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## **TRUMP AND THE WHITE SUPREMACY CLAIM**

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*Here's what provoked me:*

*Trump asks for a lot of trouble and criticism – I've a hunch he gets some pleasure out of it. He's a classic contrarian and his personality doesn't permit him to be bothered by all the flack he receives. He deserves some of it, but sometimes he's treated unfairly.*

*Here's my response:*

### **Trump and the White Supremacy Claim**

We shouldn't be surprised by the lack of respect shown to President Trump. He's a master at creating nasty moments of insult and ridicule. The indignity of some of his actions don't invite respect. And he's famous for dysfunctional tantrums and reckless, unhelpful squabbles. But is he a white supremacist?

Hillary Clinton, while peddling her new book "What Happened," described Trump's inaugural address as "a cry from the white nationalist gut." And that theme is repeated by opponents and many in the media. I became curious about what influential conservative African Americans thought about that question. Renowned political commentator Deroy Murdock seems representative of this group. Following Clinton's comments he wrote, "If President Trump is a white supremacist, he's a pretty bad one."

Trump's comments must seriously aggravate white supremacists, points out Murdock. This statement from Trump's inaugural speech is an example: "When you open your heart to patriotism, there's no room for prejudice.....we all bleed the same red blood of patriots....." Trump supports federal school-choice expenditures favoring black and Hispanic students. Considering all his family, friends, and staff who are Jewish, he can't be seriously anti-Semitic.

In fact, Trump probably annoys white supremacists even more than he annoys Democrats.