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TRUMP RESPONSE TO CHARLOTTESVILLE IS A GIFT TO WHITE SUPREMACISTS AND NEO-NAZIS

Trump Refused To Condemn White Supremacists In The Wake Of Violent Protests In Charlottesville That Resulted In Three Deaths

Trump's Tweet After Outbreaks Of Violence At White Supremacist Rallies In Charlottesville Did Not Name White Supremacy Or The KKK. According to Twitter, "We ALL must be united & condemn all that hate stands for. There is no place for this kind of violence in America. Lets come together as one!" [Donald Trump, Twitter, [8/12/17](#)]

Trump Condemned "The Egregious Display Of Hatred, Bigotry And Violence On Many Sides," But Did Not Name White Nationalists Or The Alt-Right. According to CNN, "President Donald Trump condemned hate 'on many sides' in response to violent white nationalist protests and a terror attack Saturday in Charlottesville, Virginia. 'We condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides, on many sides,' Trump said during a short statement from his private golf club in New Jersey. 'It has been going on for a long time in our country -- not Donald Trump, not Barack Obama. It has been going on for a long, long time. It has no place in America.' The President did not mention white nationalists and the alt-right movement in his remarks, and later called for a 'study' of the 'situation.'" [CNN, [8/12/17](#)]

- **A Spokesperson Later Clarified That Trump Condemned Violence By "White Supremacists, KKK Neo-Nazi And All Extremist Groups."** According to the Hill, "On Sunday, the White House was forced to clarify that President Trump 'condemns all forms of violence, bigotry and hatred' in a statement following up on the Saturday protests in Charlottesville, Va. 'Of course' the president condemns violence by 'white supremacists, KKK Neo-Nazi and all extremist groups,' a White House spokesperson said in a statement. 'Trump the previous day declined to name the groups behind the rally, instead blaming 'hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides — on many sides.' 'The president said very strongly in his statement yesterday that he condemns all forms of violence, bigotry, and hatred,' the White House clarified on Sunday. 'He called for national unity and bringing all Americans together.'" [The Hill, [8/13/17](#)]

When Discussing His Remarks With Advisers, Trump Repeatedly Steered The Conversation To The Breakdown Of "Law and Order" And The Responsibility Of Local Officials To Stem The Violence. According to the New York Times, "Mr. Trump consulted a broad range of advisers before speaking on Saturday, most of whom told him to sharply criticize the white nationalist protesters. At the center of the discussion was Mr. Bossert, who laid out the situation on the ground, including a description of provocations by both protesters and counterprotesters, according to a White House official. Two hard-edge economic populists — Stephen K. Bannon, the president's chief strategist, and Stephen Miller, a senior adviser — spoke with Mr. Trump repeatedly on Saturday, the person said, although it was not clear if Mr. Bannon had offered him advice on his comments. Mr. Trump listened attentively, according to another person familiar with the discussions, but repeatedly steered the conversation to the breakdown of 'law and order,' and the responsibility of local officials to stem the violence." [New York Times, [8/12/17](#)]

WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS REPEATEDLY BLAMED COUNTER-PROTESTORS FOR VIOLENCE

A White House Official Pointed To Violence Between Protestors And Counter-Protestors. According to CNN, "Asked what Trump meant by saying 'on many sides,' a White House official also pointed a finger at the counterprotesters. 'The President was condemning hatred, bigotry and violence from all sources and all sides. There was violence between protesters and counterprotesters today,' the official said." [CNN, [8/12/17](#)]

When Asked Why Trump Didn't Condemn Nazis In Charlottesville, A Senior White House Official Said "What About The Leftist Mob. Just As Violent If Not More So" According to a tweet by Gabriel Sherman, "When I asked senior WH official why Trump didn't condemn Cville Nazis, he said: 'What about the leftist mob. Just as violent if not more so'" [Gabriel Sherman, Twitter, [8/13/17](#)]

WHITE SUPREMACISTS ATTENDING THE RALLY SUPPORTED TRUMP

David Duke Tied The Protests To Donald Trump, Saying “We’re Gonna Fulfill The Promises Of Donald Trump,” And Said People Voted For Trump Because “He’s Going To Take Our Country Back.” According to CNN, “On Saturday in Virginia, according to a video posted on Twitter by a photojournalist from The Indianapolis Star, David Duke -- a prominent former Ku Klux Klan leader who ran for Senate in Louisiana in 2016 -- tied the protests in Virginia to Trump. ‘This represents a turning point for the people of this country,’ Duke said. ‘We are determined to take this country back. We’re gonna fulfill the promises of Donald Trump. That’s what we believed in. That’s why we voted for Donald Trump because he said he’s going to take our country back.’ Duke slammed Trump’s response to the protests on Saturday, tweeting that Trump should ‘take a good look in the mirror & remember it was White Americans who put you in the presidency, not radical leftists.’ ‘So, after decades of White Americans being targeted for discriminated & anti-White hatred, we come together as a people, and you attack us,’ Duke wrote.” [CNN, [8/12/17](#)]

Trump Claimed to Not Know That David Duke Attended The Rally. According to a transcript from the New York Times, “I would do it the same way, because I want to make sure when I make a statement that the statement is correct. And there was no way of making a correct statement that early. I had to see the facts, unlike a lot of reporters. [cross talk] I didn’t know David Duke was there. I wanted to see the facts. And the facts, as they started coming out, were very well-stated. In fact, everybody said his statement was beautiful. If he would have made it sooner, that would have been good. I couldn’t have made it sooner, because I didn’t know all of the facts. Frankly, people still don’t know all of the facts. It was very important — [cross talk] excuse me, excuse me. It was very important to me to get the facts out and correctly. Because if I would have made a fast statement — and the first statement was made without knowing much other than what we were seeing. The second statement was made with knowledge, with great knowledge. There are still things — [cross talk] excuse me. There are still things that people don’t know. I want to make a statement with knowledge. I wanted to know the facts.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

The Suspect’s Mother Told The Associated Press She Thought The Rally Her Son Attended Had “Something To Do With Trump.” According to NPR, “Fields recently moved to Ohio from Kentucky, where he grew up, his mother, Samantha Bloom, told the AP. She said she knew he was attending a rally in Virginia but didn’t know it was a white supremacist rally. ‘I thought it had something to do with Trump. Trump’s not a supremacist,’ said Bloom, who became visibly upset as she learned of the injuries and death. ‘He had an African-American friend so ...,’ she said before her voice trailed off. She added that she would be surprised if her son’s views were that far right, according to the AP.” [NPR, [8/13/17](#)]

White Supremacists Held Trump Campaign Signs At The Charlottesville Clashes. According to the New York Times, “But like several other statements Mr. Trump made on Saturday, the tweet made no mention that the violence in Charlottesville was initiated by white supremacists brandishing anti-Semitic placards, Confederate battle flags, torches and a few Trump campaign signs.” [New York Times, [8/12/17](#)]

WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS PRAISED TRUMP’S REMARKS

Tom Bossert, Trump’s Homeland Security Adviser, Praised Trump For His Remarks And Said He Didn’t Name White Nationalists Because He Didn’t Want To “Dignify” Them. According to the New York Times, “Mr. Bossert, in an interview Sunday on CNN’s ‘State of the Union,’ dismissed any suggestion that the president had failed to adequately condemn white supremacists. Mr. Bossert praised the statement the president made on Saturday — which denounced the ‘egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides’ — saying that Mr. Trump had appropriately criticized an event that ‘turned into an unacceptable level of violence at all levels.’ ‘This isn’t about President Trump — this is about a level of violence and hatred that could not be tolerated in this country,’ Mr. Bossert told CNN’s Jake Tapper. ‘I was with the president yesterday, and I’m proud of the fact that he stood up and calmly looked into the camera and condemned this violence and bigotry in all its forms. This racial intolerance and racial bigotry cannot be condoned.’ Mr. Tapper responded by citing a white nationalist website that described Mr. Trump’s remarks as ‘really, really good.’ He then asked Mr. Bossert, ‘Are you at least willing to concede that the president was not clear enough in condemning white supremacy?’ Mr. Bossert replied that Mr. Trump ‘didn’t dignify the names of these groups of people, but rather addressed the fundamental issue.’” [New York Times, [8/12/17](#)]

Pence Criticized The Media For Focusing On Trump's Remarks. According to NBC News, "Pence said Sunday that Trump 'stated clearly that he condemns hate and violence in all of its forms.' Pence said he took issue with 'the fact that many in the media are spending more time criticizing how the president addressed the issue yesterday.' 'Many in the media spent an awful lot of time focusing on what the president said and criticisms of what the president said instead of criticizing those who brought that hatred and violence to the streets of Charlottesville, Virginia,' Pence said. Asked whether Trump should have identified white supremacists specifically as a subject of his comments, Pence said: 'I think the president yesterday spoke to a national moment, words the American people needed to hear — that we condemn acts of violence, acts of hatred.'" [NBC News, [8/13/17](#)]

McMaster Defended The President As Being "Very Clear." According to the Los Angeles Times, "Trump's aides are often forced to clarify for the president when he declines to address some controversy, or does so in a way that raises additional questions, and McMaster tried to do so on another Sunday program. He suggested on ABC's 'This Week,' that Trump's Saturday statement from his New Jersey golf club did stand as a condemnation of the white supremacist movement. 'The president's been very clear,' McMaster said. 'We cannot tolerate this kind of bigotry, this kind of hatred.'" [Los Angeles Times, [8/13/17](#)]

Sessions Defended Trump's Statement And Said He Thought It Was "Good." According to USA Today, "The Justice Department is investigating the death, and Sessions made the rounds of the morning news shows Monday assuring TV audiences that Trump blames white nationalists for the violence. 'He said what happened in Charlottesville is unacceptable, we need to find out what happened, that it's wrong, and we need to study it and see what as a nation we can do to be more effective against this extremism, and evil, really,' Sessions said the NBC's Today show. 'I thought it was a good statement, delivered a few hours after the event.'" [USA Today, [8/14/17](#)]

Trump Again Defended White Supremacists In Fiery Press Conference

TRUMP DELIVERED A PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE HE DOUBLED DOWN ON "BOTH SIDES" RHETORIC

Trump Bragged About Receiving Praise From Heather Heyer's Mother

Trump Bragged About Receiving Praise From Mother Of The Woman Who Died In Charlottesville. According to a transcript from the New York Times, "In fact, the young woman, who I hear is a fantastic young woman, and it was on NBC, her mother wrote me and said through I guess Twitter, social media, the nicest things. And I very much appreciated that. I hear she was a fine, really actually, an incredible young woman. Her mother, on Twitter, thanked me for what I said. And honestly, if the press were not fake and if it was honest, the press would have said what I said was very nice. But unlike you ... [cross talk]... and unlike the media, before I make a statement, I like to know the facts." [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump Said He Had Not Yet Reached Out To Heather Heyer's Family. According to a transcript from the New York Times, "REPORTER: Mr. President, have you spoken to the family of the victim of the car attack? TRUMP: No. I will be reaching out." [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump Said He Thought Heather Heyer's Mother's Statement Praising Him Was A "Beautiful Statement."

According to a transcript from the New York Times, "REPORTER: When will you be reaching out? TRUMP: I thought that the statement put out, the mother's statement, I thought was a beautiful statement. I tell you, it was something that I really appreciated. I thought it was terrific. Under the kind of stress that she is under and the heartache that she is under, I thought putting out that statement to me was really something I won't forget. Thank you all very much. Thank you." [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

When Asked If He Would Visit Charlottesville, Trump Bragged About His Winery. According to a transcript from the New York Times, "REPORTER: Do you plan to go to Charlottesville, Mr. President? [cross talk] TRUMP: Does anyone know I own a house in Charlottesville? It is in Charlottesville. You'll see. REPORTER: Is that the winery? TRUMP: It is the winery. [cross talk] I mean, I know a lot about Charlottesville. Charlottesville is a great place that's been very badly hurt over the last couple of days. I own actually one of the largest wineries in the United States. It's in Charlottesville." [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump Asked A Reporter To Define The Term “Alt-Right.” According to a transcript from the New York Times, “REPORTER: Senator McCain said that the alt-right is behind these and he linked that same group to those that perpetrated the attack in Charlottesville. TRUMP: Well, I don’t know. I can’t tell you. I’m sure Senator McCain must know what he is talking about. When you say the alt-right. Define alt-right to me. You define it. Go ahead. No, define it for me. Come on. Let’s go. REPORTER: Senator McCain defined them as the same group —” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

When Asked About The Alt-Right’s Attacks On General McMaster, Trump Asked “What About The Alt-Left [...] They Came Charging With Clubs In Their Hands, Swinging Clubs.” According to a transcript from the New York Times, “TRUMP: What about the alt-left that came charging at — Excuse me — What about the alt-left that came charging at the, as you say, the alt-right? Do they have any semblance of guilt? [cross talk] Let me ask you this: What about the fact that they came charging, that they came charging with clubs in their hands swinging clubs? Do they have any problem? I think they do. So, you know, as far as I’m concerned, that was a horrible, horrible day. Wait a minute. I’m not finished. I’m not finished, fake news. That was a horrible day.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump: “You Had A Group On One Side That Was Bad And You Had A Group On The Other Side That Was Also Very Violent. And Nobody Wants To Say That. But I’ll Say It Right Now.” According to a transcript from the New York Times, “TRUMP: I will tell you something. I watched those very closely, much more closely than you people watched it. And you had a group on one side that was bad and you had a group on the other side that was also very violent. And nobody wants to say that. But I’ll say it right now.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump Said Counter-Protestors In Charlottesville “Came Charging In Without A Permit And They Were Very, Very Violent.” According to a transcript from the New York Times, “You had a group on the other side that came charging in without a permit and they were very, very violent.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump: “Not All Of Those People Were White Supremacists By Any Stretch.” According to a transcript from the New York Times, “REPORTER: Do you think that what you call the alt-left is the same as neo-Nazis? TRUMP: All of those people — Excuse me — I’ve condemned neo-Nazis. I’ve condemned many different groups. But not all of those people were neo-Nazis, believe me. Not all of those people were white supremacists by any stretch. Those people were also there because they wanted to protest the taking down of a statue, Robert E. Lee.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump: “There Was A Group On This Side, You Can Call Them The Left. You Have Just Called Them The Left, That Came Violently Attacking The Other Group.” According to a transcript from the New York Times, “REPORTER: Mr. President, are you putting what you are calling the alt-left and white supremacists on the same moral plane? TRUMP: I am not putting anybody on a moral plane. What I’m saying is this: You had a group on one side and you had a group on the other and they came at each other with clubs and it was vicious and horrible. And it was a horrible thing to watch. But there is another side. There was a group on this side, you can call them the left. You have just called them the left, that came violently attacking the other group. So you can say what you want, but that’s the way it is.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump: “I Think There Is Blame On Both Sides.” According to a transcript from the New York Times, “REPORTER: You said there was hatred, there was violence on both sides? TRUMP: Well I do think there’s blame. Yes, I think there is blame on both sides. You look at both sides. I think there is blame on both sides. And I have no doubt about it. And you don’t have doubt about it either. And if you reported it accurately, you would say.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump: “You Also Had People That Were Very Fine People On Both Sides.” According to a transcript from the New York Times, “REPORTER: The neo-Nazis started this thing. They showed up in Charlottesville to protest — TRUMP: Excuse me. They didn’t put themselves down as neo-Nazis. And you had some very bad people in that group. But you also had people that were very fine people on both sides.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump: “You Had People In That Group That Were There To Protest The Taking Down, Of To Them, A Very, Very Important Statue And The Renaming Of A Park From Robert E. Lee To Another Name.” According to a transcript from the New York Times, “You had people in that group — excuse me, excuse me — I saw the same pictures as you did. You had people in that group that were there to protest the taking down, of to them, a very, very important statue and the renaming of a park from Robert E. Lee to another name.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump: “You Are Changing History, You’re Changing Culture.” According to a transcript from the New York Times, “Are we going to take down the statue? Cause he was a major slave owner. Are we going to take down his statue? So you know what? It’s fine. You are changing history, you’re changing culture. You had people and I’m not talking about the neo-Nazis and the white nationalists, because they should be condemned totally. You had many people in that group other than neo-Nazis and white nationalists. O.K.? And the press has treated them absolutely unfairly.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump: “You Had A Lot Of Bad People In The Other Group Too.” According to a transcript from the New York Times, “Now, in the other group also, you had some fine people but you also had troublemakers and you see them come with the black outfits and with the helmets and with the baseball bats. You had a lot of bad people in the other group too.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump Praised The Torchlight Rally The Night Before Heather Heyer’s Was Killed, Saying They Were “Protesting Very Quietly” And Said That Neo-Nazis And White Nationalists Protested “The Following Day.” According to a transcript from the New York Times, “REPORTER: Who has the press treated unfairly? Sir, I’m sorry, I just didn’t understand what you were saying. You were saying the press has treated white nationalists unfairly? I just didn’t understand what you were saying. TRUMP: No, no. There were people in that rally. I looked the night before. If you look, they were people protesting very quietly the taking down the statue of Robert E. Lee. I am sure in that group there were some bad ones. The following day, it looked like they had some rough, bad people, neo-Nazis, white nationalists, whatever you want to call them. But you had a lot of people in that group that were there to innocently protest and very legally protest.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump Praised The Neo-Nazi Rally For Having A Permit. According to a transcript from the New York Times, “Because I don’t know if you know, they had a permit. The other group didn’t have a permit. So I only tell you this. There are two sides to a story. I thought what took place was a horrible moment for our country, a horrible moment. But there are two sides to the country. Does anybody have a final question? Do you have an infrastructure question?” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

TRUMP REFUSED TO CALL THE ATTACK IN CHARLOTTESVILLE TERRORISM

Trump Refused To Call The Attack In Charlottesville Terrorism. According to a transcript from the New York Times, “REPORTER: Two questions: Was this terrorism? And can you tell us how you are about your chief strategist Steve Bannon? TRUMP: Well I think the driver of the car is a disgrace to himself, his family and this country. You can call it terrorism. You can call it murder. You can call it whatever you want. I would just call it as the fastest one to come up with a good verdict. There is a question. Is it murder? Is it terrorism? Then you get into legal semantics. The driver of the car is a murderer. What he did was a horrible, horrible, inexcusable thing.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

TRUMP DEFENDED STEVE BANNON

Trump Claimed He Had Not Spoken To Bannon About Charlottesville. According to a transcript from the New York Times, “REPORTER: Can you tell us how you are feeling about your chief strategist, Mr. Bannon? TRUMP: Go ahead. ANOTHER REPORTER: Steve Bannon — I would echo Maggie’s question. TRUMP: I never spoke to Mr. Bannon about it. [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump Said Steve Bannon Wasn’t A Racist. According to a transcript from the New York Times, “REPORTER: But can you tell us broadly, do you still have confidence in Steve? TRUMP: Well, we’ll see... Look, look, I like Mr. Bannon. He is a friend of mine. Mr. Bannon came on very late. You know that. I went through 17 senators, governors and I won all the primaries. Mr. Bannon came on very much later than that. And I like him. He is a good man. He is not a racist. I can tell you that. He is a good person. He actually gets a very unfair press in that regard. We’ll see what happens with Mr. Bannon. He is a good person and I think the press treats him frankly very unfairly.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

TRUMP ATTACKED JOHN MCCAIN WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE ALT-RIGHT’S ATTACKS ON MCMASTER

When Asked To Respond To Senator John McCain’s Remarks Linking The Anti-McMaster Campaign To The Alt-Right, Trump Attacked McCain For His Obamacare Repeal Vote. According to a transcript from the New York Times,

“REPORTER: Senator McCain has called on you to defend your national security adviser, H.R. McMaster against these attacks. [cross talk] TRUMP: I’ve already done ... I did it the last time. [cross talk] REPORTER: ... and he called on you again, linking it to the alt-Right... [cross talk] TRUMP: Senator McCain? You mean the one that voted against Obamacare? You mean Senator McCain who voted against us getting good health care?” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

TRUMP ASKED IF PEOPLE WOULD START TEARING DOWN STATUES OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

Trump: “I Noticed That Stonewall Jackson Is Coming Down. I Wonder, Is It George Washington Next Week? And Is It Thomas Jefferson The Week After? You Know, You Really Do Have To Ask Yourself, Where Does It Stop?”

