

# CIVIL WAR TRUST

SAVING AMERICA'S BATTLEFIELDS

## RESULTS OF THE 2017 CIVIL WAR TRUST MEMBER SURVEY

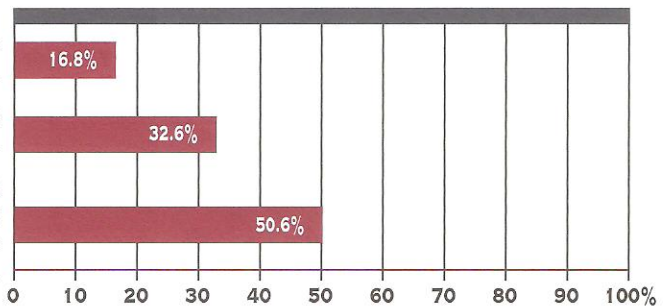
Presented here are the results of the Civil War Trust's 2017 Member Survey about war monuments in America, and other question relating to our nation's history. We thank every one of the more than 5,000 individuals who took the time to provide their responses to this important survey. Your guidance and insightful comments will help us, in the coming weeks and months, formulate the best practices to preserve important battlefield land while continuing to educate the public about this important time in our nation's history.

**Question 1:** The issue of removing Civil War Monuments, particularly Confederate monuments which were erected after the war in public spaces such as town squares, courthouse lawns, libraries, etc., has exploded onto the nation's consciousness. Please select the statement below which most closely aligns with your opinion:

I support the removal of Confederate statues from public spaces if that is what the local community wants to do.

I support keeping all war monuments, from any conflict, exactly where they are, with no added interpretation or explanation needed.

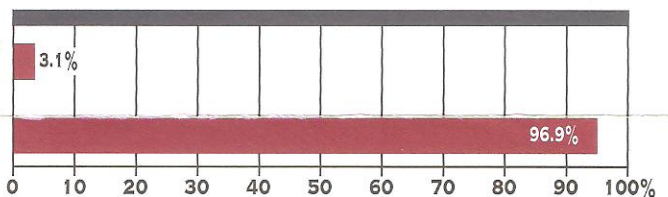
I support keeping monuments where they are, but would support adding additional interpretation, if needed, of the circumstances of how each monument may have come into being, to add to the story of our nation's history.



**Question 2:** There is some concern that if Confederate monuments in public spaces are removed, monuments on battlefields may soon face a similar fate. What is your opinion of those monuments on battlefields, whether or not they are owned by the federal government (through the National Park Service), a state or local government, or a private entity such as the Civil War Trust?

I support the removal of Confederate monuments on Civil War battlefields.

I do not support the removal of Confederate monuments on Civil War battlefields.



**Question 3:** There have been calls for the Civil War Trust to take action to provide protection or sanctuary for any statue that is being removed. Seeing as how this would be a departure from the Trust's stated mission of saving battlefield land, and could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars per year in transportation, maintenance and other expenses, such a move could negatively impact the Trust's ability to save threatened hallowed ground. What is your opinion?

The Trust should immediately get into the business of saving monuments, even if it means that we cannot save as much actual battlefield land.

The Trust should stay out of the monument preservation business altogether, and should keep its focus on saving hallowed ground.

The Trust should offer limited support to local groups or national heritage organizations who are better situated to take the lead in this effort, but keep the focus on battlefields.

