

KS Delegation Condemns Charlottesville Violence

(MSC News)--Members of the Kansas delegation blame the weekend violence in Charlottesville, Virginia on racism and bigotry.

Statements following the riot that stemmed from what was billed as a “Unite the Right” rally were issued Sunday by Senator Jerry Moran and Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins, both Kansas Republicans.

Jenkins, in her statement said she doesn't condone any form of hate or violence, adding that “white supremacy is a blight on our nation. The bigotry we saw this weekend has no place in America.”

Moran called the riots that left one woman dead and others injured “a sobering reminder of the hateful element that exists in America. Bigotry and racism have no place in our society.”

Moran's fellow Republican Senator from Kansas, Pat Roberts, issued a statement Saturday, saying “The hatred and ignorance displayed by a violent and pathetic group in Charlottesville is unacceptable. Their values are not American values.”

Many attendees of the rally are well known in online political circles as [promoters of white nationalism and white supremacy](#).

Although Jenkins and Moran were joined by other national leaders, both Democrat and Republican, in placing the blame on bigotry and racism, President Donald Trump Saturday refused to explicitly place blame on the gathering intended to unite white nationalist, white supremacist, and alt-right groups. Instead, [The Hill reports](#) that while Trump condemned the violence, he said “many sides” were responsible, apparently alluding to both the rally attendees and counter protesters.

On Monday, Trump spoke at the White House, where [The Washington Post](#) reports he condemned the "racist violence" at the rally.

[One counter protester died](#) when a car Saturday plowed into a group gathered at the rally, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer, of Charlottesville, and injuring 19 others.

The driver, who was arrested, was known to have Nazi sympathies, according to a report from [The Washington Post](#).

According to [Fox News](#), the organizer of the rally used Charlottesville's planned

removal of a statute of Confederate General Robert E. Lee, along with advocating for white people, and free speech, as reasons for the event.

Two Virginia State Troopers also [died Saturday](#) during the rally.

They were killed when the helicopter they were traveling in crashed as they were patrolling above the rally.

The violence that accompanied the rally led Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe to [declare a state of emergency](#) Saturday.

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