According to a transcript from the New York Times, “So — excuse me — and you take a look at some of the groups and you see and you would know it if you were honest reporters, which in many cases, you are not. But, many of those people were there to protest the taking down of the statue of Robert E. Lee. So this week, it is Robert E. Lee. I noticed that Stonewall Jackson is coming down. I wonder, is it George Washington next week? And is it Thomas Jefferson the week after? You know, you really do have to ask yourself, where does it stop? But they were there to protest — excuse me — you take a look, the night before, they were there to protest the taking down of the statue of Robert E. Lee. Infrastructure question. Go ahead.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump: “Was George Washington A Slave Owner? So Will George Washington Now Lose His Status?” According to a transcript from the New York Times, “TRUMP: George Washington as a slave owner. Was George Washington a slave owner? So will George Washington now lose his status? Are we going to take down — excuse me — are we going to take down statues to George Washington? How about Thomas Jefferson? What do you think of Thomas Jefferson? You like him. Good.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

TRUMP SAID HE DID NOT CONDEMN WHITE SUPREMACISTS IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE HE DIDN’T KNOW ALL THE FACTS

Trump Said He Was Slow To Condemn White Supremacy Because He Wanted To Know The “Facts” Of The Situation. According to a transcript from the New York Times, “REPORTER: Why did you wait so long — [cross talk] TRUMP: I didn’t wait long. I didn’t wait long. I wanted to make sure, unlike most politicians, that what I said was correct, not make a quick statement. The statement I made on Saturday, the first statement, was a fine statement but you don’t make statements that direct unless you know the facts. It takes a little while to get the facts. You still don’t know the facts. It is a very, very important process to me. It is a very important statement. So I don’t want to go quickly and just make a statement for the sake of making a political statement. I want to know the facts. If you go back to my statement, I brought it. I brought it.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump Said He Delayed Making The Statement Because “The Event Just Happened.” According to a transcript from the New York Times, “As I said, remember, Saturday, we condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence. It has no place in America. And then I went on from there. Here is the thing. Excuse me. Take it nice and easy. Here is the thing. When I make a statement, I like to be correct. I want the facts. This event just happened. In fact, a lot of the event didn’t happen yet as we were speaking. This event just happened. Before I make a statement, I need the facts. So I don’t want to rush into a statement. So making the statement when I made it was excellent.” [New York Times, [8/15/17](#)]

WHITE SUPREMACISTS CELEBRATED TRUMP’S PRESS CONFERENCE

Alt-Right Leader Richard Spencer Said He Did Not Believe Trump’s Condemnation Of Hate Groups. According to Politico, “Spencer said he was unimpressed by President Donald Trump’s Monday statement condemning Nazis and the KKK, calling it ‘nonsense’ and ‘silliness.’ He said he did not believe Trump — who explicitly condemned white supremacy only after days of criticism for his failure to do so — was making the statement sincerely and said he does not believe the president had condemned his movement, pointing out that he did not use the term ‘white nationalists.’ White House advisers Steve Bannon and Stephen Miller may be ‘fellow travelers’ of his movement, he said, even though most other members of the Trump administration, like United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, were not.” [Politico, [8/14/17](#)]

David Duke: “Thank you President Trump for your honesty & courage to tell the truth about #Charlottesville & condemn the leftist terrorists in BLM/Antifa” [David Duke, Twitter, [8/15/17](#)]

Mike Cernovich: “Look at how CNN lies about Trump's statement, which we WATCHED. Imagine how bad journalism was before live streaming and social media.” [Mike Cernovich, Twitter, [8/15/17](#)]

Jack Posbiec: “Trump out here making it rain red pills <https://twitter.com/Breaking911/status/897556368961490944>” [Jack Posbiec, Twitter, [8/15/17](#)]

David Duke: “Thank you President Trump for your honesty & courage to tell the truth about #Charlottesville & condemn the leftist terrorists in BLM/Antifa <https://twitter.com/NBCNews/status/897554574663442432>” [David Duke, Twitter, [8/15/17](#)]

Richard Spencer Said He Was “Really Proud” Of Trump Follow Trump’s Press Conference. According to a tweet from Rosie Gray, “‘Really proud of him,’ @RichardBSpencer texts.” [Rose Gray, Twitter, [8/15/17](#)]

Spencer: “He Bucked The Narrative Of Alt-Right Violence, And Made A Statement That Is Fair And Down To Earth.” According to the Atlantic, “White nationalist and alt-right activists are cheering President Trump for defending white-nationalist protesters and placing equal blame on counterprotesters for the violence that ensued in Charlottesville this past weekend at a press conference on Tuesday afternoon. ‘Really proud of him,’ the alt-right leader Richard Spencer said in a text message. ‘He bucked the narrative of Alt-Right violence, and made a statement that is fair and down to earth. C’ville could have hosted a peaceful rally — just like our event in May — if the police and mayor had done their jobs. Charlottesville needed to police the streets and police the antifa, whose organizations are dedicated to violence.’” [Atlantic, [8/15/17](#)]

American Renaissance Founder Jared Taylor: “It Is Gratifying That There Is At Least One Political Figure Who Recognizes That Not Everyone Who Wants To Keep The Lee Statue Is A Neo-Nazi Or White Supremacist, And That Many Of The Counterdemonstrators Were Violent Thugs.” According to the Atlantic, “Trump’s denunciation of the protesters who opposed the Unite the Right rally has been particularly popular among leaders on the alt-right. ‘It is gratifying that there is at least one political figure who recognizes that not everyone who wants to keep the Lee statue is a neo-Nazi or white supremacist, and that many of the counterdemonstrators were violent thugs,’ said American Renaissance founder Jared Taylor. ‘We live in astonishing times in which to state the obvious is revolutionary.’” [Atlantic, [8/15/17](#)]

Baked Alaska, An Alt-Right Activist, Tweeted “Thank You President Trump For Condemning The Alt-Left Antifa Thugs Who Attacked Us In Charlottesville.” According to the Atlantic, “Baked Alaska, another alt-right activist who had been given top billing at the rally, tweeted his support of Trump’s words. ‘Thank you President Trump for condemning the alt-left antifa thugs who attacked us in Charlottesville,’ he wrote.” [Atlantic, [8/15/17](#)]

Alt-Right Vlogger Paul Ramsey Tweeted That It Was A “Good Statement” And That He Thought Trump Watched Alt-Right Vlogs. According to the Atlantic, “The alt-right vlogger Paul Ramsey, better known as RamzPaul, tweeted that it was a ‘good statement’ and that ‘I honestly think he watches some of us.’” [Atlantic, [8/15/17](#)]

REPUBLICANS DENOUNCED TRUMP’S PRESS CONFERENCE

Sen. Lindsey Graham: “Through His Statements Yesterday, President Trump Took A Step Backward By Again Suggesting There Is Moral Equivalency Between The White Supremacist Neo-Nazis And KKK Members Who Attended The Charlottesville Rally And People Like Ms. Heyer.” According to CNN, “Sen. Lindsey Graham, a strong critic of Trump, took a hard stance on Wednesday against Trump’s remarks at the news conference: ‘Through his statements yesterday, President Trump took a step backward by again suggesting there is moral equivalency between the white supremacist neo-Nazis and KKK members who attended the Charlottesville rally and people like Ms. Heyer. I, along with many others, do not endorse this moral equivalency,’ Graham said in a statement.” [CNN, [8/16/17](#)]

Sen. John McCain: “There’s no moral equivalency between racists & Americans standing up to defy hate& bigotry. The President of the United States should say so” [John McCain, Twitter, [8/15/17](#)]

Sen. Marco Rubio: “Mr. President, you can't allow #WhiteSupremacists to share only part of blame. They support idea which cost nation & world so much pain 5/6” [Marco Rubio, Twitter, [8/15/17](#)]

Sen. Jerry Moran: “White supremacy, bigotry & racism have absolutely no place in our society & no one - especially POTUS - should ever tolerate it. Full STMT:” [Jerry Moran, Twitter, [8/15/17](#)]

Rep. Ed Royce: “The President needs to clearly and categorically reject white supremacists. No excuses. No ambiguity.” [Ed Royce, Twitter, [8/15/17](#)]

Rep. Leonard Lance: “Mr. President, there is only one side: **AGAINST** white supremacists, neo-Nazis, anti-Semites & the KKK. They have no place in America or GOP.” [Leonard Lance, Twitter, [8/15/17](#)]

Jeb Bush: “I urge @POTUS to unite the country, not parse the assignment of blame for the events in Charlottesville. 2/3” [Jeb Bush, Twitter, [8/15/17](#)]

Rep. Will Hurd Called On Trump To Apologize. According to a tweet from CNN, “GOP Rep. Will Hurd to President Trump: ‘Apologize ... Racism, bigotry, anti-Semitism of any form is unacceptable’” [CNN, Twitter, [8/15/17](#)]

Sen. Corey Gardner: “The President Was Wrong.” According to Fox 31 Denver, “Gardner used a derogatory word to call out the neo-Nazis in Charlottesville, Virginia over the weekend, but did not agree with many in the crowd wanting him to ask President Donald Trump to fire some staffers with loose connections to the groups. ‘The president was wrong,’ Gardner said when asked about Trump's recent comments blaming the left for the Virginia violence.” [Fox 31 Denver, [8/15/17](#)]

Gov. John Kasich Called Trump's Press Conference “Pathetic.” According to NBC News, “Ohio Gov. John Kasich on Wednesday called Trump's decision to ‘draw some kind of equivalency’ between the white nationalists and counter-protesters ‘pathetic.’ ‘Just pathetic, isn't it?’ Kasich told TODAY. ‘This is terrible. The president of the United States needs to condemn these kinds of hate groups,’ added Kasich, who ran against Trump in the Republican presidential primary. ‘The president has to totally condemn this. It's not about winning an argument.’” [NBC News, [8/16/17](#)]

Rep. Charlie Dent: “@POTUS must stop the moral equivalency! AGAIN, white supremacists were to blame for the violence in #Charlottesville.” [Charlie Dent, Twitter, [8/15/17](#)]

FOUR OF TRUMP'S JOINT CHIEFS SPOKE AGAINST RACISM AND INTOLERANCE FOLLOWING TRUMP'S PRESS CONFERENCE

General Mark A. Milley: “The Army doesn't tolerate racism, extremism, or hatred in our ranks. It's against our Values and everything we've stood for since 1775.” [General Mark A. Milley, Twitter, [8/16/17](#)]

General Robert B. Neller: “No place for racial hatred or extremism in @USMC. Our core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment frame the way Marines live and act.” [General Robert B. Neller, Twitter, [8/15/17](#)]

General Dave Goldfein: “I stand with my fellow service chiefs in saying that we're always stronger together. It's who we are as Airmen. Integrity, service and excellence...that's what America's Air Force is about.” [General Dave Goldfein, Twitter, [8/16/17](#)]

When Asked About Far-Right Extremist Groups Wearing Clothing Affiliated With Military Service, Defense Secretary James Mattis Said He Was Saddened. According to the Hill, “When asked about Charlottesville and far-right extremist groups wearing clothing affiliated with the military services, Defense Secretary James Mattis told reporters Monday that ‘in America, we can dress as we wish, I would just tell you I was saddened by it. Very saddened by what I saw.’” [The Hill, [8/16/17](#)]

MEMBERS OF TRUMP'S BUSINESS AND MANUFACTURING COUNCILS STEPPED DOWN FOLLOWING TRUMP'S RESPONSE TO CHARLOTTESVILLE

CEOs Resigned From Trump's Manufacturing Council, Including The CEOs Of 3M, Merck, Under Armour, And Intel. According to the New York Times, "Later this afternoon, executives from the president's manufacturing council are expected to have a similar call. Inge Thulin, the chief executive of 3M, said in a statement Wednesday that he would resign from the manufacturing council, joining a wave of defections since Monday, including the C.E.O.s of Merck, Under Armour and Intel." [New York Times, [8/16/17](#)]

Trump's Council Of Corporate Leaders Considered Disbanding Following Trump's Press Conference Defending White Nationalists. According to the New York Times, "President Trump's main council of top corporate leaders appeared on the verge of disbanding on Wednesday, said people briefed on the matter, following controversial remarks from Mr. Trump on Tuesday when he equated white nationalist hate groups with the protesters opposing them. Late Wednesday morning, Stephen A. Schwarzman, the chief executive of the Blackstone Group and one of Mr. Trump's closest confidants in the business community, organized a conference call for members of the president's Strategic and Policy Forum. On the call, the chief executives of some of the largest companies in the country were debating how to proceed. One option under serious consideration was disbanding the forum altogether. If the forum does survive, several C.E.O.s were expected to resign from it." [New York Times, [8/16/17](#)]

TRUMP WHITE HOUSE ESPOUSES ANTI-SEMITISM

Trump Administration Did Not Fill The US Anti-Semitism Envoy's Office

Trump Administration Did Not Fill The Office Of The U.S. Special Envoy To Monitor And Combat Anti-Semitism. According to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "The Trump administration will leave empty the office of the U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, according to a former State Department official. President Donald Trump has yet to fill the envoy post, which is traditionally responsible for keeping tabs on global anti-Semitism and advising other countries in fighting it. The position is one of dozens Trump has not filled across the State Department and the executive branch, according to a March report by The New York Times." [Jewish Telegraphic Agency, [4/13/17](#)]

Trump's International Holocaust Remembrance Day Statement Omitted Mention Of "Jews" or "Anti-Semitism"

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY DID NOT MENTION JEWS OR ANTI-SEMITISM

A Statement From Trump On International Holocaust Remembrance Day Did Not Mention Jews Or Anti-Semitism, A Departure From Bipartisan Precedent. According to the Washington Post, "A statement from President Trump marking International Holocaust Remembrance Day omitted any mention of Jews or anti-Semitism, a departure from recent bipartisan precedent set by previous presidents. The statement calls for remembrance of 'victims, survivors, heroes,' but nowhere does it mention the millions of Jewish people killed during the Holocaust, nor does it mention the ideology of anti-Semitism that led to the killings." [Washington Post, [1/27/17](#)]

TRUMP AIDES DEFENDED THE OMISSION

Priebus Said He Didn't Regret The Words. According to the Washington Post, "In a statement on Friday, President Trump broke with the bipartisan practice of past presidents by failing to include any mention of the anti-Semitic views that fueled the Holocaust and left 6 million Jews and millions of others dead. 'I don't regret the words,' said White House chief of staff Reince Priebus when asked to defend the statement on NBC News' 'Meet the Press' on Sunday. 'Everyone's suffering [in] the Holocaust including obviously all of the Jewish people affected and miserable genocide that occurs — it's something that we consider to be extraordinarily sad,' Priebus added." [Washington Post, [1/27/17](#)]

Priebus: "You Know That President Trump Has Dear Family Members That Are Jewish And There Was No Harm Or Ill Will Or Offense Intended By Any Of That." According to the Washington Post, "But Priebus noted that Trump's

son-in-law Jared Kushner, who is also a senior adviser in the White House, is Jewish. Trump's daughter Ivanka converted to Judaism before the two married. 'You know that President Trump has dear family members that are Jewish and there was no harm or ill will or offense intended by any of that,' Priebus added." [Washington Post, [1/27/17](#)]

Hope Hicks: "Despite What The Media Reports, We Are An Incredibly Inclusive Group And We Took Into Account All Of Those Who Suffered." According to CNN, "The White House statement on International Holocaust Remembrance Day didn't mention Jews or anti-Semitism because 'despite what the media reports, we are an incredibly inclusive group and we took into account all of those who suffered,' administration spokeswoman Hope Hicks told CNN on Saturday. Hicks provided a link to a Huffington Post UK story noting that while 6 million Jews were killed by the Nazis, 5 million others were also slaughtered during Adolf Hitler's genocide, including 'priests, gypsies, people with mental or physical disabilities, communists, trade unionists, Jehovah's Witnesses, anarchists, Poles and other Slavic peoples, and resistance fighters.'" [CNN, [2/2/17](#)]

