

Cardin: The President has obliterated any semblance of moral leadership

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BALTIMORE – U.S. Senator Ben Cardin (D-Md.) issued the following statement on the President's latest response to the deadly violence in Charlottesville this weekend.

"It is difficult to describe the most recent display that the country and the world witnessed from the President of the United States today. Rather than using this moment to bring our country together, he used his bully pulpit to act like the worst form of a bully, equating white supremacists, the KKK and neo-Nazis with protesters who were defending America against hate, bigotry, anti-Semitism, homophobia, misogyny, and xenophobia. His empathy for white supremacists has obliterated any semblance of moral leadership that Americans expect from their president.

"Despite President Trump, we the people must continue to turn to each other for strength and progress, healing and compassion. We must continue to be bold and fearless in our own reactions to racist and anti-Semitic demonstrations. White supremacy and racism are repugnant and fundamentally against the values we hold dear as a civilized society. There is a right side and a wrong side to this issue. There are no 'all sides.' The hatemongers will not tear our country apart. I am confident that what is good and just in America is stronger and will prevail."

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