Heather Heyer impromptu memorial, 4th St. NW. August 24 2017, images by Frank Dukes
How Race, Income, and Environmental Equity Will Shape A Shared Prosperity

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White supremacy groups promulgate the story that whites are losing all their rights to people of color.

An Aug. 12 Unite the Right rally organizer: I think white Americans are in a situation like the Native Americans were in in the 19th century. We are being dispossessed of our territory.
WHITE SUPREMACY “MODERNIZES:”
THE ALT-RIGHT

Variations of “Pepe,” a well-known Alt-Right meme (Author unknown)

Image of rainbow swastika (@AltRightVa)

Slide by Ben Doherty and Andrew Mahler
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UNITE THE RIGHT

RICHARD SPENCER
MIKE ENOCH
JASON KESSLER
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MATT HEIMBACH
JOHNNY MONOXIDE
PAX DICKINSON
DR. MICHAEL HILL

AUGUST 11TH, 2017 3:00PM
LEE PARK
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
WE WILL NOT BE REPLACED

Credit: Unknown

This is NOT an attack on your HERITAGE
THIS IS AN ATTACK ON YOUR RACIAL EXISTENCE
FIGHT BACK OR DIE

Credit: Traditionalist Worker Party

FAITH FAMILY FOLK

Credit: League of the South

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2) Although its recent expression is highly visible, white supremacy has been with the U.S. for centuries
What Do We Mean by “White Supremacy”?

White supremacists are those who espouse openly the superiority of “whiteness.”

White supremacy may be understood as a system - cultural, legal, economic - that developed over centuries to advantage whites over others.

Narratives of white supremacy have been powerful sustainers of racial injustice for centuries.

Everyone participates in this system, no matter your intent.
Impacts of White Supremacy

• White supremacy has been deeply ingrained in our country - in our laws, economics, culture, and more.

• The enduring impacts of white supremacy leave deep racial inequities and disparities.

• Many of our community spaces – monuments, yes, but also segregated neighborhoods - sustain false narratives that justify white supremacy and sustain those disparities.
The Harm of Narratives of White Supremacy

Violence
• Innocent black people are about seven times more likely to be convicted of murder than innocent white people.

Sexual Violence
• This narrative led to most of 4,000+ lynchings and countless other forms of violence, including castrations and mutilations.

Intelligence
• This narrative insists falsely that blacks get preferences over whites in education and elsewhere.

Work
• Racial discrimination in hiring is demonstrated over and over.

At the University of Virginia, about 52% of the most physically demanding jobs – the ones described as “service and maintenance” – are held by African Americans. Many are working more than one job because they are not paid a living wage.

About 165 out of 19,150 of Virginia’s 2015 African-American high school graduates enrolled at UVa. Is 165 out of 19,150 Virginia African American high school graduates an excessive number?
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If you find yourself thinking:

I have black friends (family, classmates, etc.)

What about black-on-black crime?

That is reverse racism.

But I’m not like that.

What black people need to do is …

I’m afraid of saying the wrong thing.

All lives matter.

I don’t see color.

Yes, but...
May 14 2017, following May 13 torchlight white supremacist rally in then Lee [now Emancipation] Park, images by Frank Dukes
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