Spicer Called The Outcry Over The Omission "Nitpicking" And "Pathetic." According to the Washington Post, "Officials said the omission was intentional, and Spicer said that Trump's record of defending Israel speaks for his allegiance to the Jewish people. 'It is pathetic that people are picking on his statement,' Spicer said. 'I mean, the idea that you're nitpicking a statement that sought to remember this tragic event that occurred, and the people who died in it, is just ridiculous. 'I think he acknowledged the suffering that existed and wants to make sure that it's enshrined in the American people's memory, so that something like this never ever happens again,' he added.'" [Washington Post, [1/30/17](#)]

Spicer Said The Statement Was Written "With The Help Of An Individual Who's Both Jewish And The Descendant Of Holocaust Survivors." According to the Washington Post, "Others have questioned whether the White House sought the input of Trump's son-in-law and senior aide Jared Kushner in the crafting of the statement. Spicer said on Monday that the statement was crafted 'with the help of an individual who's both Jewish and the descendant of Holocaust survivors.' Asked whether he was referring to Kushner, whose grandparents were Holocaust survivors, Spicer said he was 'not getting into who wrote it.'" [Washington Post, [1/30/17](#)]

Trump Downplayed Rise In Attacks On Jewish Community Centers

TRUMP REPORTEDLY SAID SOME ANTI-SEMITIC BOMB THREATS AND ATTACKS WERE DONE TO MAKE "PEOPLE LOOK BAD"

Trump Reportedly Said That Some Anti-Semitic Attacks Were The "Reverse" To Make People Look Bad. According to BuzzFeed News, "Asked about the recent wave of anti-Semitic attacks and threats across the nation, President Trump on Tuesday told a group of state attorneys general that 'sometimes it's the reverse,' Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro said of Trump's comments in his and other officials' meeting with the president. 'He just said, 'Sometimes it's the reverse, to make people — or to make others — look bad,' and he used the word 'reverse' I would say two to three times in his comments,' Shapiro said. 'He did correctly say at the top that it was reprehensible.'" [Buzzfeed News, [2/28/17](#)]

Trump's Appointee For The White House Office Of Public Liaison And Intergovernmental Affairs Suggested That Democrats Could Be Behind The Bomb Threats To Jewish Community Centers. According to a tweet from Anthony Scaramucci, "It's not yet clear who the #JCC offenders are. Don't forget @TheDemocrats effort to incite violence at Trump rallies" [Anthony Scaramucci, Twitter, [2/28/17](#)]

TRUMP SAID THAT THE RISE IN ANTI-SEMITIC ATTACKS WERE COMING FROM HIS OPPONENTS

Trump: "They'll Do Signs And Drawing That Are Inappropriate. It Won't Be My People. It Will Be People On The Other Side To Anger People Like You." According to the Hill, "Trump fired back that the rise in anti-Semitic attacks is coming from his political opponents. 'This has to do with racism and horrible things being put up. Some of it, written by our opponents,' Trump said. 'Do you know that? Do you understand that? You don't think anybody would do a thing like that. Some of the signs you'll see are not put up by the people that love or like Donald Trump, they're put up by the other side and you think it's like playing it straight? No. But you have some of the signs and some of that anger caused by the other side.'

They'll do signs and drawing that are inappropriate. It won't be my people. It will be people on the other side to anger people like you.” [The Hill, [2/16/17](#)]

Trump Compared US Intelligence Leaks To Nazi Germany

TRUMP COMPARED LEAKING INTELLIGENCE REPORTS TO NAZI GERMANY

Trump: “Intelligence agencies should never have allowed this fake news to ‘leak’ into the public. One last shot at me. Are we living in Nazi Germany?” [Donald J. Trump Twitter, [1/11/17](#)]

White House Press Office Made Series Of Inaccurate And Offensive Statements About Hitler

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY SEAN SPICER SAID “SOMEONE AS DESPICABLE AS HITLER” DID NOT “SINK TO USING CHEMICAL WEAPONS”

Spicer Said “Someone As Despicable As Hitler Who Didn’t Even Sink To Using Chemical Weapons” To Suggest Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad Was Guilty Of Acts Worse Than Hitler. According to The New York Times, “The White House press secretary, Sean Spicer, set off an intense backlash on Tuesday when he suggested that President Bashar al-Assad of Syria was guilty of acts worse than Hitler and asserted that Hitler had not used chemical weapons, ignoring the use of gas chambers at concentration camps during the Holocaust. Mr. Spicer later apologized. During his daily briefing for reporters, Mr. Spicer was defending President Trump’s decision to order a missile strike on Syria by trying to lend gravity to the actions of Mr. Assad. American officials accuse the Syrian president of using sarin gas, a lethal chemical weapon, in an attack on a rebel-held area of Idlib Province last week that killed dozens, many of them children. But in misconstruing the facts of the Holocaust — Nazi Germany’s brutally efficient, carefully orchestrated extermination of six million Jews and others — Mr. Spicer instead drew a torrent of criticism and added to the perception that the Trump White House lacks sensitivity and has a tenuous grasp of history. ‘We didn’t use chemical weapons in World War II,’ Mr. Spicer said. ‘You know, you had someone as despicable as Hitler who didn’t even sink to using chemical weapons.’” [New York Times, [4/11/17](#)]

Spicer Said Hitler Used Gas At “Holocaust Centers” But Did Not Use Sarin Gas “On His Own People The Same Way That Assad Is Doing.” According to The New York Times, “Asked to clarify his remarks, Mr. Spicer then acknowledged that Hitler had used chemical agents, but maintained that there was a difference. ‘I think when you come to sarin gas, he was not using the gas on his own people the same way that Assad is doing,’ Mr. Spicer said, incorrectly, before mentioning ‘Holocaust centers,’ an apparent reference to Nazi death camps.” [New York Times, [4/11/17](#)]

- **Emory Holocaust Historian Deborah Lipstadt: Spicer’s Comments Were Historically Wrong And “At Best, Not Thought Out,” And At Worst Showed “Latent Anti-Semitism.”** According to The New York Times, “Mr. Spicer’s explanation drew gasps from reporters in the briefing room. The remarks almost immediately elicited outrage on social media and correctives from scholars of the Holocaust. ‘Historically, it’s just wrong,’ said Deborah Lipstadt, a leading historian of the Holocaust and a professor at Emory University in Atlanta. Mr. Spicer ‘should not be making comparisons,’ Dr. Lipstadt said. ‘It’s, at the best, not thought out, and at the worst, shows a latent anti-Semitism.’” [New York Times, [4/11/17](#)]

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION POLICIES PROTECT WHITE SUPREMACISTS’ INTERESTS

Trump Transition Team Shifted Grant Money From Anti-White Supremacy Organization Life After Hate

OBAMA’S DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTED THE “LIFE AFTER HATE” PROGRAM \$400,000 SHORTLY BEFORE TRANSITIONING OUT OF OFFICE

In The Final Days Of The Obama Administration, The Department of Homeland Security Awarded Life After Hate \$400,000 As Part Of Its Countering Violent Extremism Program. According to the Huffington Post, “The Department of Homeland Security had awarded the group \$400,000 as part of its Countering Violent Extremism program in January, just days before former President Barack Obama left office. It was the only group selected for a grant that focused exclusively on fighting white supremacy. But the grant money was not immediately disbursed [to Life After Hate].” [Huffington Post, [8/15/17](#)]

Life After Hate Was The Only Group Focused Exclusively On Fighting White Supremacy That Was Selected For A Countering Violent Extremism Program Grant. According to the Huffington Post, “The Department of Homeland Security had awarded the group \$400,000 as part of its Countering Violent Extremism program in January, just days before former President Barack Obama left office. It was the only group selected for a grant that focused exclusively on fighting white supremacy. But the grant money was not immediately disbursed [to Life After Hate].” [Huffington Post, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump Aide Katharine Gorka Told The Head Of The Countering Violent Extremism Program That She Disagreed With The Obama Administration’s Approach To Countering Violent Extremism And The Way The Administration Described The Threat Of Extremism. According to the Huffington Post, “Trump aides, including Katharine Gorka, a controversial national security analyst known for her anti-Muslim rhetoric, were already working toward eliminating Life After Hate’s grant and to direct all funding toward fighting what the president has described as ‘radical Islamic terrorism.’ [...] In December, [Katharine] Gorka, then a member of Trump’s transition team, met with George Selim, the DHS official who headed the Countering Violent Extremism program until he resigned last month, and his then-deputy, David Gersten. Gorka told Selim and Gersten she didn’t agree with the Obama administration’s approach to countering violent extremism — particularly the way the administration had described the threat of extremism, according to Nate Snyder, an Obama administration DHS counterterrorism official who was an adviser on Countering Violent Extremism efforts and was given a readout of the meeting. The Trump administration has repeatedly criticized the previous administration for avoiding terms like ‘radical Islam’ out of concern that it could alienate Muslims in the U.S. and abroad.” [Huffington Post, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump’s Department Of Homeland Security Shifted Funding From Programs To Counter Violent Extremism

DHS SECRETARY JOHN KELLY ANNOUNCED FUNDS FOR COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM PROGRAMS WOULD GO TO OTHER GROUPS

January 2017: DHS Secretary John Kelly Ordered A Full Review Of The Countering Violent Extremism Program And Re-Vetting Of Groups Receiving Funding, Even Though DHS Already Publicly Announced Grant Recipients And Funding Was Already Appropriated By Congress. According to the Huffington Post, “Once Trump entered the White House in January, the office of then-DHS Secretary John Kelly ordered a full review of the Countering Violent Extremism program. Kelly’s office wanted to re-vet the groups receiving a portion of the \$10 million Congress had appropriated for the program — even though DHS had already publicly announced the grant recipients.” [Huffington Post, [8/15/17](#)]

June 2017: DHS Published A New List Of Award Recipients And Said It Was Now Prioritizing Organizations That Worked With Law Enforcement And Money Designated For Community-Based Groups Would Instead Go To Several Law Enforcement Agencies. According to the Huffington Post, “But when DHS published a new list of award recipients on June 23, there was no mention of Life After Hate. [...] After publishing its new list of grantees, DHS told Muslim Public Affairs Council that it was now prioritizing organizations that worked with law enforcement. The money that was initially set aside for community-based groups like Muslim Public Affairs Council and Life After Hate will now go to several law enforcement agencies.” [Huffington Post, [8/15/17](#)]

Trump's Department Of Justice Reversed "Smart On Crime" Initiative To Reduce Sentences For Low-Level Drug Offenses

ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS ORDERED FEDERAL PROSECUTORS TO PURSUE THE MOST AGGRESSIVE CHARGES AVAILABLE TO OBTAIN THE STRICTEST PUNISHMENTS

Attorney General Jeff Sessions Issued A Memo Ordering Federal Prosecutors To "Charge And Pursue The Most Serious, Readily Provable Offense." According to NPR, "In a memo to staff, Attorney General Jeff Sessions has ordered federal prosecutors to 'charge and pursue the most serious, readily provable offense' — a move that marks a significant reversal of Obama-era policies on low-level drug crimes. The two-page memo, which was publicly released Friday, lays out a policy of strict enforcement that rolls back the comparatively lenient stance established by one of his predecessors under President Obama, Eric Holder." [NPR, [5/12/17](#)]

- **Memo: "By Definition, The Most Serious Offenses Are Those That Carry The Most Substantial Guidelines Sentence, Including Mandatory Minimum Sentences."** According to a memo by the Department of Justice, "First, it is a core principle that prosecutors should charge and pursue the most serious, readily provable offense. This policy affirms our responsibility to enforce the law, is moral and just, and produces consistency. This policy fully utilizes the tools Congress has given us. By definition, the most serious offenses are those that carry the most substantial guidelines sentence, including mandatory minimum sentences. [...] Any inconsistent previous policy of the Department of Justice relating to these matters is rescinded, effective today." [Department of Justice, [5/10/17](#)]

SESSIONS' ORDER WAS A SHIFT AWAY FROM THE OBAMA-ERA "SMART ON CRIME" INITIATIVE THAT REDUCED SENTENCES FOR LOW-LEVEL DRUG OFFENSES

2013: Attorney General Eric Holder Introduced The "Smart On Crime" Initiative "To Reduce Draconian Mandatory Minimum Sentencing For Low-Level Drug Offenses And Encourage More Investment In Rehabilitation Programs To Tackle Recidivism." According to an opinion by former Attorney General Eric Holder in the New York Times, "Three years ago, as attorney general, I established the Smart on Crime initiative to reduce draconian mandatory minimum sentencing for low-level drug offenses and encourage more investment in rehabilitation programs to tackle recidivism. Over the last two years, federal prosecutors went from seeking a mandatory minimum penalty for drug trafficking in two-thirds of cases to doing so in less than half of them — the lowest rate on record. The initiative may not be solely responsible, but 2014 saw the first consecutive drop in the federal prison population in more than three decades, coinciding with a falling crime rate." [Eric Holder – New York Times, [8/14/16](#)]

The Initiative Worked By Allowing Prosecutors To Forgo Including Drug Quantities In Charging Documents To Avoid Triggering Long Sentences. According to The Associated Press, "The directive rescinds guidance by Sessions' Democratic predecessor, Eric Holder, who told prosecutors they could in some cases leave drug quantities out of charging documents so as not to trigger long sentences. Holder's 2013 initiative, known as 'Smart on Crime,' was aimed at encouraging shorter sentences for nonviolent drug offenders and preserving Justice Department resources for more serious and violent criminals." [Associated Press, [5/12/17](#)]

- **Washington Post: "Large Quantities Of Drugs Typically Forced Judges To Impose Stiff Sentences — 10 Years For A Kilogram Of Heroin, Five Kilograms Of Cocaine Or 1,000 Kilograms Of Marijuana."** According to The Washington Post, "The new policy revokes Holder's previous guidance to prosecutors to not specify the quantity of drugs in the charges they brought to avoid triggering mandatory minimum sentences — provided the defendant did not have a significant criminal history, was not violent, or was not a leader of an organization or tied to a gang. That was particularly significant, because large quantities of drugs typically forced judges to impose stiff sentences — 10 years for a kilogram of heroin, five kilograms of cocaine or 1,000 kilograms of marijuana." [Washington Post, [5/12/17](#)]

The Initiative Allowed Lesser Sentences For Defendants Who Met Certain Criteria, Such As Not Belonging To A Larger Drug-Trafficking Organization. According to The Washington Post, “The Holder memo, issued in August 2013, instructed his prosecutors to avoid charging certain defendants with drug offenses that would trigger long mandatory minimum sentences. Defendants who met a set of criteria such as not belonging to a large-scale drug trafficking organization, gang or cartel, qualified for lesser charges — and in turn less prison time — under Holder’s policy.” [Washington Post, [5/12/17](#)]

- **Human Rights Watch: A Defendant In A Multi-Member Drug Conspiracy Who Had Only A Minor Role And Personally Distributed Only A Small Amount Of Drugs Or None At All Could Be Sentenced Based On The Amount Of Drugs Handled By All The Co-Conspirators.** According to Human Rights Watch, “An addict who sells drugs to support his habit can get a 10-year sentence. Someone hired to drive a box of drugs across town looks at the same minimum sentence as a major trafficker caught with the box. A defendant involved in a multi-member drug conspiracy can face a sentence based on the amount of drugs handled by all the co-conspirators, even if the defendant had only a minor role and personally distributed only a small amount of drugs or none at all.” [Human Rights Watch, [12/5/13](#)]

THE INITIATIVE LED TO A SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED PRISON POPULATION AND A HUGE DROP IN MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES APPLIED TO DRUG-RELATED OFFENSES

The “Smart On Crime” Initiative, Combined With Expanded Opportunities For Early Prison Release And Increased Clemency, Helped Bring The U.S. Prison Population Down By 30,000 Inmates Over Four Years.

