

WHITE NATIONALISM IS A THREAT

[30% of active military say white nationalism is a big national security threat, more than Syria.](#)

Nearly one in four troops polled say they have seen examples of white nationalism among their fellow service members, and troops rate it as a larger national security threat than Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, according to a new Military Times poll.

Those in the military tend to be more conservative than civilians, but they still know that national security is not so much threatened by the foreign lands where they might be sent to "protect national interests", as it is by the threats to our national values at home.

It isn't too surprising that military members are more conservative, having volunteered to join a lifestyle involving rigid authoritarianism dedicated to the use of force, trained to kill when ordered to do so.

That doesn't necessarily mean becoming less tolerant of other races, religions, or ethnic origins than they were to begin with. In fact, there may be less discrimination in the military than in civilian employment. Still, 25% of all troops and 42% of non-whites have encountered white nationalists (not just racists) in the military, enough to be of serious concern among those who are not.

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Who Exactly Is the Alt-Right?

[Who Exactly Is the Alt-Right? As Told by the Alt-Right](#)

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Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.

—[Marie Curie](#)

<https://www.biography.com/news/marie-curie-biography-facts>

Understanding our universe is important. Understanding human beings who think differently is also worth pursuing. Sometimes that is even more challenging than delving into the mysteries of physics. Learning that a phenomenon exists is the first step. Understanding why is the hard part. That can lead to less fear. But as in the case of Marie Curie, we may find that what we didn't know, CAN hurt us.

Ideas and attitudes are a bit like scents in the air. Close to their source, whether a flower garden or a garbage dump, they may be strong, even overwhelming, but they drift outward and can be detected a distance away, fainter perhaps, or mixed with other scents. Defining the extremes, the source, is useful. It helps in knowing what more

subtle scents are in the air around us.

"Who are the Alt-Right?"

In truth, the Alt-Right is not an entity in and of itself. Rather, it exists as a coalition of Nazis, Confederates, White Nationalists, Klansmen, fascists, and even some simply far-right Republicans. Importantly, not all Nazis are Alt-Righters, and not all Alt-Righters are Nazis. That goes for each of the categories in the coalition.

The one factor that defines this coalition is a belief in the "14 Words," which are essentially a thesis statement for the movement. The words are "We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children." Taken at face value, the statement is innocent enough. There is no overt reference to violence, or even to racism. These factors only rear their heads in the interpretation of the words."

Though all alt-right groups are not the same, if those 14 words define them, they ALL STINK. Violent or not, the inherent racism in that statement cannot be explained away.

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How to Protest Without Offending White People

Though I didn't write the following, I knew I had to share it here. I have found that there is a degree of equality of opportunity: one doesn't have to be a member of a minority group to offend "white people". In fact white people who speak the truth to other white people may be even more offensive than when black or brown people do it.

How to Protest Without Offending White People

Many people were surprised when President Donald Trump suggested that NFL team owners fire players who quietly choose to sit out the national anthem before games, but I was not one of them.

Even though they thought they'd solved the anthem problem by blackballing protest starter Colin Kaepernick, the residual insolence displayed by the players roiled white people to no end because their protest was so disrespectful—not to a 250-year-old cloth logo or a Francis Scott Key bar song. Taking a knee is disrespectful to whiteness. It is not that white people can't understand Kaepernick's point of view; it's that—to them—any other point of view is nonexistent.

For future reference, we have put together this handy-dandy checklist for designing a protest that white people will find inoffensive and respectable.

Don't Say "White"

I have no idea why, but white people hate it when anyone uses the phrase "white people," because, for some reason, they consider it a pejorative. When protesting police brutality, education inequality, unfair housing practices or anything else, you must be careful not to "make it all about race"—even if the thing you're protesting is all about race.

Refer to racism as a "social issue." Instead of slinging the phrase "white supremacy" around all willy-

nilly, you can instead refer to it as “structural inequality.” If your “underprivileged” child has been fenced into a poorly funded educational system, call it an “inner-city school.”

Uttering the words “white people” only serves as a reminder of their historic ties to oppression, which can only be negated by their instinctual regurgitation of the preamble to all white excuses: “Not all white people ... ” Even if you make your protest about a “societal issue” that’s not about race, you still shouldn’t expect them to join in or approve.

They already heard you say “white people.”

Don’t Say “Black”

When protesting, you must not only refrain from lumping Caucasians together, but you must also be careful not to remind them of your blackness. Again, the word conjures the imagery of oppression and makes everything about race.

Plus, it is divisive. Any mention of race is divisive because it overlooks the fact that every color and creed has problems. Some people have to worry about the leader of the free world trying to deport their children, vilifying their religion or referring to their mothers as bitches, while others have to live with the terrible burden of people constantly belittling their chicken seasoning and potato-salad-making.

