Regular Argumentative Essay

The riot in Charlottesville, a city that boasts “diversity makes us stronger,” made a lot of things clear this summer. One is the generic solutions to our nations racial problem — weak affirmations of inclusiveness, tolerance and freedom of speech. Do you feel that these national attempts have worked or never worked?

After reading and watching the video clips of the Charlottesville incident, write an argumentative paper in which you defend or disagree with the President’s reaction towards this volatile crime.

Write an argumentative essay in which you take a stance on whether or not Trump’s claims are valid or unjust. Use the information from all sources to support your claim. Cite evidence by title.

Please View the Video and read two articles from the links below. You must incorporate one of the many quotes found below.

Video: (Warning: some verbal profanity in the witness’ recordings)

<http://www.cnn.com/videos/us/2017/08/12/car-runs-into-crowd-protest-charlottesville-nr-hartung.cnn>

**Man Charged After White Nationalists Rally in Charlottesville Ends in Deadly Violence.**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/12/us/charlottesville-protest-white-nationalist.html?mcubz=0>

Trump is Criticized for Not Calling Out White Supremacists. Video

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/12/us/trump-charlottesville-protest-nationalist-riot.html?mcubz=0>

Virginia governor on white nationalists: They should leave America

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/08/13/us/charlottesville-white-nationalist-rally-car-crash/index.html>

Fox News host bursts into tears attempting to defend Trump’s controversial Charlottesville remarks

<http://www.theblaze.com/news/2017/08/16/fox-news-host-bursts-into-tears-attempting-to-defend-trumps-controversial-charlottesville-remarks/>

**Unpacking the controversy over what Trump has said, and not said, on Charlottesville**

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/unpacking-controversy-trump-charlottesville/story?id=49249313>

The following are quotes that should be used in your argumentative essay (you only have to choose one).

“While I find it hard to believe I should have to defend myself on this, or the president, I feel compelled to let you know that the president in no way, shape or form believes that neo-Nazi and other hate groups who endorse violence are equivalent to groups that demonstrate in peaceful and lawful ways,” Mnuchin, who is Jewish, said in a statement released by the Treasury Department.

"Our country's strength stems from its diversity and the contributions made by men and women of different faiths, races, sexual orientations and political beliefs," Frazier tweeted.

"America's leaders must honor our fundamental values by clearly rejecting expressions of hatred, bigotry and group supremacy, which run counter to the American ideal that all people are created equal," Frazier said. "As CEO of Merck and as a matter of personal conscience, I feel a responsibility to take a stand against intolerance and extremism."

“Racism and murder are unequivocally reprehensible and are not morally equivalent to anything else that happened in Charlottesville,” Morrison said in a [statement](https://www.campbellsoupcompany.com/newsroom/news/2017/08/16/statement-denise-morrison-president-ceo-campbell-soup-company/).

“I believe the president should have been — and still needs to be — unambiguous on that point,” she added. “Following [Tuesday’s] remarks from the president, I cannot remain on the Manufacturing Jobs Initiative.”

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Your words are dividing Americans, not healing them," the South Carolina Republican

-**Senator Lindsey Graham**