According to The Associated Press, “Holder’s 2013 initiative, known as ‘Smart on Crime,’ was aimed at encouraging shorter sentences for nonviolent drug offenders and preserving Justice Department resources for more serious and violent criminals. [...] The Obama policy shift coincided with U.S. Sentencing Commission changes that made tens of thousands of federal drug prisoners eligible for early release, and an Obama administration clemency initiative that freed convicts deemed deserving of a second chance. Combined, those changes led to a steep decline in a federal prison population that now stands at just under 190,000, down from nearly 220,000 in 2013. Nearly half of those inmates are in custody for drug crimes, records show.” [Associated Press, [5/12/17](#)]

The Federal Prison Population Increased Significantly Under Every President Since 1981 Except Obama. According to the Pew Research Center, “President Barack Obama is on pace to leave the White House with a smaller federal prison population than when he took office – a distinction no president since Jimmy Carter has had, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of data from the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The number of sentenced prisoners in federal custody fell 5% (or 7,981 inmates) between the end of 2009, Obama’s first year in office, and 2015, the most recent year for which BJS has final, end-of-year statistics. Preliminary figures for 2016 show the decline continued during Obama’s last full year in office and that the overall reduction during his tenure will likely exceed 5%. By contrast, the federal prison population increased significantly under every other president since 1981.” [Pew Research Center, [1/5/17](#)]

By The Second Year Of The Initiative, Less Than Half Of All Drug Cases Involved Charges Carrying A Mandatory Minimum. According to the Department of Justice, “As part of the department’s Smart on Crime Initiative – announced in August 2013 – federal prosecutors were instructed to ensure the department’s finite resources are devoted to the most important law enforcement priorities implicating substantial federal interests and to promote fair enforcement of our laws, especially for low-level, non-violent drug offender. [...] Federal prosecutors are charging mandatory minimums significantly less frequently. In FY 2012, 38.5 percent of all drug cases had no mandatory minimum, whereas post-Smart on Crime, that number rose to 48.7 percent in FY2014 – the first full year that Smart on Crime was implemented – and then up again to 53.1 percent in FY2015 – meaning less than half of all drug cases involved charges carrying a mandatory minimum.” [Department of Justice, [3/21/16](#)]

REPUBLICAN SENATOR RAND PAUL COMPARED SESSIONS’ POLICY CHANGE TO JIM CROW LAWS

Republican Senator Rand Paul: “Mandatory Minimum Sentences Have Unfairly And Disproportionately Incarcerated Too Many Minorities For Too Long [...] Attorney General Sessions’ New Policy Will Accentuate That

Injustice.” According to Reason, “Sessions' policy change drew rebukes from some Republicans in Congress who support criminal justice reform. ‘Mandatory minimum sentences have unfairly and disproportionately incarcerated too many minorities for too long,’ Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) said in a statement. ‘Attorney General Sessions' new policy will accentuate that injustice. Instead, we should treat our nation's drug epidemic as a health crisis and less as a ‘lock ‘em up and throw away the key’ problem.” [Reason, [5/12/17](#)]

- **Paul: Sessions’ Policies Are Reminiscent Of Jim Crow With One In Three African-American Males Forbidden By Law From Voting.** According to an opinion by Senator Rand Paul for CNN, “And make no mistake, the lives of many drug offenders are ruined the day they receive that long sentence the attorney general wants them to have. If I told you that one out of three African-American males is forbidden by law from voting, you might think I was talking about Jim Crow 50 years ago. Yet today, a third of African-American males are still prevented from voting, primarily because of the War on Drugs. The War on Drugs has disproportionately affected young black males. The ACLU reports that blacks are four to five times likelier to be convicted for drug possession, although surveys indicate that blacks and whites use drugs at similar rates.” [Rand Paul – CNN, [5/15/17](#)]

Trump’s Budget Proposal Cut Entities Dedicated To Fighting Discrimination

TRUMP BUDGET CUT THE LABOR DEPARTMENT DIVISION IN CHARGE OF POLICING DISCRIMINATION AMONG FEDERAL CONTRACTORS

Trump’s Budget Proposal Cut The Office Of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, The Labor Department Division In Charge Of Policing Discrimination Among Federal Contractors. According to The Washington Post, “The Trump administration is planning to disband the Labor Department division that has policed discrimination among federal contractors for four decades, according to the White House’s newly proposed budget, part of wider efforts to rein in government programs that promote civil rights. As outlined in Labor’s fiscal 2018 plan, the move would fold the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, now home to 600 employees, into another government agency in the name of cost-cutting. The proposal to dismantle the compliance office comes at a time when the Trump administration is reducing the role of the federal government in fighting discrimination and protecting minorities by cutting budgets, dissolving programs and appointing officials unsympathetic to previous practices.” [Washington Post, [5/29/17](#)]

- **The Compliance Office Would Be Moved Under The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, An Agency With A Fundamentally Different Mission.** According to The Washington Post, “Labor’s budget proposal says that folding its compliance office into the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ‘will reduce operational redundancies, promote efficiencies, improve services to citizens, and strengthen civil rights enforcement.’ Historically, the two entities have played very different roles. Unlike the EEOC, which investigates complaints it receives, the compliance office audits contractors in a more systematic fashion and verifies that they ‘take affirmative action’ to promote equal opportunity among their employees.” [Washington Post, [5/29/17](#)]

The Compliance Office Recently Won A \$1.7 Million Settlement From A Data-Mining Companies Found To Be Discriminating Against Asians. According to The Washington Post, “Under Obama, officials in the compliance office often conducted full-scale audits of companies, examining their practices in multiple locations, rather than carrying out shorter, more limited reviews as previous administrations had done. Some companies have questioned the more aggressive approach, noting the office has consistently found since 2004 that 98 percent of federal contractors comply with the law. But the compliance office also scored some major recent legal victories, including a \$1.7 million settlement with Palantir Technologies over allegations that the data-mining company’s hiring practices discriminated against Asians. In a case involving Gordon Food Service, which serves the Agriculture Department, the Pentagon and the Federal Bureau of Prisons, the office found the company had ‘systematically eliminated qualified women from the hiring process.’ The firm agreed to pay \$1.85 million in wages to 926 women who had applied for jobs and hire 37 of them. Gordon Food was also forced to no longer require women to take a strength test.” [Washington Post, [5/29/17](#)]

TRUMP’S BUDGET PROPOSED CUTS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT’S OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS, WHICH INVESTIGATES COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION IN THE NATION’S SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Trump's Budget Proposal Made Cuts To The Education Department's Office Of Civil Rights, Which Investigates Complaints Of Discrimination In The Nation's School Districts. According to The Washington Post, "Under President Trump's proposed budget, the Education Department's Office of Civil Rights — which has investigated thousands of complaints of discrimination in school districts across the country and set new standards for how colleges should respond to allegations of sexual assault and harassment — would also see significant staffing cuts. Administration officials acknowledge in budget documents that the civil rights office will have to scale back the number of investigations it conducts and limit travel to school districts to carry out its work." [Washington Post, [5/29/17](#)]

- **The Cuts Would Result In More Than 40 Fewer Employees Amid Increasing Workloads.** According to The Washington Post, "In Education Department budget documents, the administration acknowledges that proposed funding levels would hamper the work of that department's civil rights office. The budget would reduce staffing by more than 40 employees. 'To address steady increases in the number of complaints received and decreased staffing levels, OCR must make difficult choices,' the budget documents say. 'OCR's enforcement staff will be limited in conducting onsite investigations and monitoring, and OCR's ability to achieve greater coordination and communication regarding core activities will be greatly diminished.'" [Washington Post, [5/29/17](#)]

TRUMP'S BUDGET PROPOSED TO EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATE THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Trump's Budget Proposed To Effectively Eliminate The Office Of Environmental Justice And The \$2 Million It Takes To Operate It. According to ProPublica, "Given how President Donald Trump has taken aim at the Environmental Protection Agency with regulatory rollbacks and deep proposed budget cuts, it may come as no surprise that the Office of Environmental Justice is on the chopping block. [...] Trump's budget proposal would effectively eliminate the office and the \$2 million it takes to operate it. An EPA spokesperson suggested in a statement that the agency doesn't need a special arm devoted to environmental justice to continue this work." [ProPublica, [7/24/17](#)]

- **An EPA Spokesperson Suggested That The Agency Did Not Need A Special Arm Devoted To Environmental Justice, Saying It Would "Work Within The Agency To Evaluate New Ideas To Properly Address Environmental Justice Issues On An Agency-Wide Basis."** According to ProPublica, "Trump's budget proposal would effectively eliminate the office and the \$2 million it takes to operate it. An EPA spokesperson suggested in a statement that the agency doesn't need a special arm devoted to environmental justice to continue this work. 'Environmental justice is an important role for all our program offices, in addition to being a requirement in all rules EPA issues,' the statement said. 'We will work with Congress to help develop and implement programs and continue to work within the Agency to evaluate new ideas to properly address environmental justice issues on an agency-wide basis.'" [ProPublica, [7/24/17](#)]

TRUMP'S BUDGET PROPOSAL ELIMINATED THE MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, MAKING IT HARDER FOR ASPIRING MINORITY ENTREPRENEURS TO REACH THEIR DREAMS

Trump's Commerce Department Budget Proposed Eliminating The Minority Business Development Agency. According to the Department of Commerce FY 2018 Budget in Brief, "In FY 2018, the Administration proposes to eliminate the Minority Business Development Agency, which is duplicative of other Federal, State, local, and private sector efforts that promote minority business entrepreneurship including Small Business Administration District Offices and Small Business Development Centers." [Department of Commerce Budget in Brief, Fiscal Year [2018](#)]

The Minority Business Development Agency Has Been "The Only Federal Agency Established Solely To Create Jobs Through The Growth And Global Competitiveness Of Minority-Owned Businesses." According to the Department of Commerce, "The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is the only federal agency established solely to create jobs through the growth and global competitiveness of minority-owned businesses in the United States. MBDA coordinates and leverages public and private sector resources to provide access to capital, contracts and markets." [Department of Commerce, accessed [3/20/17](#)]

The Minority Business Development Agency Has Helped Grow Minority Businesses For Nearly 50 Years. According to the Minority Business Development Agency, “The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) was originally established as the Office of Minority Business Enterprise by President Richard M. Nixon on March 5, 1969. By establishing a federal agency dedicated exclusively to minority business enterprise, President Nixon recognized the impact of minority businesses on the nation’s economy and on the general welfare of the country.” [Minority Business Development Agency, accessed [3/16/17](#)]

Trump’s Education Department Discontinued “Opening Doors, Expanding Opportunities” Diversity Grants, A Move That Could lead To Greater School Segregation

Trump’s Education Department Discontinued The “Opening Doors, Expanding Opportunities” Diversity Grants. According to The Washington Post, “President Trump’s Education Department has decided to nix an Obama-era grant program meant to help local districts devise ways to boost socioeconomic diversity within their schools, a program that some advocates considered a barometer of the new administration’s commitment to integrated classrooms. An Education Department official said the \$12 million grant program was discontinued because it would not be a wise use of tax dollars, in part because the money was to be used for planning, not implementation. [...] The diversity grants, called ‘Opening Doors, Expanding Opportunities,’ were announced in December by then-Education Secretary John B. King Jr., who used his yearlong tenure at the helm of the agency to bring new attention to the advantages of integrated schools.” [Washington Post, [3/29/17](#)]

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- **Grants Could Also Be Used To Promote Racial And Ethnic Diversity.** According to the National Coalition on School Diversity, “In December 2016, Secretary King announced the new Opening Doors, Expanding Opportunities grant competition. [...] In addition to using socioeconomic status grantees can promote student diversity through other avenues, such as considering factors like students’ race and ethnicity.” [National Coalition on School Diversity, [1/17/17](#)]

WHILE THE GRANTS REQUIRED NO NEW SPENDING, TRUMP ALLOCATED NEARLY A HALF BILLION TO CREATE MORE-SEGREGATED PRIVATE & CHARTER SCHOOLS

The Grant Money Used Already Authorized Funds Set Aside For Improving Student Achievement In The Lowest-Performing Schools, So The Program Would Not Have Required Any New Spending. According to The Washington Post, “The money came from funds set aside for improving student achievement at the nation’s lowest-performing schools. The dollars were authorized during fiscal 2016, and so moving forward with the program would not have required new spending by the department, which faces \$9 billion in cuts under Trump’s proposed budget. It is not clear how or whether the Education Department intends to spend the money now; if it hasn’t been spent by the end of September, it will be returned to the general treasury. Tanya Clay House, a former Education Department official who played a key role in designing the grant program, said the decision to do away with the program feels like a ‘slap in the face.’ The money is there, she said. ‘Why not allow the districts to use it?’” [Washington Post, [3/29/17](#)]

- **More Than Two Dozen School Districts Had Signaled That They Intended To Apply For The Grants Just Two Months Earlier.** According to The Washington Post, “In January, 26 school districts from throughout the country said they intended to apply for the grants, which — according to a Federal Register notice — were designed to help local officials boost student achievement by devising blueprints for ‘innovative, effective, ambitious, comprehensive, and locally driven strategies to increase socioeconomic diversity in schools.’” [Washington Post, [3/29/17](#)]

Trump's Budget Proposal Called For A New Quarter Billion Dollars For A School Choice Program Boosting Private Schools, Where Students Often Learned With Classmates Who Were Disproportionately Of The Same Race.

According to The Atlantic, "Trump's budget plan represents a clear statement of his priorities. It calls for a new \$250 million private-school-choice program and a \$168 million increase in charter-school funding. [...] The research on vouchers and segregation is mixed: Though students often use them to leave segregated public schools, many end up at private schools where their classmates are disproportionately the same race as them—as was the case with Louisiana's voucher program." [The Atlantic, [3/20/17](#)]

- **Southern Education Foundation: "The Percentage Of Students Attending Private Schools With At Least 90 Percent White Enrollment Exceeded The Percentage Of Public School Students In The Same Type Of Schools In 43 Of The 50 States."** According to the Southern Education Foundation, "In 2012, white students were much more likely to attend virtually segregated schools if they attended private schools instead of public schools. The percentage of students attending private schools with at least 90 percent white enrollment exceeded the percentage of public school students in the same type of schools in 43 of the 50 states." [Southern Education Foundation, [March 2016](#)]
- **In Just Under Half The States, A Majority Of Private Schools' White Students Were Attending Virtually Segregated Schools, Whereas Only Nine States Had Such High Levels Of Segregated Public Schooling.** According to the Southern Education Foundation, "In 24 states across the country, a majority of the private schools' white students were attending virtually segregated schools. Such high levels of segregated schooling included public schools in only nine states. The differences in virtual segregation for white students between private and public schools were substantial. In 28 states, the percentage of white students attending virtually segregated private schools exceeded the percentage in public schools by more than 15 percentage points. In 12 states, the percentage of white students in virtually segregated private schools were at least 25 points higher than the percentage of white students in segregated public schools (See Appendix 8 for complete 50-state ranking.)." [Southern Education Foundation, [March 2016](#)]

Trump's Budget Called For A \$168 Million Increase In Funding For Charter Schools, Which Were More Racially Isolated Than Public Schools. According to The Atlantic, "Trump's budget plan represents a clear statement of his priorities. It calls for a new \$250 million private-school-choice program and a \$168 million increase in charter-school funding. It doesn't include a request for more magnet-school funding—the type of school choice most commonly used for integration—even though those schools actually enroll more students than charters. [...] While charter schools and traditional public schools are both often highly segregated, white and black students tend to be even more racially isolated when they attend charters." [The Atlantic, [3/20/17](#)]

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Trump Created "Voter Fraud Panel" To Investigate His Unsubstantiated Claim That "Millions" Of People Voted Illegally In The 2016 Election

MAY 2017: TRUMP CREATED A "PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON ELECTION INTEGRITY"

May 2017: Trump Issued An Executive Order Creating A “Presidential Commission On Election Integrity.”

According to the White House Office of the Press Secretary, “Today, President Donald J. Trump announced the issuance of an executive order forming the bipartisan Presidential Commission on Election Integrity. The President also named Vice President Mike Pence as Chairman and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach as Vice-Chair of the Commission.” [White House Office of the Press Secretary, [5/11/17](#)]

ABC News: Creation Of The Commission Followed Trump’s “Controversial And So-Far Unsubstantiated Assertion That ‘Millions’ Of People Illegally Cast Ballots In The 2016 Presidential Election.”

According to ABC News, “The commission is tasked with submitting a report on its findings sometime in 2018, officials said, and is expected to meet for the first time this summer. The announcement is the latest indication that the president intends to pursue action, as promised, on his controversial and so-far unsubstantiated assertion that ‘millions’ of people illegally cast ballots in the 2016 presidential election.” [ABC News, [5/11/17](#)]

Trump Accused States Of Trying To Hide Information From His “Voter Fraud Panel.” According to Talking Points Memo, “Trump himself removed any remaining doubt about the commission’s true purpose over the July 4 holiday weekend when he called it the “VOTER FRAUD PANEL.” [realDonaldTrump:] [“Numerous states are refusing to give information to the very distinguished VOTER FRAUD PANEL. What are they trying to hide? 9:07 AM - 1 Jul 2017”][.]” [Talking Points Memo, [7/5/17](#)]

TRUMP URGED SUBURBAN WHITE VOTERS TO TRAVEL TO NON-WHITE NEIGHBORHOODS AND WATCH VOTERS’ BEHAVIOR ON ELECTION DAY

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According to The Washington Post, “Trump has repeatedly warned his supporters that he might lose the election because the system is ‘rigged’ against him, and his campaign is recruiting election observers. During rallies held in white suburbs of diverse cities, Trump has often urged his followers to go to neighborhoods other than their own and ‘watch’ the voters there.” [Washington Post, [10/7/16](#)]

Trump: “Voter Fraud Is All Too Common” In Cities Like Chicago, Philadelphia And St. Louis. According to The New York Times, “Warning darkly of a stolen election, Donald J. Trump has called on supporters to turn out in droves on Election Day to monitor polling places, telling them they need to be vigilant against widespread voter fraud and a rigged outcome. ‘Voter fraud is all too common, and then they criticize us for saying that,’ he said at a rally Tuesday in Colorado Springs. ‘But take a look at Philadelphia, what’s been going on, take a look at Chicago, take a look at St. Louis. Take a look at some of these cities, where you see things happening that are horrendous.’ His language has stirred increasing fears of intimidation of minorities inside polling places, where their qualifications to vote could be challenged, or outside, where they would face illegal electioneering.” [New York Times, [10/18/16](#)]

- **At A Rally In A Detroit Suburb, Trump Instructed Supporters To Go To “Some Other Place And Go Sit There With Your Friends And Make Sure It’s On The Up And Up.”** According to The Washington Post, “Many voting rights activists have accused Trump of encouraging voter intimidation. ‘You’ve been reading the same stories as I’ve been reading, so go to your place and vote, and then go pick some other place, and go sit there with your friends and make sure it’s on the up and up,’ Trump said at a rally in the Detroit suburbs Sept. 30.” [Washington Post, [10/7/16](#)]
- **Trump Told A Predominantly-White Crowd In Pittsburgh That It Was “So Important That You Watch Other Communities, Because We Don’t Want This Election Stolen From Us.”** According to The New York Times, “Last week outside Pittsburgh, speaking to a nearly all-white audience, Mr. Trump told supporters that it was ‘so important that you watch other communities, because we don’t want this election stolen from us.” [New York Times, [10/18/16](#)]
- **Trump Also Told A Mostly-White Crowd In Northeast Pennsylvania To “Watch Other Polling Places” In Philadelphia To “Make Sure That This Election Is Not Stolen From Us.”** According to The New York Times, “At rallies since the summer in rural Pennsylvania, Mr. Trump has spoken of the potential for ‘shenanigans’ in Philadelphia, urging supporters to ‘go around and watch other polling places.’ ‘I hear these horror shows, and we have to make sure that this election is not stolen from us and is not taken away from us,’ he said last week to a nearly all-

white crowd in northeast Pennsylvania. ‘And everybody knows what I’m talking about.’” [New York Times, [10/18/16](#)]

