

**White supremacists killed someone in Charlottesville yesterday.** Friday night they marched through Charlottesville and the University of Virginia grounds, carrying torches that evoked a history of violent racial terrorism intended to intimidate a community that had recently renamed Robert E Lee Park to Emancipation Park.

**Saturday, white supremacists took the step of ramming into a crowd of peaceful protesters, killing at least one person and injuring more than a dozen others in the name of "honoring" their heritage of hate.**

As Tampa and New Orleans are in the process of removing these symbols after sustained organizing, we see why it's so important to keep fighting to remove these statues in honor of slaveowners. **After the election of Donald Trump white supremacists have been emboldened and ever more threatening. We must continue to fight to reclaim our public spaces removing all confederate symbols and let white supremacists know they have no place to rally in our country.**

**[Take em ALL down! Join us in calling to remove all Confederate symbols from all places of honor in America.](#)**

**It is past time that we nationally stop the veneration of people who committed treason in the name of slavery!** We can no longer coddle white supremacists and indulge their lies about heritage. The Charlottesville murder has to be the moment that forces us to reckon with white supremacy! **The continued display of white supremacist symbols in places of honor only serves to further signal that white supremacy is not only tolerated in America but celebrated.**

**White supremacists are rallying around Confederate statues and using them as a pretext to commit terrorism and murder. Since the Dylann Roof massacre we have seen a national movement to remove symbols of the Confederacy across the nation.** As we have been able to find success in cities like Tampa and New Orleans white supremacists have become more desperate as they've been emboldened by Trump.

**We cannot allow these white supremacist terrorists to intimidate us from confronting and working to dismantle symbols of white supremacy.** Confederate statues are a symbol of white supremacy and its current political power. Terrorists in Charlottesville understood this and were willing to kill in the name of their symbol, we must be determined to persist in the face of this white supremacist terror. **We saw in New Orleans what the sustained effort of Take Em Down NOLA has already accomplished as they organized members of the community and launched a campaign on OrganizeFor which has already brought down several monuments.** We must continue this effort and Take Em ALL Down everywhere across the country.

**Join us now to tell America that we can't keep coddling white supremacy. Take em ALL down!**

Until justice is real,

--Rashad, Arisha, Johnny, Thomas, Kristen, Chad and the rest of the Color Of Change team