

Union of Saints

Principles Against Evil Character Assassination and Abusive Labeling

“Big Failure:

Going around calling White American people “supremacists,” “racists,” “Nazis,” “colonials.”

That’s a low down, grimey-crimey failure. Not a minor issue. That’s a big evil failure.”

The Union of Saints recognizes the dignity of every person. We reject racial insults, abusive labels, unsupported accusations, and attacks upon a person's character. Every person deserves to be treated as an individual with dignity, regardless of race, ancestry, nationality, religion, political beliefs, or cultural background.

Calling White American people **“supremacists,” “racists,” “Nazis,”** or **“colonials”** because they are White Americans is incredibly offensive and unjust. These are serious accusations that should never be thrown at people casually or collectively. A person's race or ancestry does not establish that person as guilty of wrongdoing.

Do not participate in verbal warfare against the American people. There is no justification for assaulting a Native population and demographic. Hurling insults at anyone is called verbal assault, yet when a group participates in it, it can escalate into mob or gang-like behavior and contribute to patterns of intimidation and hostility, even civil war.

A person is responsible for their own conduct. A person should not have guilt for actions they did not commit. A person should not be condemned for the conduct of another individual, another family, another institution, another generation, or another population.

The Union of Saints considers this type of labeling a serious failure of judgment and respect. When serious accusations are made without evidence, they can become **ad hominem attacks, character assassination, demonization, smear tactics, poisoning the well, abusive labeling, and weaponized accusations.** Such conduct can cause real harm to the people being targeted. **We refer to this treatment of human beings as psychological warfare.**

The words **“racist,” “Nazi,” “supremacist,” “colonialist,”** and **“rapist”** have serious meanings. They should not be used as casual insults against people who have not demonstrated such conduct. Attaching these labels to innocent people can damage reputations, relationships, employment, families, communities, and public standing.

The Union of Saints believes that accusations require evidence. If someone has committed wrongdoing, the conduct should be identified clearly and the evidence should be presented. The accusation should remain connected to the person who actually committed the conduct..

The Union of Saints rejects collective guilt. We reject the practice of assigning personal blame to people because of the group into which they were born. We reject the practice of treating an entire racial or national population as responsible for the conduct of particular individuals.

Serious accusations should be made carefully. A person accused of racism, Nazism, supremacy, colonialism, abuse, or another serious offense should not be condemned merely because someone dislikes their beliefs, political position, ancestry, nationality, or identity. Evidence should be the foundation of any serious accusation.

The Union of Saints encourages people to speak with responsibility. Words can damage people when they are used recklessly or maliciously. Those who make serious accusations should understand the weight of the words they choose.

What are the facts? A person's identity should never be used as a shortcut for judging their character. Every person deserves an honest assessment of their own conduct.

The Union of Saints rejects character assassination. We reject abusive labeling. We reject racial demonization and collective condemnation. We reject the use of serious accusations as weapons against people who have not committed the conduct being alleged.

People have the right to disagree. People have the right to criticize political policies, historical events, institutions, governments, religions, movements, and individual conduct. Those rights should be exercised without turning innocent people into targets of racial hatred or personal abuse. **It isn't racist to be called a racist; that is victimhood. It is racist to falsely accuse someone of being racist solely because of their skin color and who they vote for.**

The Union of Saints upholds dignity, truth, individual responsibility, evidence, accountability, forgiveness, respect, equality, and peace. These principles apply to every person. They do not belong to one race, nationality, religion, political group, or culture.

Calling innocent people hateful names because of their race or ancestry is wrong. It is abusive. It is degrading. It is a serious failure of respect for human dignity.

That is a big failure.