Washington Post: Trump’s Use Of The Phrase “Other Communities” Was A “Loaded One.” According to The Washington Post, “‘Other communities’ is probably not an intentional phrase from Trump, but it’s a loaded one. Those *other* people. Ambridge and Wilkes-Barre are both three-quarters white. Most of the crowd at both rallies was also white. It was the *other* communities where there was a problem. Communities that happen to be mostly black. Those communities are going to steal the election from ‘us.’” [Washington Post, [10/11/16](#)]

- **The Atlantic: “Anyone Who Doesn’t Know” What The Phrases “Other Communities” Or “Some Other Place” Refer To “Has Slept Through All Of American History.”** According to The Atlantic, “It’s not just any voter fraud. In a subsequent radio interview, he clarified that ‘other communities’ in his Ambridge talk referred to Philadelphia, a majority-minority city. That description wasn’t really necessary, though: Anyone who doesn’t know what that phrase—or ‘certain areas’ or ‘some other place’—really means has slept through all of American history. In Pennsylvania and Michigan, Trump’s supporters may very well believe they can now besiege, clog, and disrupt minority-area polls for one day, and thus shift the states’ electors to Trump.” [The Atlantic, [10/13/16](#)]

TRUMP NAMED KANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE KRIS KOBACH, A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF VOTER ID LAWS, AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION

Trump Named Kansas Secretary Of State Kris Kobach As Vice-Chair Of The Commission. According to the White House Office of the Press Secretary, “Today, President Donald J. Trump announced the issuance of an executive order forming the bipartisan Presidential Commission on Election Integrity. The President also named Vice President Mike Pence as Chairman and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach as Vice-Chair of the Commission.” [White House Office of the Press Secretary, [5/11/17](#)]

New York Times Magazine: “No State Has Been As Aggressive As Kansas In Restricting Ballot Access, And No Elected Official Has Been As Dogged As Kobach.” According to The New York Times Magazine, “The A.C.L.U. has filed four suits against Kobach since he was elected in 2010. [...] No state has been as aggressive as Kansas in restricting ballot access, and no elected official has been as dogged as Kobach.” [New York Times Magazine, [6/13/17](#)]

In Kansas, Kobach Instituted Requirements That New Voters Show A Passport, Birth Certificate, Or Naturalization Papers In Order To Vote, And Tried To Disqualify The Votes Of Thousands Who Did Not Meet The Requirements In 2016. According to The New York Times, “Mr. Kobach has been the driving force behind a Kansas law requiring new voters to produce a passport, a birth certificate or naturalization papers as proof of citizenship or be denied the ability to cast ballots. He worked last year to disqualify the state and local votes of thousands of people who did not meet the criteria. He has advocated the proof-of-citizenship requirement at the federal level as well, citing rampant voter fraud without producing proof of a widespread problem.” [New York Times, [5/11/17](#)]

- **Kobach’s Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program Had 200 False Positives For Every Actual Double Registration It Identified.** According to ProPublica, “Kobach runs a matching program that appears to have its own high rate of errors. A recent study by political scientists at Stanford University found that Kobach’s Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program had 200 false positives for every actual double registration. The Kansas secretary of state’s office did not immediately return a call for comment on the program.” [ProPublica, [7/6/17](#)]
- **The ACLU Repeatedly Argued That Kobach’s Signature Law Discriminated Against Minorities, Young People And Low-Income People.** According to The New York Times Magazine, “The A.C.L.U. has filed four suits against Kobach since he was elected in 2010. All of them challenge some aspect of his signature piece of legislation, the Secure and Fair Elections Act, or SAFE Act, a 2011 state law that requires people to show a birth certificate, passport or naturalization papers to register to vote. [...] The A.C.L.U. has repeatedly argued that the Kansas law discriminated against minorities, young people and low-income people, all of whom are more likely to be registering for the first time and less likely to have immediate access to citizenship papers, because they can’t afford them or were more transient and don’t have copies of their documents at hand.” [New York Times Magazine, [6/13/17](#)]

Kansas City Star Editorial: Kobach Was “Exposed As A Big Fraud On The Issue Of Voter Fraud, Which Studies Have Found To Be Almost Nonexistent In America,” Filing “A Puny Half-Dozen Cases” After Roughly A Year As The Only Secretary Of State With The Power To Prosecute. According to an editorial in the Kansas City Star, “Secretary of State Kris Kobach warned Kansas lawmakers last year that he knew of at least 18 suspected cases of double voting in recent elections. Wait, make that 100 cases! Kobach threw out these wild claims as he successfully pressed the Legislature to make him the only secretary of state in the nation with the power to prosecute in these matters. It was all part of Kobach’s continued loathsome attacks on U.S. immigration policy. He knew he could score political points with many Kansans by promising to stop ‘illegal’ voters from canceling out the votes of red-blooded Americans. But now Kobach has been exposed as a big fraud on the issue of voter fraud, which studies have found to be almost nonexistent in America. Since the law took effect July 1, 2015, the publicity-seeking Kobach had filed a puny half-dozen cases by early May.” [Editorial – Kansas City Star, [1/25/16](#)]

Kansas City Star Editorial: “Kobach’s Determination To Solve This Non-Problem Has Brought Him National Attention As An Adviser On The Non-Issue To President Donald Trump.” According to an editorial in The Kansas City Star, “The Javert of voter fraud now has a ninth conviction to show for Kansans’ tax dollars and his own single-minded pursuit. Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach claimed in a statement last week that, ‘This conviction demonstrates once again how prevalent the crime of double voting is. In Kansas, we are making it clear that people who willfully vote twice will be prosecuted.’ [...] Kobach’s determination to solve this non-problem has brought him national attention as an adviser on the non-issue to President Donald Trump. The president also claims, despite a lack of evidence, that in-person fraud is a major problem and is the reason he lost the popular vote to Hillary Clinton.” [Editorial – Kansas City Star, [5/6/17](#)]

Under Trump, Justice Department Switched Sides In Texas Voter ID Law Case

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FILED AN ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF TEXAS’ VOTER ID LAW PREVIOUSLY RULED AS DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST MINORITIES

February 2017: The Justice Department Withdrew Its Claim That Texas’ Strict Voter-Identification Law Requiring Voters To Show A Driver’s License, Passport Or Other Government-Issued Photo ID Before Casting A Ballot Was Enacted With A Discriminatory Intent. According to The New York Times, “The Justice Department on Monday dropped a crucial objection to Texas’ strict voter-identification law, signaling a significant change from the Obama administration on voting-rights issues. The Republican-led Texas Legislature passed one of the toughest voter ID laws in the country in 2011, requiring voters to show a driver’s license, passport or other government-issued photo ID before casting a ballot. The Obama administration’s Justice Department sued Texas to block the law in 2013 and scored a major victory last year after a federal appeals court ruled that the law needed to be softened because it discriminated against minority voters who lacked the required IDs. [...] But the Justice Department under President Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions told a judge on Monday that it was withdrawing its claim that Texas enacted the law with a discriminatory intent.” [New York Times, [2/27/17](#)]

- **The Justice Department Reversal Came The Day Before Arguments On The Discriminatory-Intent Issue Was To Be Heard By A Federal Judge, After Six Years Of Justice Department Activity On The Law.** According to The New York Times, “The move on Monday in Texas came before a federal judge in Corpus Christi was scheduled to hear arguments on the discriminatory-intent issue on Tuesday. [...] But the reversal by the Justice Department — after a team of lawyers in the Civil Rights Division spent more than three years and more than \$1 million on the case — angered Texas Democrats and advocates for voting rights. The Justice Department’s involvement in Texas’ voter ID law predates the lawsuit it filed against the state in 2013. The agency has been formally reviewing the law for nearly six years, starting in 2011, and made its first official objection to aspects of it in March 2012.” [New York Times, [2/27/17](#)]

The Justice Department’s Reversal Meant That, Rather Than Asking The Court To Strike Down The Texas Law, It Was Now Asking The Court To Dismiss Litigation Against The Law. According to Slate, “Now, with Attorney General Jeff Sessions—who has supported gutting the VRA—heading the agency, the DOJ has reversed course, abandoning its position that the Texas law was enacted by the state’s Republican-dominated legislature with a discriminatory purpose. The Justice Department, in other words, has stopped asking the court to strike down the law and started asking the court to dismiss litigation against the law.” [Slate, [2/28/17](#)]

UNDER OBAMA, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OPPOSED TEXAS' VOTER ID LAW

2013: The Obama Justice Department “Scored A Major Victory” When It Sued Texas To Block The Law And A Federal Appeals Court Ruled That It Discriminated Against Minority Voters. According to The New York Times, “The Justice Department on Monday dropped a crucial objection to Texas’ strict voter-identification law, signaling a significant change from the Obama administration on voting-rights issues. The Republican-led Texas Legislature passed one of the toughest voter ID laws in the country in 2011, requiring voters to show a driver’s license, passport or other government-issued photo ID before casting a ballot. The Obama administration’s Justice Department sued Texas to block the law in 2013 and scored a major victory last year after a federal appeals court ruled that the law needed to be softened because it discriminated against minority voters who lacked the required IDs.” [New York Times, [2/27/17](#)]

The Justice Department Asserted That No Further Remedies Were Needed To Address Texas’s Recent Effort To Enact Racially-Discriminatory Voting Laws

The Justice Department Cited A Revised Version Of The Voter ID Law To Justify Its Withdrawal

A U.S. District Judge Would Decide Whether Texas' Revised Law Met All The Court's Remedies And Whether To Require The State Ask Permission To Change Voter ID Laws In The Future. According to Governing, “U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos, who twice ruled Texas' voter ID law intentionally discriminates against minority voters, will decide whether Texas' revised law meets all the court's remedies and whether to require the state ask permission to change voter ID laws in the future.” [Governing, [7/7/17](#)]

- **DOJ: Senate Bill 5 Addressed The Discriminatory Impact Found By The Court And The U.S. District Judge Should “Decline Any Further Remedies.”** According to the Texas Tribune, “Federal lawyers were referring to Senate Bill 5, which Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed into law last month. It would soften a 2011 voter ID law — known as the nation’s most stringent — that courts have ruled purposefully burdened Latino and black voters. If allowed to take effect, the law would allow people without photo ID to vote if they present alternate forms of ID and sign affidavits swearing a ‘reasonable impediment’ kept them from obtaining what was otherwise required. ‘S.B. 5 addresses the impact that the Court found in [the previous law] by dramatically reducing the number of voters who lack acceptable photographic identification,’ the justice department argued, adding that U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos should ‘decline any further remedies.’” [Texas Tribune, [7/6/17](#)]

THE DRAFTERS AND PROPONENTS OF TEXAS' VOTER ID LAW WERE AWARE OF THE LIKELY DISPROPORTIONATE EFFECT OF THE LAW ON MINORITIES

E-mails Between The Republican Speaker’s General Counsel And A Staff Attorney Revealed An Effort To Determine How To Create A Majority-Hispanic Population In A District While Leaving The Spanish Surname Registered Vote And Turnout The Lowest. According to “Latinos and the Voting Rights Act: The Search for Racial Purpose” by Henry Flores, “E-mail correspondence acquired during the discovery process in a Section 5 challenge by Texas that was heard shortly after the redistricting trial held in San Antonio, Texas, however, revealed that Texas redistricters had acted with racial purpose during the redistricting process. The most probative e-mail is reproduced in its entirety below because it shows the intent of the redistricters, how they intended to pursue the racial gerrymander, and why they intended to do so. Mr. Eric Opiela served as a staff attorney to Speaker Joe Straus (R-San Antonio) through the fall and winter of 2010 and then transferred to the staff of a Republican congressman in Spring of 2011 while Mr. Interiano was the General Counsel to the Speaker of the State House of Representatives Joe Straus (R-San Antonio) at the time of this e-mail exchange: [...] [I]t would be really useful for someone to go in and calculate a ratio for every census block in the state of CVAP/Total Population, a ratio of Hispanic CVAP/Total Hispanic Population, a ratio of Spanish Surname RV/Hispanic CVAP. [...] These metrics would be useful in identifying a ‘nudge factor’ by which one can analyze which census blocks, when added to a particular district (especially 50+1 minority majority districts) help pull the district’s Total Hispanic Pop and Hispanic CVAPs up to majority status, but leave the Spanish Surname RV and TO the lowest.” [Henry Flores – Latinos and the Voting Rights Act, [2015](#)]

- **Asked To Explain His Request In Layman’s Terms, The Staff Attorney Wrote That The Intent Was To Measure “How Hispanic, And Republican At The Same Time We Can Make A Particular Census Block.”** According to “Latinos and the Voting Rights Act: The Search for Racial Purpose” by Henry Flores, “Interiano responded on November 19th at 6:17 AM by saying [‘I will gladly help with this Eric, but you’re going to have to explain to me in layman’s terms. Maybe you and I can sit down and go through this and you can show me exactly what you want next week or after Thanksgiving.’] Opiela responded to Mr. Interiano 12 minutes later saying, [‘Happy to. Thanks Gerardo. Think of as ‘OHRVS’ Optimal Hispanic Republican Voting Strength . . . a measure of how Hispanic, and Republican at the same time we can make a particular census block.’]” [Henry Flores – Latinos and the Voting Rights Act, [2015](#)]
- **Opiela’s Intention Was To Make The Districts Appear To Pass Voting Rights Act Standards By Making Them Majority Hispanic While Actually Creating Districts Where Latinos Would Turn Out At Low Rates, Resulting In The Election Of Republican Candidates.** According to “Latinos and the Voting Rights Act: The Search for Racial Purpose” by Henry Flores, “As Mr. Opiela’s e-mail indicates he had consciously thought about how to manipulate the Hispanic population numbers in order to create districts that were 50+1% Hispanic majority but under-performed electorally. The level of detail developing seven ratios for every census tract in the state speaks to the sophistication and intent to manipulate Latino data to achieve their end. Most importantly, to claim that any dilutive effect that Latino voters suffered because of their actions was coincidental is ludicrous. In other words, the intention was to make the districts appear to pass VRA retrogression standards by making them majority Hispanic while actually creating districts where Latinos would turn out at low rates, resulting in the election of Republican candidates. This manipulation had the effect of diluting the voting strength of Hispanic voters in those congressional districts that, in effect, violated the VRA retrogression standards.” [Henry Flores – Latinos and the Voting Rights Act, [2015](#)]

NAACP: TEXAS VOTER ID LAW HAD “SURGICAL PRECISION TO DISCRIMINATE”

NAACP Legal Defense Fund Lawyer Janai Nelson: The Law Was Designed “With Surgical Precision To Discriminate Against Minority Voters.” According to Slate, “In short—as Ezra Rosenberg, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said on Tuesday—‘your honor, and the United States, got this right the first time around.’ The court, Rosenberg said, ‘may infer from these shifting and tenuous rationales that there is pretext at work.’ There is, he alleged, ‘a mountain of evidence’ that Texas acted with racist intent, even if it is all circumstantial. Janai Nelson, a lawyer with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, hit the same themes. ‘An overwhelming majority of factual findings unassailably supports your previous opinion,’ she told Ramos. ‘The legislature designed SB14 with surgical precision to discriminate against minority voters. Republicans chose IDs that that Anglos were more likely to possess and excluded IDs minorities are more likely to possess. Impersonation fraud is largely mythical.’ And ‘this aggressive fixation on an illusory problem’ is evidence of unlawfully discriminatory intent.” [Slate, [2/28/17](#)]

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION INCLUDES WHITE SUPREMACIST SYMPATHIZERS

Attorney General Jeff Sessions

SESSIONS LOST NOMINATION FOR FEDERAL JUDGESHIP IN 1986 OVER ALLEGATIONS OF RACISM

Sessions Nomination For Federal Judgeship In 1986 Marred By Allegations Of Racism. “Back in 1986, Sessions was a 39-year-old U.S. attorney for Alabama when President Ronald Reagan’s administration nominated him to serve as a federal judge. The position requires approval from the Senate. And as Sessions settled in for review by the Senate Judiciary Committee, his career in law was almost destroyed when former colleagues brought forward troubling accusations about

things Sessions had said to them with regard to race. [...] In the end, the Republican-controlled committee voted 10 to 8 to block Sessions's nomination, with two Republicans joining Democrats to stop it from going forward to a full vote in the Senate. At the time, CNN calculated, Sessions was only the second nominee in 50 years to be denied by the Senate for a federal judgeship.” [Washington Post, [11/18/16](#)]

Sessions’ Former Deputy, Who Is Black, Said Sessions Called Him “Boy.” “The accusations back in 1986 mostly came from (but were not limited to) Sessions's former deputy, Thomas Figures. He sent a letter to the Senate and reporters claiming his boss said insensitive things about black people, at times directly to him. Figures, who is black, said Sessions told him to be careful about what he said “to white folks” after Figures got into a heated argument with a white colleague. And Figures testified Sessions called him “boy” on multiple occasions.” [Washington Post, [11/18/16](#)]

Justice Department Lawyer Said Sessions Called The NAACP And ACLU “Un-American.” “A Justice Department lawyer, J. Gerald Hebert, testified that Sessions had described the NAACP and the American Civil Liberties Union as “un-American” and “Communist-inspired.” As he has his whole career, Sessions vigorously denied that he had or has any racial prejudice. Though he didn't specifically deny making any of the comments ascribed to him, Sessions told the Senate committee he had been quoted out of context. *The New York Times* reported at the time: “Sessions acknowledged at the hearing that he once ‘may have said something about the N.A.A.C.P. being un-American or Communist, but I meant no harm by it.’” [Washington Post, [11/18/16](#)]

SESSIONS SAID A WHITE CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY WAS A “DISGRACE TO HIS RACE”

Sessions Acknowledged That “I May Have Said” That A White Civil Rights Attorney Was A “Disgrace To His Race,” But “I Don’t Know Why I May Have Said That.” According to the Associated Press, “Sessions also was asked about other statements. According to Hebert, the nominee said he agreed with a comment that a white civil rights attorney was a ‘disgrace to his race’ for representing blacks. [...] In regard to the remark on the civil rights lawyer, Sessions said, ‘I may have said, ‘Maybe he is’ (a disgrace). I don’t know why I may have said that.’” [Associated Press, 3/13/86]