We all have a struggle.

Be Inclusive

If there is one thing white people outer-city people hate, it’s being left out. If you watch the nation unite in empathy and mourning for the single Caucasian victim of white supremacy, while ignoring the fact that the same supremacists have terrorized people of color for more than a century; when you see Justine Damond’s death change the leadership of an entire police force while streets run red with black blood spilled by acquitted police officers, you still shouldn’t say, “Black lives matter.”

Even if there has never been a nanosecond in the long history of America during which anyone questioned the worth of white lives, you must still include them. You should also be inclusive enough to make up an entirely new category of human being and announce that blue lives matter, too.

Unless you hate cops ...

... and smurfs.

Be Invisible

White people The average American doesn’t mind protest ... as long as he or she can’t see it. You absolutely have the constitutional right to feel a little morose whenever your son, neighbor or fellow citizen is shot, choked, beaten or discriminated against—as long as you don’t obstruct the weekend Caucasian commute to the mall to purchase yoga pants. Why should they have to think about the disproportionate, continual murder of black people when they’re trying to get half-price cargo shorts at the Gap? That’s just un-American.

You can object to inequality as much as you'd like, as long as it isn't at sporting events. No one wants to think about politics at sporting events. Or at political rallies. Or inaugurations. Or on social media. Or at schools. Or at actual protests.

Everywhere else is fine.

Be Respectful

If you miraculously find a place to protest, find an inoffensive phrase and include people from all groups, you should still be mindful that there is a list of things that white people the overprivileged value more than your life, freedom, equality or happiness. Your civil disobedience must not offend or disparage any of the following: flags that represent America, flags that represent traitors to America, monuments, names of buildings, statues, stained-glass windows, cats, American flags, 150-year-old songs, freedom of speech (but only their freedom of speech, not yours), bathrooms, dogs, the children (not children, but "the children"), the Founding Fathers, first responders, blue lives, religious freedom (Christian only), traffic and troops.

Especially troops. Wypipo love troops. They can watch a cop shoot an unarmed person in the head and see the brain matter splatter on his or her baby in the back seat and feel no empathy, but burst into tears when someone shows them a clip of a dog licking a soldier's face when he comes home from killing brown people somewhere in the world protecting their freedom.

In fact, if you wrap a puppy in an American flag and put it on top of a pumpkin-spice gift certificate to Starbucks and tell a white woman you're giving it to a soldier, she will spontaneously orgasm.

Real talk.*

*I don't actually know what "real talk" means, but I know that—according to Section 3, paragraph 5 of the Uniform Negro Code—affixing "real talk" to the end of a sentence automatically makes it true.

Be Dead

One of the surest ways to engender respect from white people the unmelanated is to die. If you don't feel like dying and have white-enough teeth, you can alternately outlive their vitriol and wait for them to embrace you.

Muhammad Ali was considered a traitor when he stood up for his rights and refused to fight in Vietnam. Tommie Smith and John Carlos were vilified. Gallup polling recounts Martin Luther King Jr.'s favorability this way:

In 1963, King had a 41 percent positive and a 37 percent negative rating; in 1964, it was 43 percent positive and 39 percent negative; in 1965, his rating was 45 percent positive and 45 percent negative; and in 1966—the last Gallup measure of King using this scalometer procedure—it was 32 percent positive and 63 percent negative.

Five months before the March on Washington, 60 percent of the country had a negative view of the event and 57 percent thought that peaceful sit-ins hurt the civil rights movement. Even a year later, in 1964, 73 percent of Americans believed “Negroes should stop mass demonstrations,” according to Gallup (pdf).

Never Forget that Martin Luther King Jr. was Hated by White America

There has never been a movement for the freedom or equality of people of color that has gained white approval. Not the abolitionist movement. Not the anti-lynching movement. Not the Black Power movement. Not the civil rights struggle.

Looking for respectability and approval from white people will always be as fruitless a task as a chicken’s attempt to convince a fox to respect the boundaries of the henhouse.

In fact, historical, anecdotal and empirical evidence shows that there is only one way to protest without offending white people:

Don’t.

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Antifascism

Yes, I, too, am anti-fascist. Although I prefer to oppose fascism in all its manifestations in a nonviolent way, I recognize that there may be times when that is not a sufficient response, and that my way is not the only way.

If I were conversing with “members” of Antifa, I would suggest that they strive for self-discipline in order to refrain from unnecessary force-- to consider themselves defenders, not aggressors. But though my approach is not theirs, we are nonetheless allies, and I will not condemn them.

There are many others who are allies, with varied means and goals, and we are wise not to reject one another if we are working toward similar ends. Some are more moderate and methodical, while others may be considered radical. There may be a time to discuss our differences, but for now it is more important to unite.

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