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TRUMP'S CHARLOTTESVILLE COMMENTS: HERE'S THE TRUTH

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On August 12, 2017, during a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville Virginia to protest removal of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's statue, a white nationalist driver drove a car into a crowd, killing one and injuring several.

Trump's subsequent comments morphed over time, according to the national media, into something very different than the original. He's now regularly accused of saying there were "good white nationalists" at the rally. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel is blaming the "Jussie Smollett" scandal on the "toxic environment" created by Trump's actions, such as Trump's post-Charlottesville statement.

I reviewed the actual transcript and here are Trump's actual words: ".....you had a group on one side that was bad. And you had a group on the other side that was also very violent.....not all of those people were white supremacists.....they were there to protest the taking down of the stature.....I think there's blame on both sides.....you also had people that were fine people on both sides....."

Go back and read the full transcript for yourself. Trump didn't say there were good white nationalists. He said there were people against taking down the statue who were not white nationalists, racists, or neo-Nazis. They were the good people.