Sessions: “I Guess I Said That, But I Can’t Imagine Why I Would Have Said It.” According to the Associated Press, “But he conceded that he once had agreed with a statement made in the presence of a Justice Department lawyer that a prominent white attorney was a ‘disgrace to his race’ because he represented blacks. ‘I guess I said that,’ Sessions replied when asked whether he had agreed with the statement about the lawyer. ‘But I can’t imagine why I would have said it.’” [Associated Press, 3/14/86]

SESSIONS REGULARLY ATTENDED MEETINGS BY FEDERATION FOR AMERICAN IMMIGRATION REFORM, FOUNDED BY A WHITE NATIONALIST

Sessions Regularly Attended Events Hosted By The Federation For American Immigration Reform, Which The SPLC Labeled A Hate Group. According to SPLC, “Sessions has a close relationship with the ‘big three’ anti-immigrant groups. He regularly attends events hosted by the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), which has been named as a hate group by the SPLC since 2007. FAIR was founded by Tanton, a white nationalist who in 1993 wrote, ‘I’ve come to the point of view that for European-American society and culture to persist requires a European-American majority, and a clear one at that.’ For decades, FAIR has had one mission: to severely limit immigration into the United States. Its leaders have longstanding ties to white supremacist groups and eugenicists and have made many racist statements. Its advertisements have been rejected because of racist content. Dan Stein, FAIR’s current president, told Tanton in 1994 that those who supported the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, which abolished the racist national origins quotas that favored immigrants of European descent, wanted to ‘retaliate against Anglo-Saxon dominance’ and that this ‘revengism’ against whites had created a policy that is causing ‘chaos and will continue to create chaos.’ Sessions regularly attends FAIR’s annual ‘Hold Their Feet to the Fire’ event, which brings together anti-immigrant activists, right-wing radio hosts and elected officials who sound off about immigration on talk radio. In 2007, he was the keynote speaker at FAIR’s advisory board meeting.” [SPLC, [11/16/18](#)]

SESSIONS USED AN INVESTIGATION INTO VOTER FRAUD TO QUESTION BLACK RESIDENTS ABOUT CHURCH ARSONS

Under Orders From Sessions, Agents Used The Investigations Into Voter Fraud To Question Black Residents About Church Burnings. According to the Sunday Oregonian, “Critics are particularly alarmed by the course of the investigation in predominantly black Green County, Ala., where three churches were burned last year. As yet, a special team has turned up ‘no suspects, to be very honest with you,’ Langford reported in Birmingham. John Zippert, publisher of the Green County Democrat, a local black weekly, blames the lack of progress on the fact that agents, under orders from Alabama Attorney General Jeffrey Sessions, have been preoccupied with ‘a huge investigation’ of massive absentee-voter fraud. More than 1,000 black residents have been questioned in that case, and a dozen have been brought before a special grand jury. Zippert and other local activists are particularly incensed that agents used the interviews to question black residents about the church burnings. ‘I think if the FBI . . . spent as much time dealing with these fires as they are intimidating black voters, maybe we could get some answers,’ Zippert said. Langford denied the investigation into absentee-voter fraud has diverted attention from the fires and defended the double questioning as normal procedure.” [Sunday Oregonian, 6/16/96]

SESSIONS SAID KKK MEMBERS WERE “OK UNTIL I FOUND OUT THEY SMOKE POT”

Sessions Said He Was Joking When He Said He Thought That KKK Members Were “OK Until I Found Out They Smoke Pot.” According to the Associated Press, “And according to an allegation made to the committee by someone else, Sessions said he thought Ku Klux Klan members were ‘OK until I found out they smoke pot.’ [...] Sessions described the Klan remark as a joke, and called the organization ‘a force for hatred and bigotry.’ He said at the time he made the remark, he was involved in prosecution of two Klan members for the murder of a black man.” [Associated Press, 3/13/86]

Sessions Said That The Statement Was Made In Jest To Other Attorneys In His Office While They Were Reviewing A Report About Klan Involvement In The Murder Of A Young Black Man In Mobile. According to the Associated Press, “Sessions also acknowledged that he once made a statement about the Ku Klux Klan to the effect that, ‘I used to think they were okay. But they’re pot smokers.’ Sessions said that statement was made in jest to other attorneys in his office while they were reviewing a report about Klan involvement in the murder of a young black man in Mobile. He told the committee he views the Klan as ‘a force for hatred and bigotry.’” [Associated Press, 3/14/86]

SESSIONS SAID CALLS TO REMOVE THE CONFEDERATE FLAG WAS A LIBERAL ATTEMPT TO “DELEGITIMIZE THE FABULOUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR COUNTRY”

Sessions Said That Calls To Remove The Confederate Flag From Public Buildings Come From “The Left” To “Delegitimize The Fabulous Accomplishments Of Our Country.” According to The Intercept, “Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said on Thursday that calls to remove the Confederate flag from public buildings are among efforts by ‘the left’ to ‘delegitimize the fabulous accomplishments of our country.’” [The Intercept, [6/29/15](#)]

Sessions Said “A Lot [Of] Our Good Citizens Feel Like [The Flag] Was Kind Of Commandeered” As An “Idea Of Anti-Civil Rights” And That He Was “Sensitive” To That Point Of View. According to The Intercept, “Appearing on a Birmingham talk radio program, Sessions said he would not criticize Bentley’s decision. He said that ‘a lot [of] our good citizens feel like [the flag] was kind of commandeered’ as an ‘idea of anti-civil rights,’ telling host Matt Murphy that he was ‘sensitive’ to that point of view.” [The Intercept, [6/29/15](#)]

Sessions Said That While He Had Never Seen A Confederate License Plate In Alabama, He Said It Should Be Up To The State’s Government Whether Or Not To Offer Them. According to The Huffington Post, “In the wake of the Charleston shooting, the country has been reexamining why it still pays tribute to America’s history of slavery. Confederate flags are coming down, schools are reconsidering whether Confederate-themed mascots are still appropriate and the nine states that allow Confederate license plates are looking at whether they should change their policies. [...] Sens. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), and Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.) all told HuffPost that they have never seen a Confederate license plate in their respective states. Mikulski didn’t even realize at first that Maryland allowed them, but later she said she

fully supports no longer offering the plates. Tillis and Sessions, however, both said states should decide on the matter, while Mikulski's colleague in the House, Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer, agreed with his state's senior senator." [Huffington Post, [6/24/15](#)]

Secretary of Energy Rick Perry

PERRY WAS A MEMBER OF THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

1998: League Of The South Described Perry As A "Member Of The Sons Of Confederate Veterans." According to Salon, "A 1998 voting guide published by a leading neo-Confederate group and obtained by Salon not only endorses Perry for lieutenant governor but also describes him as 'a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.' Perry's office did not respond to a request for comment about the governor's possible membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This is the document, published by the League of the South on its website DixieNet.org; it was unearthed by Edward Sebesta, a Texas-based independent researcher and co-editor of 'Neo-Confederacy: A Critical Introduction.'" [Salon, [7/13/11](#)]

2001: Perry Was Featured In A United Daughters Of The Confederacy Magazine For Visiting A Library That Held An Archival Collection Of Confederate Materials. According to Salon, "Perry was featured in the United Daughters of the Confederacy magazine for a July 2001 visit to the 25th anniversary celebration of a library that had been given an archival collection of Confederate materials." [Salon, [7/13/11](#)]

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PERRY'S HUNTING RANCH WAS NAMED "NIGGERHEAD"

Perry's Hunting Ranch In West Texas Was Named "Niggerhead." According to The Washington Post, "In the early years of his political career, Rick Perry began hosting fellow lawmakers, friends and supporters at his family's secluded West Texas hunting camp, a place known by the name painted in block letters across a large, flat rock standing upright at its gated entrance. 'Niggerhead,' it read. Ranchers who once grazed cattle on the 1,070-acre parcel on the Clear Fork of the Brazos River called it by that name well before Perry and his father, Ray, began hunting there in the early 1980s. There is no definitive account of when the rock first appeared on the property." [Washington Post, [10/1/11](#)]

PERRY OPPOSED EFFORTS TO REMOVE CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS

March 2000: Perry Wrote In A Letter To The Sons Of Confederate Veterans That He Opposed "Efforts To Remove Confederate Monuments, Plaques, And Memorials From Public Property." According to Salon, "According to the Washington Times (via Nexis), in March 2000 Perry fired off a letter to Denne Sweeney, Texas commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans: 'Although this is an emotional issue,' he wrote, 'I want you to know that I oppose efforts to remove Confederate monuments, plaques, and memorials from public property. I also believe that communities should decide whether statues or other memorials are appropriate for their community.'" [Salon, [7/13/11](#)]

CIA Director Mike Pompeo

POMPEO VOTED AGAINST BARRING THE CONFEDERATE FLAG IN VA CEMETERIES

2016: Pompeo Voted Against Barring Displays Of Confederate Flag Imagery In VA Cemeteries. In May 2016, Rep. Mike Pompeo voted against an amendment that would have prevented funds from an FY 2017 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations bill from being used to display Confederate flag imagery at Veterans Affairs cemeteries. According to Congressional Quarterly, the amendment would have “prohibit[ed] the use of appropriated funds to display Confederate flag imagery in Veterans Administration cemeteries.” The underlying legislation was an FY 2017 Military Construction and VA appropriations bill. The vote was on the amendment. The House approved the amendment by a vote of 265 to 159. The House later passed the underlying bill with the amendment’s policy, but the Senate took no substantive action on the bill. [House Vote 223, [5/19/16](#); Congressional Quarterly, [5/19/16](#); Congress.gov, [H.R. 4974](#); Congressional Actions, [H. Amdt. 1064](#); Congressional Actions, [H.R. 4974](#)]

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Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson

CARSON SAID NASCAR FANS SHOULD CONTINUE FLYING THE CONFEDERATE FLAG, THOUGH IT WAS A “SYMBOL OF HATE”

Carson Said NASCAR Fans Should Continue To Fly The Confederate Flag, As Long As It Is On Private Property.

According to Associated Press, “Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson on Monday said NASCAR fans should continue flying the Confederate Flag, so long as it’s on private property, as he received the informal endorsement of racing legend Richard Petty. [...] The retired NASCAR driver appeared with the retired neurosurgeon Monday at a camp for disabled children established by Petty’s foundation. While he shied away from a formal endorsement, Petty left little doubt about the significance of the appearance. ‘We’re hoping he’s endorsing the camp, we’re not necessarily endorsing him, but we are — you know what I mean?’ Petty, in his trademark cowboy hat and sunglasses, said in a brief interview with the Associated Press. He later posed for pictures aboard Carson’s campaign bus. ‘He’s very humane,’ Petty said when asked what he liked about Carson. ‘That’s one of his strong points as far as we’re concerned.’” [Associated Press, [9/29/15](#)]

- **Carson, Acknowledging That The Confederate Flag Is A “Symbol Of Hate,” Said “Swastikas Are A Symbol Of Hate For Some People Too. And Yet They Still Exist In Museums And Places Like That;” And Described The Decision As “A Local Issue.”** According to Associated Press, “Carson told the AP that NASCAR fans should continue flying the flag ‘if it’s private property and that’s what they want to do.’ He also acknowledged the flag remains ‘a symbol of hate’ for many black people and compared it to the Nazi swastika. ‘Swastikas are a symbol of hate for some people, too. And yet they still exist in museums and places like that,’ Carson said, describing the decision about flying the flag ‘a local issue.’ ‘If it’s a majority of people in that area who want it to fly, I certainly wouldn’t take it down.’” [Associated Press, [9/29/15](#)]

Director of the Office of Management and Budget Mick Mulvaney

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Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross

ROSS ATTENDED A PRIVATE KAPPA BETA PHI MEETING WHERE A CONFEDERATE FLAG HAT WAS WORN AND RACIST JOKES WERE TOLD

During A January 2012 Meeting Of Kappa Beta Phi, A Reporter Who Snuck Into The Event Witnessed Racist, Sexist, And Homophobic Remarks And An Attendee Wearing A Confederate Flag Hat. According to Mother Jones, “In January 2012, New York Times reporter Kevin Roose snuck into the society’s annual black-tie induction ceremony, which was led by Ross, who at the time was the fraternity’s ‘Grand Swipe.’ [...] It’s not hard to see why. At the 2012 event, Roose witnessed outlandish behavior by Ross and other financial tycoons that demonstrated vulgarity, greed, and a Wall Street callousness toward the nonwealthy masses. Some attendees made homophobic, racist, and sexist jabs about the likes of Hillary Clinton and former Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts. Others joked about the financial crisis. One even wore a Confederate flag hat.” [Mother Jones, [12/1/16](#)]

White House Chief Strategist Stephen Bannon

UNDER BANNON, BREITBART RAN HEADLINES SUPPORTING THE CONFEDERATE FLAG AFTER THE CHARLESTON CHURCH MASSACRE

Breitbart HEADLINE: “Watch: CNN Attempts To Visit Confederate Memorabilia Store, Gets Flipped Off.” [Breitbart News, [6/23/15](#)]

Breitbart HEADLINE: “Coulter On Nikki Haley’s Opposition To Confederate Flag: ‘She Is An Immigrant That Does Not Understand America’s History.’” [Breitbart News, [6/23/15](#)]

Breitbart HEADLINE: “When Freed Slaves Cheered The Confederate Flag: A Cautionary Note.” [Breitbart News, [6/24/15](#)]

Breitbart HEADLINE: “Hoist It High And Proud: The Confederate Flag Proclaims A Glorious Heritage.” [Breitbart News, [7/1/15](#)]

Breitbart HEADLINE: “Coulter: Dems, US Flag ‘Stand More For Slavery Than The Confederate Flag Did.’” [Breitbart News, [7/2/15](#)]

Breitbart HEADLINE: “Obama Celebrates Removal Of Confederate Flag On Twitter.” [Breitbart News, [7/10/15](#)]

Breitbart HEADLINE: “Black Democrat Texas Mayor Not Buying Into Confederate Flag Frenzy.” [Breitbart News, [7/11/15](#)]

Breitbart HEADLINE: “LSU’s Leonard Fournette On Confederate Flag: ‘I Have No Problem with It.’” [Breitbart News, [7/16/15](#)]

Breitbart HEADLINE: “‘This Flag’s Not Racist’ – Confederate Flag Supporters Welcome Obama To Oklahoma.” [Breitbart News, [7/16/15](#)]

Breitbart HEADLINE: “Hundreds Rally To Support Confederate Flag At Stone Mountain Memorial.” [Breitbart News, [8/1/15](#)]

Breitbart HEADLINE: “Video: Brutal Black-On-White Beating Of Man With Confederate Flag Sticker.” [Breitbart News, [11/4/15](#)]

Breitbart HEADLINE: “Virginia High School’s Confederate Flag Ban Sparks Flag Rally In Protest.” [Breitbart News, [4/8/16](#)]

Breitbart HEADLINE: “D.C.’s National Cathedral: HAMAS Allies Are Welcome, But Not Confederate Stained-Glass Windows.” [Breitbart News, [6/8/16](#)]

BANNON WAS PRAISED BY WHITE NATIONALISTS

White Nationalist Richard Spencer Said Breitbart, Under Bannon, Became A “Gateway” To The Alt-Right And Helped It Gain Legitimacy. According to The Daily Beast, “Richard Spencer, who heads the white supremacist think tank National Policy Institute, said he was also pleased. Under Bannon’s leadership, Breitbart has given favorable coverage to the white supremacist Alt Right movement. And Spencer loves it. ‘Breitbart has elective affinities with the Alt Right, and the Alt Right has clearly influenced Breitbart,’ he said. ‘In this way, Breitbart has acted as a ‘gateway’ to Alt Right ideas and writers. I don’t think it has done this deliberately; again, it’s a matter of elective affinities.’ Spencer said Breitbart and Bannon have helped Alt Right ideas gain legitimacy—and, more importantly, exponentially expand their audiences. He cited the work of Milo Yiannopoulos as evidence of this. ‘As is evident with Milo’s piece on the Alt Right, Breitbart has people on board who take us seriously, even if they are not Alt Right themselves.’” [Daily Beast, [8/17/16](#)]

VDARE.com Editor Peter Brimelow Praised Trump For Hiring Bannon And Said The “Competition” For Nationalist Readers His Site Faced From Bannon’s Breitbart Was “Irritating.” According to The Daily Beast, “Donald Trump’s campaign is under new management—and his white nationalist fanboys love it. The campaign’s new chief executive, Stephen Bannon, joins from Breitbart News—where he helped mainstream the ideas of white nationalists and resuscitate the reputations of anti-immigrant fear-mongers. [...] ‘Latterly, Breitbart emerged as a nationalist site and done great stuff on immigration in particular,’ VDARE.com editor Peter Brimelow told The Daily Beast. VDare is a white supremacist site. It’s named after Virginia Dare, the first white child born to British colonists in North America. Brimelow said he and Bannon met briefly last month and exchanged pleasantries about each other’s work. ‘It’s irritating because VDARE.com is not used to competition,’ Brimelow added. ‘I presume that is due to Bannon, so his appointment is great news.’” [Daily Beast, [8/17/16](#)]

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BANNON PRAISED NAZI PROPAGANDIST LENI RIEFENSTAHL

2011: In An Interview With The Wall Street Journal, Bannon Said He Was A Student Of Leni Riefenstahl. According to the Wall Street Journal, “The montage with pop culture figure attacking Palin that opens ‘The Undeclared’ seems to recall Moore. People have said I’m like Leni Riefenstahl. I’ve studied documentarians extensively to come up with my own in-house style. I’m a student of Michael Moore’s films, of Eisenstein, Riefenstahl. Leave the politics aside, you have to learn from those past masters on how they were trying to communicate their ideas.” [Wall Street Journal, [7/13/11](#)]

