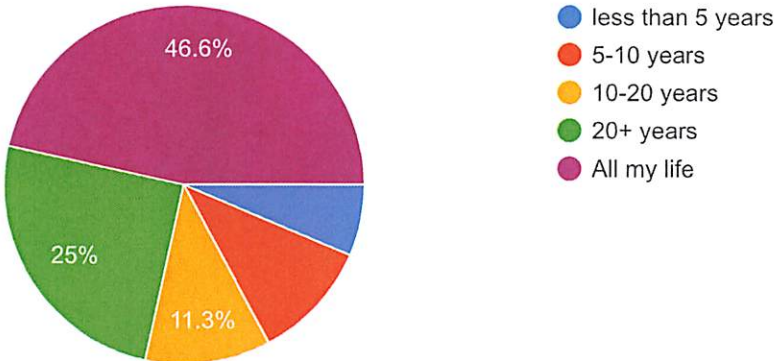
Are you a current resident of Warren County ?

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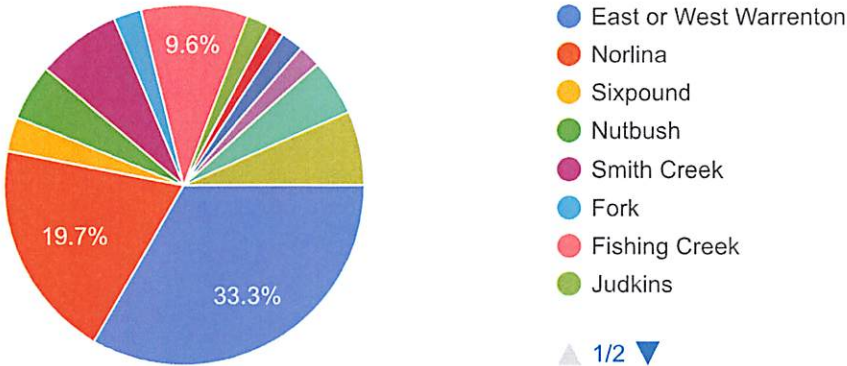
If you answered yes to the last question, how many years have you lived in Warren County ?

204 responses



In which voting precinct of Warren County do you live?

198 responses



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