

Our Racist-in-Chief

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It's very difficult to respond with civility to the rants of the xenophobic misfit who occupies the White House five days a week.

His current chant to those who take issue with his policies is "If you hate this country so much, go back where you came from." He equates intense dissatisfaction with a state of affairs in one's country to hatred of the country itself.

He cannot understand that if enough people in our nation had not been intensely dissatisfied with slavery, lynchings, voteless women, child labor, to name a few of the more egregious events in our nation's history, we might still have them.

The concept of free speech except for his own hateful speech is totally alien to him. One of the basic tenets of this nation's founding is that you may hate the opinions that words convey but you may not silence speech unless it is libelous, obscene, or is an incitement to imminent violence. That concept is totally unfathomable to him. That's not how he operates.

He is himself the child of immigrants. If this nation's Constitution is so distasteful to him, perhaps it is he who should pack his bags and go back to where they came from. If that nation would have him.