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## **A worthy cause will add, not subtract**

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In recent months we've experienced pointless and widespread burning, looting and killing. Most victims have been small businesses serving minority and low-income neighborhoods. And what benefit has come from damaging or destroying statues and monuments to our Founding Fathers?

A Kentucky Derby horse owner was pressured to drop out of the Derby in support of the recent protests and rioting. He's black. After all he has achieved, they ask him to give it all up for a senseless movement. His accomplishment as a black professional enhances the cause, unlike a humiliating and divisive withdrawal.

These "cancellation" experts purposefully destroy symbols of history, businesses, lives, livelihoods, and so much more. They operate under the premise that remnants of our past must be completely burned down before anything can be rebuilt.

Ariel Atkins, a Chicago Black Live Matter leader, explained looting and rioting: "That is reparations.....winning has come through riots." That's the mood of the day in the minds of protestors-cum-violent anarchists. They accomplish nothing but destruction.

Permit me to borrow a wise comment from syndicated columnist Star Parker, made while she was admiring the progress made with the historic Abraham Accords between Israel, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain: "Peace comes through creation, not destruction."

A worthy and noble sentiment, once focused on emphasizing the value of black American lives, has deteriorated into an obstacle for peace and racial progress in America. It's become all subtract, with nothing to add.