



True North Organizing Network Statement on: Racism, White Supremacy, White Nationalism and the racially motivated violence in Charlottesville, Virginia

In the wake of the racially motivated violence in Charlottesville, Virginia on Saturday, True North Organizing Network issues the following statement:

True North Organizing Network unequivocally rejects racism, white supremacy and white nationalism. We condemn the use of violence by Unite the Right and other white supremacist organizations and individuals. Our hearts go out to the victims of that violence.

We reject the conclusion that there is a *moral equivalency* between the racist violence on graphic display in Charlottesville on Saturday, and the actions of people defending human dignity by standing up to hate groups. Racism, white supremacy and white nationalism needs to be called out when it's present, and not denied or rationalized by politically correct language. We must not allow those that profit from racism to obscure or deny it.

As we collectively denounce racist, white supremacist and white nationalist rhetoric, True North Organizing Network calls on our brothers and sisters of goodwill of all ethnicities to refuse to allow neo-nazis, the Ku Klux Klan, and other avowed racists to spread messages of hate. We invite our brothers and sisters in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties to join our network and create a place where life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are available to everyone.

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The True North Organizing Network develops leadership in communities with common values across Tribal Lands, Del Norte, and Humboldt Counties. True North supports families, elders, youth, and individuals of diverse faith traditions, races, cultures, and economic capacities working together for powerful change. United, using the power of relationships and a disciplined community organizing model, True North leaders are courageously challenging social, economic, and environmental injustice in our region.