

Is Trump Really Racist?

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Journalists and criminal prosecutors deal with facts. Let's do facts, not opinions:

- It's fact that Republican Abraham Lincoln freed slaves; for decades Republicans championed Black interests.

- It's true that the old sordid Democratic Party supported slavery and segregation. Woodrow Wilson segregated government offices.

- Then Democrats changed. It's fact that FDR's depression programs benefitted Blacks and Indians. His "Black Caucus" advised on race relations.

- It's fact that Truman integrated the military.

- It's fact that Johnson passed the Civil Rights Act (Fair Housing), Voting Rights Act, Immigration and Nationality Act, and War on Poverty.

Nixon devised the Southern Strategy, appealing to conservative Southerners. Then the South switched from Democratic to Republican. Rednecks and white supremacists vote Republican.

Trump carried racism much farther:

- It's fact that he and father Fred were indited for racial discrimination in renting apartments. They negotiated settlement but never apologized. ¹

- It's fact that Trump was fined \$200,000 for racial and sexual discrimination at casinos. ²

- Almost everyone agrees that Trump is an Islamophobe. ³ It's fact that he's banned visitors from many Islamic countries, ⁴ but now expanded ban to even populous Black Nigeria! ⁵

- It's fact that following a fatal shooting at a white supremacist and neoNazi rally

¹J. Mahler and S. Eder, 'No Vacancies' for Blacks. How Donald Trump got his start, and was first accused of bias, New York Times, Aug. 27, 2016

²D.C. Johnson, The making of Donald Trump, Melville House, Brooklyn NY, 2016, p. 206

³C. Savage, Plan to bar foreign Muslims by Donald Trump might survive a lawsuit, New York Times, Dec. 8, 2015

⁴Full text of Trump's executive order on 7-nation ban, refugee suspension, Jan. 28, 2017, cnm.com/2017/01/28/politics/text-of-trump-executive-order-nation-ban-refugees/index.html

⁵R. Maclean and A. Latif Dahir, New U.S. travel ban shuts door on Africa's biggest economy, Nigeria, New York Times, Feb. 2, 2020

in Charlottesville, Trump said, “Very fine people on both sides.”

- It’s fact that Trump called Haiti and Africa “shithole countries”.
- It’s fact that Trump tweeted about four Black or Muslim congresswomen, “go back...from which they came.” ^{6 7 8}
- It’s fact that Trump called south-of-border migrants “murderers and rapists.” ⁹
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- It’s fact that Trump proposed capping annual refugees at only 18,000 from 30,000, when there’re 70,000,000 refugees worldwide—racial and religious prejudice. ^{11 12 13}
- It’s fact that Dr. Ben Carson is the Black Housing Secretary, but Trump’s chief-of-staff Kelly also fired Omarosa Manigault-Newman, his sole Black Senior Advisor.
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- It’s fact that Trump’s riot police dispersed peaceful Black Lives Matter protesters at the White House for a photo-op. ¹⁵
- It’s fact that Trump toured riot-torn Kenosha, praised police, defended murderer Rittenhouse as perhaps acting in self-defence, but never mentioned Black victim Jacob Blake while visiting!

Almost every Black, Latino, Muslim, and “liberal” who believes that all men are created equal will vote against Trump.

How about you?

⁶K. Rogers and N. Fandos, Trump tells freshmen congresswomen to ‘Go back’ to the countries they came from, New York Times, July 14, 2019

⁷S. Hughes and M.C. Bender, House passes resolution condemning Trump’s tweets as racist, New York Times, July 16, 2019

⁸Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) responded: Ilhan Omar: It is not enough to condemn Trump’s racism, New York Times, July 25, 2019

⁹Trump promoted building The Wall to protect Americans from illegal criminal aliens in his Oval Office speech: Full text: Donald Trump’s immigration address, politico.com/story/2019/01/08/trump-immigration-speech-full-text-1088710

¹⁰B. Palma, Have undocumented immigrants killed 63,000 American citizens since 9/11?, June 22, 2018, snopes.com/fact-check/have-undocumented-killed-63000-us-9-11

¹¹M.D. Sheer and Z. Kanno-Youngs, Trump slashes refugee cap to 18,000, curtails U.S. role as haven, New York Times, Sept. 26, 2019

¹²Since the pandemic started, Trump has banned nearly all immigrants; thousands of refugees are stranded in camps in Mexico.

¹³N. Miroff and J. Dawsey, Stephen Miller has long-term vision for Trump’s temporary immigration order, according to private call with supporters, Washington Post, April 24, 2020

¹⁴O. Manigault-Newman, Unhinged: An insider’s account of the Trump White House, Gallery Books, New York, 2018

¹⁵A. Phillips, Trump disperses protesters for photo-op, Washington Post online, June 2, 2020