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Princeton University will remove Woodrow Wilson's name from its public policy school and one of its residential colleges, the university's president said on Saturday — a move that comes four years after it decided to keep the name over the objections of student protests.

The university's board of trustees found that Wilson's "racist thinking and policies make him an inappropriate namesake for a school or college whose scholars, students and alumni must stand firmly against racism in all its forms," Princeton's president, Christopher L. Eisgruber, said in a [statement](#).

"Wilson's racism was significant and consequential even by the standards of his own time," Mr. Eisgruber said. Wilson was the university's president from 1902 to 1910 before becoming the U.S. president in 1913.

Wilson had overseen the resegregation of federal government offices, including the Treasury Department. In a meeting in the Oval Office with the civil rights leader Monroe Trotter, Wilson said, "Segregation is not humiliating, but a benefit, and ought to be so regarded by you gentlemen," [according to a transcript](#) of the meeting.