- **Riefenstahl Was Pronounced A Nazi Sympathizer After World War II.** “Leni Riefenstahl, the German filmmaker whose daringly innovative documentaries about a Nazi rally in Nuremberg in 1934 and the Berlin Olympics of 1936 earned her both acclaim as a cinematic genius and contempt as a propagandist for Hitler, died Monday night at her home in Pöcking, south of Munich. She was 101. After the defeat of Germany in 1945, she was pronounced a Nazi sympathizer by the Allies and never again found work as a movie director. But her revolutionary film techniques deeply influenced later generations of documentary makers and television commercial makers, keeping alive the debate over whether her talent could be separated from her prewar political views.” [New York Times, [9/9/03](#)]

USDA Senior Adviser Sam Clovis

CLOVIS SAID W. E. B. DUBOIS AND PROGRESSIVES WERE “RACE TRADERS” AND “RACE TRAITORS”

August 2011: Clovis Wrote That Progressives Were “Liars, Race Traders, And ‘Race Traitors.’” According to CNN, “In August 2011, Clovis wrote progressives were ‘liars, race traders, and race ‘traitors.’ ‘My caller was most concerned about the fact that our candidates seem to be afraid of taking on the race baiting,’ Clovis wrote. ‘I could not agree more. The current crop of candidates need to get that titanium spine we keep hearing about and call out the progressives for what they are -- liars, race traders and race ‘traitors.’” [CNN, [8/2/17](#)]

June 2011: Clovis Wrote That W. E. B. Du Bois Was “The First Race-Trader” For Supporting Woodrow Wilson For President In 1912. According to CNN, “In June 2011, Clovis wrote that civil rights icon W. E. B. Du Bois was ‘the first race-trader’ for getting southern blacks to support Woodrow Wilson for President. (DuBois supported Wilson during the 1912

election, but later broke with him during his presidency.) ‘After the Civil War, African-Americans voted almost en masse for Republicans,’ wrote Clovis. ‘That all changed in the election of 1912 when first term governor Woodrow Wilson was able to convince WEB(sic) DeBois to back his candidacy. That year, 60% of eligible African-Americans voted for Wilson. This loss of a small but homogeneous voting block to the other side hurt the Republicans and would continue to hurt them until the present day. DeBois was the first race-trader and did a magnificent job of convincing his fellow blacks to back a southern racist for president. What ever was the deal that would allow someone of DeBois’s stature to side with such an incredibly flawed individual? To this day, I have not been able to find adequate scholarly work to explain this remarkable shift in allegiance. Wilson was a progressive and a racist. In my books, the two were, are, and will remain, synonomous(sic).’” [CNN, [8/2/17](#)]

CLOVIS CLAIMED THAT THE ONLY REASON PRESIDENT OBAMA WAS NOT IMPEACHED WAS BECAUSE OF HIS RACE

Clovis Claimed That The Only Reason President Obama Was Not Impeached Was Because Of His Race. According to the Daily Times Herald, “Republican U.S. Senate candidate Sam Clovis, a firebrand northwest Iowa conservative, says he believes many congressional Republicans want to impeach President Obama. The only thing standing in their way, Clovis said in an interview, is the color of the president's skin. ‘I would say there are people in the House of Representatives right now that would very much like to take the opportunity to start the process,’ Clovis said of impeaching the nation's first African-American president. ‘And I think the reason that they're not is because they're concerned about the media.’ In an interview with the Daily Times Herald, Clovis, who did not provide reasons for why the president would be vulnerable to impeachment, said the media would cover the issues surrounding such proceedings differently with a black president than a white one with the same record. [...] He said the impeachment of President Bill Clinton didn't end well. ‘Now we have a situation where race is thrown into the cards as well,’ Clovis said. ‘Whether we like it or not, race is an issue.’” [Daily Times Herald, [4/8/14](#)]

Clovis Previously Said That Impeaching Obama Would Be Difficult “Because He Claims To Be Black.” According to the Daily Beast, “While Clovis is an electoral asset, energizing social conservatives and tea partiers, his career as a radio host was notable for his controversial remarks about Obama and impeachment. In 2013, for example, Clovis said that it would be difficult to impeach the President ‘because he claims to be black.’” [Daily Beast, [10/6/14](#)]

Clovis “Theorized That Obama’s Past Connections...Went Unscrutinized By The Media Because Obama Is Black.” According to CNN, “Clovis then theorized that Obama's past connections to left-wing figures went unscrutinized by the media because Obama is black. ‘Could it be that the first African-American president is being given a pass because he is Black? How incredibly racist is that? The logical conclusion is that because he is Black, he cannot help himself. This kind of thinking is the absolute worst,’ Clovis wrote.” [CNN, [8/10/17](#)]

CLOVIS PROMOTED BIRTHER THEORIES THAT CLAIMED OBAMA WAS NOT BORN IN THE UNITED STATES

Clovis Promoted Birther Theories That Claimed Obama Was Not Born In The United States. According to CNN, “In a 2012 blog post archived on the website for the Sioux City-based radio station KSCJ, Clovis raised questions about Obama's biography that echoed some of the theories pushed by those in the birther movement who claim that Obama isn't an American citizen. ‘For over a decade, Obama allowed his publisher to carry a biography that had him born in Kenya. Only after beginning his pursuit of public office did he “correct” the entry,’ Clovis wrote. (The literary agent who edited the biography has said the error was hers, and that she made it with no direct communication with Obama.)” [CNN, [8/10/17](#)]

CLOVIS ARGUED “THAT OBAMA WANTED TO RULE AS A DICTATOR AND ENSLAVE HIS OPPONENTS”

Clovis Argued “That Obama Wanted To Rule As A Dictator And Enslave His Opponents.” According to CNN, “In a April 2012 blog post, Clovis expressed his belief that Obama wanted to rule as a dictator and enslave his opponents. ‘This president is a dangerous person,’ Clovis wrote. ‘He is dangerous in that he does not have the interests of the nation in mind and is more than willing to do anything to advance an ideology that is absolutely opposed to American exceptionalism. Four more years of this man as president could very well mean the total deconstruction of our Constitutional republic. He

wants to be a dictator and he wants to enslave all who are not part of his regime. As Althusius advised in the 17th Century, we have a right to throw off imprudent magistrates. The current president certainly qualifies. Vote in November.” [CNN, [8/10/17](#)]

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According to Radio Iowa, “Thousands of protesters opposing Trump lined the streets of Washington today, with some clashing with police. Clovis says he has never seen protests to this level after an election but thinks he partly knows why so many have come to the capitol. He says people are coming to get attention through social media and other media. ‘And this is why I think they are motivated to do it more than anything else, because it allows them to get the attention across the world,’ Clovis says.” [Radio Iowa, [1/20/17](#)]

Clovis Said During The Campaign That Protests Against Trump Were A “Tactic Of The Left” To Try To “Disrupt Free Speech.” According to NBC affiliate KTTV 4, “Protesters tried to stop Donald Trump from entering the California hotel that's hosting the state's GOP convention. [...] Despite the protests, the GOP presidential candidate arrived at the hotel, and made his way inside. Trump's national campaign co-chair, Morningside College professor Sam Clovis, calls the protests a, quote ‘tactic of the left.’ ‘It's a concerted tactic on the left, it's funded by the left, and its [sic] orchestrated by the left,’ said Sam Clovis, Trump National Campaign Co-Chair. ‘I really don't know what other conclusion you can draw, but this seems to be a tactic that we're going to disrupt free speech in this country.’” [KTTV.com, [4/29/16](#)]

CLOVIS ATTACKED DEMOCRATIC LEADERS, INCLUDING REFERRING TO ERIC HOLDER “A RACIST BLACK” AND CALLING HARRY REID “MENTALLY ILL”

Clovis Referred To Eric Holder As “A Racist Black” And “A Racist Bigot,” And Called Tom Perez “A Racist Latino.” According to CNN, “Clovis also discussed the race of Holder and then-Secretary of Labor Tom Perez, who now heads the Democratic National Committee. In a 2013 episode of “Impact with Sam Clovis,” Clovis called Holder “a racist black” and Perez ‘a racist Latino.’ ‘This goes right in line with Tom Perez who is a racist Latino and goes to (inaudible) who is a racist Latino, Eric Holder who is a racist black,’ according to a transcript of the show obtained by CNN's KFile. Clovis similarly labeled Holder ‘a racist bigot’ in a blog post from April 2012. Clovis doesn't make clear in either instance why he believes Holder and Perez are racist.” [CNN, [8/10/17](#)]

Clovis Called Harry Reid “Mentally Ill” And Said Of Nancy Pelosi, “Something’s Happened To Her Brain.”

According to CNN, “Clovis would frequently attack prominent Democratic leaders with insults and epithets. He called then-Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid ‘mentally ill’ during a September 2013 local Iowa radio appearance and referred to House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi as ‘the Batwoman of Alcatraz’ and said ‘something's happened to her brain’ in a May 2013 episode of ‘Impact with Sam Clovis.’” [CNN, [8/10/17](#)]

Export-Import Bank Nominee Scott Garrett

GARRETT VOTED AGAINST BARRING THE CONFEDERATE FLAG IN VA CEMETERIES

2016: Garrett Voted Against Barring Displays Of Confederate Flag Imagery In VA Cemeteries. In May 2016, Rep. Scott Garrett voted against an amendment that would have prevented funds from an FY 2017 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations bill from being used to display Confederate flag imagery at Veterans Affairs cemeteries. According to Congressional Quarterly, the amendment would have “prohibit[ed] the use of appropriated funds to display Confederate flag imagery in Veterans Administration cemeteries.” The underlying legislation was an FY 2017 Military Construction and VA appropriations bill. The vote was on the amendment. The House approved the amendment by a vote of

265 to 159. The House later passed the underlying bill with the amendment's policy, but the Senate took no substantive action on the bill. [House Vote 223, [5/19/16](#); Congressional Quarterly, [5/19/16](#); Congress.gov, [H.R. 4974](#); Congressional Actions, [H. Amdt. 1064](#); Congressional Actions, [H.R. 4974](#)]

Deputy Assistant To The President Sebastian Gorka

GORKA IS ASSOCIATED WITH HUNGARIAN NAZI- GROUP

Wore Medal Associated With Vitezi Rend

Gorka Appeared Multiple Times Wearing A Medal From The Hungarian Order Of Heroes, Vitezi Rend, A Group Listed By The State Department As Taking Direct Action From The Nazi Government During WWII. According to LobeLog, “Gorka, who worked in the UK and Hungary before immigrating to the U.S., was photographed at an inaugural ball wearing a medal from the Hungarian Order of Heroes, Vitezi Rend, a group listed by the State Department as taking direction from Germany’s Nazi government during World War II. Gorka did not respond to a request for comment but appeared to be wearing the medal on his chest during the Trump inauguration ball and in an undated photo posted on his Facebook page.” [LobeLog, [2/12/17](#)]



[Photos from LobeLog, [2/12/17](#)]

“Vitezi Rend” Was A “Knighthly Order” Where The Title Was Inherited By The Eldest Son Established By Miklós Horthy In 1920 In Hungary. According to LobeLog, “Eva Balogh, founder of the news analysis blog Hungarian Spectrum and former professor of Eastern European History at Yale University, confirmed to LobeLog the identity of the medal worn by Gorka. She said: Yes, the medal is of the ‘vitézi rend’ established by Miklós Horthy in 1920. He, as a mere governor, didn’t have the privilege to ennoble his subjects as the king could do before 1918, and therefore the ‘knighthly order’ he established was a kind of compensation for him. Officers and even enlisted men of exceptional valor could become knights. Between 1920 and 1944 there were 23,000 such knights. The title was inheritable by the oldest son. I found information that makes it clear that Gorka’s father, Pál Gorka, used the title. However, since he was born in 1930 he couldn’t himself be the one ‘knighthed.’ So, most likely, it was Gorka’s grandfather who was the original recipient Gorka’s PhD dissertation lists his name as ‘Sebestyén L. v. Gorka,’ which suggests that he is carrying on his father’s title, albeit in an abbreviated format, according to Balogh.” [LobeLog, [2/12/17](#)]

Vitezi Rend Was For Civilian And Military Supporters Of Horthy’s Government Open To Non-Jews Who “Served With Distinction During World War I.” According to LobeLog, “Miklós Horthy, regent of the Kingdom of Hungary from

1920 to 1944, established Vitezi Rend for both civilian and military supporters of Horthy's government. The group was initially open to non-Jews who served in distinction during World War I." [LobeLog, [2/12/17](#)]

Horthy Explicitly Endorsed Anti-Semitism. According to LobeLog, "Although Horthy's personal views about Jews are still debated, he was explicit in endorsing anti-Semitism even while showing some unease with the pace of the Holocaust. In an October 1940 letter to Prime Minister Pál Teleki, Horthy said: As regards the Jewish problem, I have been an anti-Semite throughout my life. I have never had contact with Jews. I have considered it intolerable that here in Hungary everything, every factory, bank, large fortune, business, theatre, press, commerce, etc. should be in Jewish hands, and that the Jew should be the image reflected of Hungary, especially abroad. Since, however, one of the most important tasks of the government is to raise the standard of living, i.e., we have to acquire wealth, it is impossible, in a year or two, to replace the Jews, who have everything in their hands, and to replace them with incompetent, unworthy, mostly big-mouthed elements, for we should become bankrupt. This requires a generation at least." [LobeLog, [2/12/17](#)]

During WWII, Confiscated Jewish Real Estate In Hungary Was Distributed To Members Of Vitezi Rend. According to Lobelog, "By 1944, Horthy may have sought to distance Hungary from Nazi Germany but agreed to deport around 100,000 Jews. The German army removed Horthy from office after it occupied Hungary. Horthy's actual awareness of the fate of Hungarian Jews remains unclear. But reports by journalists and the State Department in 1942 are explicit about the role played and benefits enjoyed by Vitezi Rend's members. A Jewish Telegraph Agency report from October 1942, describes how: Confiscated Jewish real estate in Hungary will be distributed by the government among members of the 'Hungarian Order of Heroes' it was announced today over the Budapest radio. The order consists of soldiers who distinguished themselves in the last World War or in the present war." [LobeLog, [2/12/17](#)]

Vitézi Rend Claimed Gorka As A Member

Leaders Of Vitézi Rend Said Gorka Was A Member. According to Forward, "Sebastian Gorka, President Trump's top counter-terrorism adviser, is a formal member of a Hungarian far-right group that is listed by the U.S. State Department as having been 'under the direction of the Nazi Government of Germany' during World War II, leaders of the organization have told the Forward. The elite order, known as the Vitézi Rend, was established as a loyalist group by Admiral Miklos Horthy, who ruled Hungary as a staunch nationalist from 1920 to October 1944. A self-confessed anti-Semite, Horthy imposed restrictive Jewish laws prior to World War II and collaborated with Hitler during the conflict. His cooperation with the Nazi regime included the deportation of hundreds of thousands of Jews into Nazi hands." [Forward, [3/16/17](#)]

Leaders Said Gorka Took A "Lifelong Loath Of Loyalty" To Vitézi Rend. According to Forward, "Gorka — who Vitézi Rend leaders say took a lifelong oath of loyalty to their group — did not respond to multiple emails sent to his work and personal accounts, asking whether he is a member of the Vitézi Rend and, if so, whether he disclosed this on his immigration application and on his application to be naturalized as a U.S. citizen in 2012. The White House also did not respond to a request for comment." [Forward, [3/16/17](#)]

The "Historical Vitézi Rend" Upheld All The Nationalist And Oftentimes Racial Principles Of The Original Vitézi Rend. According to Forward, "The group to which Gorka reportedly belongs is a reconstitution of the original group on the State Department list, which was banned in Hungary until the fall of Communism in 1989. There are now two organizations in Hungary that claim to be the heirs of the original Vitézi Rend, with Gorka, according to fellow members, belonging to the so-called 'Historical Vitézi Rend.' Though it is not known to engage in violence, the Historical Vitézi Rend upholds all the nationalist and oftentimes racial principles of the original group as established by Horthy." [Forward, [3/16/17](#)]

Gorka Used An Initial In His Name Used By Members Of The Vitézi Rend. According to Forward, "Several commentators also noted that in his 2008 doctoral dissertation at Hungary's Corvinus University, Gorka presented his name as Sebastian L. v. Gorka. The 'v.' is an initial used by members of the Vitézi Rend. But Gorka did not use the initial only in academic papers. In June 2011, Gorka testified in front of the House Armed Services Committee. His official testimony did not list his name as Sebastian L. Gorka, but rather as Dr. Sebastian L. v. Gorka. 'Of course, only after the oath,' György Kerekes, a current member of the Vitézi Rend, told the Forward when asked if anyone may use the initial 'v.' without going through the Vitézi Rend's application process and an elaborate swearing-in ceremony." [Forward, [3/16/17](#)]

Leaders Of Vitezi Rend Expressed Pride In Sebastian Gorka's Wearing Of Their Medal

A Spokesman For Vitezi Rend Said He Was “Proud” When He Saw Sebastian Gorka Wearing A Medal Associated With The Group. According to Forward, “Leaders of a Hungarian far-right wing group that collaborated with the Nazis said they were ‘proud’ to see controversial White House aide Sebastian Gorka wearing the group’s medal — and political allies and rivals alike said they believe he is a member of the group. ‘When he appeared on U.S. television ... with the medal ... it made me really proud,’ Vitezi Rend spokesman Andras Horvath told NBC News in the Hungarian capital of Budapest.” [Forward, [4/9/17](#)]

Gorka Used The Special Lower Case “v.” In His Signature Multiple Times Before His Father’s Death, Making His Assertion That He Simply Inherited The Title Impossible

Gorka’s Use Of A Special Lower-Case “v.” Insignia In His Signature, Which The Vitezi Rend Allows Only Sworn Members To Use, Was Used In Articles That Gorka Published In 1998 And 1999. According to Forward, “President Trump’s top counter-terrorism aide, Sebastian Gorka, has offered varied and sometimes contradictory accounts of his association with the Vitézi Rend, a far-right Hungarian group that is on a U.S. State Department ‘watch list.’ Now, new research by the Forward has revealed that Gorka’s use of a special lower-case ‘v.’ insignia in his signature, which the Vitézi Rend allows only sworn members to use, goes back much further than previously known. In articles he published in 1998, when he was 28 years old, and then in 1999, Gorka signed his name ‘Sebestyén L. v. Gorka,’ using the Hungarian honorific abbreviation for ‘Vitez,’ which is reserved exclusively for sworn members of the Vitézi Rend order.” [Forward, [4/24/17](#)]

Articles Predated The Death Of Gorka’s Father By Several Years, Making His Assertion That He Simply Inherited The Title From His Father, As He Has Claimed, Seemingly Impossible. According to Forward, “The articles predated the death of Gorka’s father by several years, making his assertion that he simply inherited the title from his father, as he has claimed, seemingly impossible.” [Forward, [4/24/17](#)]

Gorka Would Have Been Required To Reveal His Membership In The Far-Right Group Both When He Applied To Enter The United States In 2008 And When He Became A Naturalized U.S. Citizen In 2012; He Declined To Respond To Questions About Whether He Did So. According to Forward, “‘I never swore allegiance formally,’ he told the British newspaper the Telegraph. The question is not academic; Gorka would have been required to reveal his membership in the far-right group both when he applied to enter the United States in 2008 and when he became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 2012. He has declined to respond to questions about whether he did so.” [Forward, [4/24/17](#)]

Gorka Used The “v.” In His Name When Giving Sworn Testimony To The House Armed Services Committee In 2011 And On His Doctoral Thesis In Hungary In 2008, Both Years After His Father, Paul Gorka, Had Died.

