

How Race, Income, and Environmental Equity Will Shape A Shared Prosperity

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Today's Narratives of White Supremacy

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







Image of rainbow swastika (@AltRightVa)



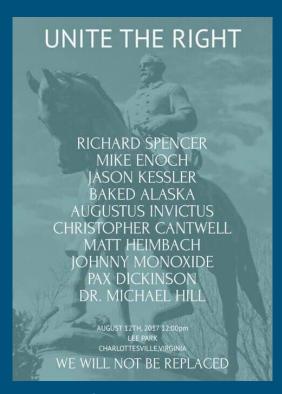




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2) Although its recent expression is highly visible, white supremacy has been with the U.S. for centuries

What Do We Mean by "White Supremacy"?

White <u>supremacists</u> 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 <u>deeply ingrained</u> in our country in our laws, economics, culture, and more.
- The enduring impacts of white supremacy leave deep <u>racial</u> inequities and <u>disparities</u>.
- Many of our community spaces monuments, yes, but also segregated neighborhoods - sustain <u>false narratives</u> that justify white supremacy and sustain those disparities.

The Harm of Narratives of White Supremacy

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.

Work

 Racial discrimination in hiring is demonstrated over and over.

Violence

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

<u>Intelligence</u>

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

Sexual Violence

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

About 165 out of 19,150 of Virginia's 2015 African-American high school graduates enrolled at UVa. <u>Is 165 out of 19,150 Virginia African American high school graduates an excessive number?</u>

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White Fragility?

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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Open learning for all interested parties

Case Studies

A database of cases and "lessons learned."

Guidebook

Best practices for dialogue, public history and design for communities grappling with problematic sites.

Pilot Assistance

Charlottesville Acts for Racial Equity and one other pilot community, to be identified.

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