

## Biden's Big Lie

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"In war," Aeschylus wrote in the fifth century BC, "truth is the first casualty."

So, too, these days, in political campaigns.

Last week, in accepting the Democratic Party's nomination for president, Joe Biden promised to "draw on the best of us" and "be an ally of the light." But then the 47-year Washington veteran pivoted, waving the bloody shirt from Charlottesville by claiming that President Donald Trump had declared "neo-Nazis and Klansmen and white supremacists" to be *"very fine people,"* and therefore "we were in a battle for the soul of this nation."

Did Trump dub some neo-Nazis "very fine people"?

"And you had some very bad people in that group," the president explained to a reporter. "But

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you also had people that were very fine people — on both sides. You had people in that group who were there to protest the taking down of, to them, a very, very important statute and the renaming of a park from Robert E. Lee to another name."



Noting that "George Washington was a slave-owner," Mr. Trump asked, "Are we going to take down statues to George Washington? . . .

"It's fine, you're changing history, you're changing culture, and you had people," he continued. "And I'm not talking about the neo-Nazis and the white nationalists, because they should be condemned totally."

Unequivocal.

Outraged by the Democratic contender's false contention, cartoonist and podcaster Scott Adams called Biden a "Brain-Dead Race Hoaxer" . . . and worse.

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Should this smear defeat Trump in November, an era of political truth-telling will not be ushered in.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

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\* Months ago, the Annenberg Center's FactCheck.org determined that Mr. Biden, in asserting that President Trump had failed to condemn neo-Nazis, had made false claims against the president — ignoring numerous recordings in living color of the president making those exact censures.