According to Forward, “Use of the lower-case ‘v.’ in one’s name, signaling membership in the Vitézi Rend, is not an option for just anyone. ‘Of course, only after the oath,’ György Kerekes, a current member of the Historical Vitézi Rend, told the Forward when asked if anyone may use the initial ‘v.’ without going through the group’s application process and its elaborate swearing-in ceremony. Gorka subsequently used the ‘v.’ in his name when giving sworn testimony to the House Armed Services Committee in 2011 and on his doctoral thesis in Hungary in 2008 — both years after his father, Paul Gorka, had died.” [Forward, [4/24/17](#)]

GORKA WORKED WITH ANTI-SEMITIC GROUPS IN HUNGARY

2006: Gorka Worked With László Toroczkai Who Was Editor Of A Paper Which In 2004 Called Jews “Galician Upstarts” And Advocated For “[Taking] Back Our Country From Them, [Taking] Back Our Stolen Fortunes.”

According to Forward, “During large-scale anti-government demonstrations in Hungary in 2006, Gorka took on an active role, becoming closely involved with a protest group called the Hungarian National Committee (Magyar Nemzeti Bizottság). Gorka took on the roles of translator, press coordinator and adviser for the group. Among the four Committee members named as the group’s political representatives was László Toroczkai, then head of the 64 Counties Youth Movement. Toroczkai founded that group in 2001 to advocate for the return of parts of modern-day Serbia, Slovakia, Romania and Ukraine to form a Greater Hungary, restoring the country’s pre-World War I borders. In 2004, two years before the Movement’s involvement in the 2006 protests, Hungarian authorities opened an investigation into the Movement’s newspaper, Magyar Jelen, when an article referred to Jews as ‘Galician upstarts’ and went on to argue: ‘We should get them out. In fact, we need to take back our country from them, take back our stolen fortunes. After all, these upstarts are sucking on our blood, getting rich off our blood.’ At the time of the article’s publication, Toroczkai was both an editor at the paper and the Movement’s official leader. Toroczkai currently serves as vice president of Jobbik and is the mayor of a village near the border

Hungary shares with Serbia. Last year, he gained notoriety in the West for declaring a goal of banning Muslims and gays from his town.” [Forward, [2/24/17](#)]

2007: Gorka Established A New Political Party In Hungary With Two Members Who Were Members Of Jobbik, A Political Party With A Long History Of Anti-Semitism. According to Forward, “Gorka co-founded his political party with three other politicians. Two of his co-founders, Tamás Molnár and Attila Bégány, were former members of Jobbik. Molnár, a senior Jobbik politician, served as the party’s vice president until shortly before joining Gorka’s new initiative, and was also a member of the Hungarian National Committee during the 2006 protests, issuing statements together with extremist militant figures such as Toroczkai. Jobbik has a long history of anti-Semitism. In 2006, when Gorka’s political allies were still members of Jobbik, articles in the party’s official online blog included headlines such as ‘The Roots of Jewish Terrorism’ and ‘Where Were the Jews in 1956?’, a reference to the country’s revolution against Soviet rule. In one speech in 2010, Jobbik leader Gabor Vona said that ‘under communism we licked Moscow’s boots, now we lick Brussels’ and Washington’s and Tel Aviv’s.” [Forward, [2/24/17](#)]

CALLED CRITICISM OF WHITE HOUSE’S INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY “ASININE”

Gorka Called Criticism Of The White House’s Omission Of Jews Or Anti-Semitism From Its Statement Marking The Holocaust’s International Day Of Remembrance “Asinine.” According to CNN, “Earlier in the interview, Gorka was asked by Medved whether he would acknowledge that the administration’s controversial statement on Holocaust Remembrance Day was ‘at least questionable in being the first such statement in many years that didn’t recognize that Jewish extermination was the chief goal of the Holocaust.’ Gorka replied by calling criticism of the statement ‘asinine,’ arguing that it was motivated by the media’s desire to attack Trump. ‘It’s a Holocaust remembrance statement,’ Gorka said. ‘No, I’m not going to admit it. Because it’s asinine. It’s absurd. You’re making a statement about the Holocaust. Of course it’s about the Holocaust because that’s what the statement’s about. It’s only reasonable to twist it if your objective is to attack the President.’” [CNN, [2/7/17](#)]

GORKA SUPPORTED A VIOLENT ANTI-SEMITIC MILITIA

2007: Gorka Said He Supported The Move By Jobbik To Establish A Militia Which Was Later Condemned By The European Court Of Human Rights. According to Forward, “In a video obtained by the Forward of an August 2007 television appearance by Gorka, the future White House senior aide explicitly affirms his party’s and his support for the black-vested Hungarian Guard (Magyar Gárda) — a group later condemned by the European Court of Human Rights for attempting to promote an ‘essentially racist’ legal order. Asked directly on the TV interview program if he supports the move by Jobbik, a far-right anti-Semitic party, to establish the militia, Gorka, appearing as a leader of his own newly formed party, replies immediately, ‘That is so.’ The Guard, Gorka explains, is a response to ‘a big societal need.’” [Forward, [4/3/17](#)]

GORKA CRITICIZED THE MAIN-STREAM MEDIA FOR DISCUSSING WHITE NATIONALISM DAYS BEFORE A WOMAN WAS KILLED BY A WHITE SUPREMACIST IN CHARLOTTESVILLE

August 10, 2017: Gorka Said “White Men” And “White Supremacists” Were “Not The Problem.” According to ThinkProgress, “On Wednesday, Gorka lashed out at ‘at [New York Times reporter] Maggie Haberman and her acolytes in the fake news media, who immediately have a conniption fit’ and brought up McVeigh. He added that ‘white men’ and ‘white supremacists’ are not ‘the problem.’ It’s this constant, ‘Oh, it’s the white man. It’s the white supremacists. That’s the problem.’ No, it isn’t, Maggie Haberman. Go to Sinjar. Go to the Middle East, and tell me what the real problem is today. Go to Manchester.” [ThinkProgress, [8/10/17](#)]

August 12, 2017: A Car Plowed Through A Group Of Counter-Protestors Demonstrating Against An Alt-Right And White Nationalist Rally, Killing One Woman. According to NBC News, “One person was killed and more than 19 others were injured in Charlottesville, Virginia, after a car plowed through a group of counter-protesters who were demonstrating against an alt-right and white nationalist rally. Charlottesville Police Chief Al Thomas said a 32-year-old woman was killed and the suspect vehicle which fled was found moments later and a male driver was arrested. Police on Saturday night said James

Alex Fields Jr., 20, of Ohio, was the person arrested and is charged with one count of second-degree murder, three counts of malicious wounding and one count of 'hit and run attended failure to stop with injury.'" [NBC News, [8/13/17](#)]

Department of Homeland Security Adviser Kathleen Gorka

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ANTON SAID ANTI-SEMITIC AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE WAS "UNFAIRLY MALIGNED"

Anton: The America First Committee Of The 1940s Was "Unfairly Maligned." In a post on the Journal of American Greatness, Michael Anton, under the pseudonym of Publius Decius Mus, wrote, "Trump's two slogans—'Make America Great Again' and 'Take Our Country Back'—point to the heart of Trumpism: 'America First.' Some will no doubt flinch at being reminded of an alleged stain on America's past. This is not the place to explain or defend 1940-41's (unfairly maligned) America First Committee." [Internet Archive – Journal of American Greatness, [March 2016](#)]

1940: America First Committee Formed To Oppose U.S. Involvement In World War II. According to The Atlantic, "The America First Committee (AFC), which was founded in 1940, opposed any U.S. involvement in World War II, and was harshly critical of the Roosevelt administration, which it accused of pressing the U.S. toward war. At its peak, it had 800,000 members across the country, included socialists, conservatives, and some of the most prominent Americans from some of the most prominent families." [Atlantic, [1/21/17](#)]

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national interest. 'Instead of agitating for war, the Jewish groups in this country should be opposing it in every possible way for they will be among the first to feel its consequences,' Lindbergh said. 'Tolerance is a virtue that depends upon peace and strength. History shows that it cannot survive war and devastations. A few far-sighted Jewish people realize this and stand opposed to intervention. But the majority still do not.' [Atlantic, [1/21/17](#)]

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ANTON: DIVERSITY WAS A "SOURCE OF WEAKNESS"

Anton: Diversity Was Not "Our Strength" In The U.S. But A "Source Of Weakness, Tension And Disunion." In a post on the Journal of American Greatness, Michael Anton, under the pseudonym of Publius Decius Mus, wrote, "The other, related source of Trump's appeal is his willingness—eagerness—gleefulness!—to mock the ridiculous lies we've been incessantly force-fed for the past 15 years (at least) and tell the truth. 'Diversity' is not 'our strength'; it's a source of weakness, tension and disunion." [Internet Archive – Journal of American Greatness, [March 2016](#)]

Anton Said The Popular Virtues Of "Diversity" Were A "Lie." In a Claremont Review of Books op-ed Michael Anton, under the pseudonym of Publius Decius Mus, wrote, "The sacredness of mass immigration is the mystic chord that unites America's ruling and intellectual classes. Their reasons vary somewhat. The Left and the Democrats seek ringers to form a permanent electoral majority. They, or many of them, also believe the academic-intellectual lie that America's inherently racist and evil nature can be expiated only through ever greater 'diversity.'" [Claremont Review of Books, [9/5/16](#)]

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Anton Criticized The U.S. Immigration System That “Forced” The U.S. To “Prove That Muhammed Is A Terrorist Or Jose Is A Criminal, And If We Can’t We Must Let Them In.” In a post on the Journal of American Greatness, Michael Anton, under the pseudonym of Publius Decius Mus, wrote, “Immigration to the United States—by Muslims or anyone else—is presented as a civil right for foreigners: the burden is forced on Americans to prove that Muhammed is a terrorist or Jose is a criminal, and if we can’t, we must let them in. Trump alone among major political figures has stood up to say this is nonsense.” [Internet Archive – Journal of American Greatness, [March 2016](#)]

Anton: Conservatives Who Believed In “Family Values,” Small Government, And Western Values Believed The U.S. Was “Headed Off A Cliff.” In a Claremont Review of Books op-ed Michael Anton, under the pseudonym of Publius Decius Mus, wrote, “If conservatives are right about the importance of virtue, morality, religious faith, stability, character and so on in the individual; if they are right about sexual morality or what came to be termed ‘family values’; if they are right about the importance of education to inculcate good character and to teach the fundamentals that have defined knowledge in the West for millennia; if they are right about societal norms and public order; if they are right about the centrality of initiative, enterprise, industry, and thrift to a sound economy and a healthy society; if they are right about the soul-sapping effects of paternalistic Big Government and its cannibalization of civil society and religious institutions; if they are right about the necessity of a strong defense and prudent statesmanship in the international sphere—if they are right about the importance of all this to national health and even survival, then they must believe—mustn’t they?—that we are headed off a cliff.” [Claremont Review of Books, [9/5/16](#)]

Anton: “America Is Not A ‘Nation Of Immigrants’; We Are Originally A Nation Of Settlers, Who Later Chose To Admit Immigrants, And Later Still Not To.” In a post on the Journal of American Greatness, Michael Anton, under the pseudonym of Publius Decius Mus, wrote, “The other, related source of Trump’s appeal is his willingness—eagerness—gleefulness!—to mock the ridiculous lies we’ve been incessantly force-fed for the past 15 years (at least) and tell the truth. [...] America is not a ‘nation of immigrants’; we are originally a nation of settlers, who later chose to admit immigrants, and later still not to, and who may justly open or close our doors solely at our own discretion, without deference to forced pieties.” [Internet Archive – Journal of American Greatness, [March 2016](#)]

Anton: “Mass Third World Immigration Poses An Existential Threat Not Merely To The Limited Government They Profess To Cherish, But To The Nation That Limited Government Is Supposed To Conserve.” In a post on the Journal of American Greatness, Michael Anton, under the pseudonym of Publius Decius Mus, wrote, “It would have been more precise for Levin to say that he “wants” limited government—I do, too!—but one must wonder if he understands the El Niño scale of the currents tugging this hope out to sea. A limited government is one whose powers are limited to securing the rights, plus the moral and material conditions necessary to the exercise of those rights, of its own people. That job is plenty hard enough for even the best government with the best people. The more tasks government assigns to itself, and the more incompatible people it takes in, the less limited it will become, until it is perforce unlimited. If so-called “conservatives” cannot understand that mass Third World immigration poses an existential threat not merely to the limited government they profess to cherish, but to the nation that limited government is supposed to conserve, then they have no right to that name. For the one thing American conservatism has most definitely not conserved, in the face of unrelenting onslaught, is the American nation.” [Internet Archive – Journal of American Greatness, [March 2016](#)]

ANTON: REPUBLICANS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO PURSUE HISPANIC VOTERS

Anton Argued Against Republicans Appealing To Hispanic Voters Because The “High-Water Mark” Was 39% For Bush In 2004 And Questioned Whether The Nation Would “Survive What It Would Take [To] Get 50.1%.” In a Claremont Review of Books op-ed Michael Anton, under the pseudonym of Publius Decius Mus, wrote, “But then Voegeli’s thinking becomes truly magical. The heart of my argument is that eight years of Hillary will—through legal and illegal immigration, amnesty and refugee inflows—permanently tip the national electoral map Democratic. By design. To this Voegeli calmly replies that ‘it’s possible’ that ‘over the coming decades’ Latinos will become Republicans. Anything’s ‘possible,’ I suppose. Is this likely? Is it worth betting the country on? It’s a well-worn logical mistake to predict the future by assuming that present trends will continue. Isn’t it an even greater logical error to hope for a future on the basis of things that have never yet happened anywhere? The high-water mark for Republicans with Latinos at the Presidential level was 39%, in 2004. That was with A) an incumbent who B) spoke Spanish, however badly, C) was leading a war and thus benefited from some measure of patriotic solidarity and concern for physical safety, and D) recklessly goosed Latino (and other) homeownership

through looser credit standards, which led to a housing bubble and crashed the financial system. All that for 39%. Could the nation survive what it would take get 50.1%?” [Claremont Review of Books, [9/24/16](#)]

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Anton: “Mass Immigration” Made The Electorate More And More “Unfavorable To Republican Candidates.” In a Claremont Review of Books op-ed Michael Anton, under the pseudonym of Publius Decius Mus, wrote, “Alas, my venture into the agora has not yet changed my mind. Every four years the electorate becomes more unfavorable to Republican candidates, owing above all to mass immigration, which so many Republicans still self-sabotagingly support.” [Claremont Review of Books, [9/13/16](#)]

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Anton: If Clinton Won, There Would Be Eight Years Of “Unfavorable [...] Demographic Change” For Republicans, So They Should Change Their Positions On Immigration “Or Change Their Positions On Everything Else.” In a Claremont Review of Books op-ed Michael Anton, under the pseudonym of Publius Decius Mus, wrote, “My argument was simple. Every year the electorate becomes more Democratic, both in absolute numbers and in the Electoral College math. The Democrats understand this and their immigration policy is designed to accelerate the trend. The chance of defeating an incumbent Democrat in 2020 will be significantly smaller than that of winning in 2016, hence the Republicans’ next opportunity will be 2024—after eight more years of unfavorable (to them) demographic change, fueled by amnesty, no border enforcement, and refugee inflows stoked by deliberate Democratic and administrative state action (and inaction). The idea that an antediluvian conservative like Ted Cruz can win with that transformed electorate is preposterous. The only ‘Republican’ who might have a shot would be one virtually indistinguishable from a Democrat. I forgot who said it (and Google failed me), but it’s indisputable that ‘Republicans need to change their position on immigration or change their positions on everything else.’” [Claremont Review of Books, [9/19/16](#)]

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ANTON MOCKED YOUNG CONSERVATIVES FOR BEING RAISED ON “RACISM-THIS AND EQUALITY-THAT”

Anton Mocked Young Conservatives For Their Anti-Racism, Pro-Equality Views That He Called “Millennial Identity Politics And Sexual Libertarianism.” In an interview with American Greatness, Michael Anton, under the

pseudonym of Publius Decius Mus, said, “It does seem that, the younger a (nominal) conservative is, the more likely he is to be against Trump. I think this is owing to two things, at least. This will sound like an old man being cranky, so take it with due allowances. [...] The kidlets, as I call them, were raised on a diet of racism-this and equality-that and that’s-not-who-we-are, so they can’t process anything that seems to contradict the narrative. To them ‘conservatism’ is the 1980 campaign’s economic platform spot-welded to Millennial identity politics and sexual libertarianism. Freedom!” [American Greatness, [9/17/16](#)]