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President Donald Trump is seen at the White House in Washington Aug. 14.
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[At Politico](#), Cecile Richards displays the myopia that characterizes so many special interest activists: Everything she states about political strategy is wrong and demonstrates the degree to which her organization's need for funding and political support trumps any concern for Democrats to become a majority party again. Sad. Also, infuriating.

[At Veuer](#), white supremacist Richard Spencer nails it in dismissing Trump's condemnations of racism: "It's just silliness." In front of a teleprompter, Trump condemns racism. No teleprompter? No condemnation.

[At Commonweal](#), John Gehring asks: Where were the Catholic clergy in Charlottesville? It is a good question which, I fear, has no good answer.

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[At the Boston Pilot](#), Cardinal Sean O'Malley offers one of the strongest statements about the tragedy in Charlottesville we have seen so far.

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