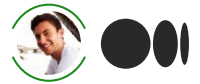


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Drumpf 's 2020 re-election campaign rides a wave of white supremacy



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President Drumpf scheduled his first campaign rally since COVID on June 19, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. While not surprising given his history of overt and implicit racism (if you need evidence, try [here](#), or [here](#), or [here](#), or just google “Drumpf racist comments” cause that’s what I did), this decision was jarring for three obvious reasons: the site selection of the Tulsa Massacre, the date selection of Juneteenth, and the back-drop of George Floyd’s murder.

1. **Where:** Tulsa, Oklahoma was the location of a disgraceful moment in US history — the Tulsa Massacre. In 1921, white mobs rampaged through the district known as “Black Wall Street,” the greatest concentration of Black wealth in the country. Their violence resulted in National Guard deployment and a declaration of Martial Law. Through rioting, burning, and even fire-bombing from planes, the district was savaged. This violence resulted in dozens of deaths, hundreds of hospitalizations, thousands of arrests, and hundreds of Black residents’ homelessness. **It was the location of one of the worst incidents of racial violence in American history.**
2. **When:** June 19, commonly known as Juneteenth, marks the date that a Union general read aloud the federal order that declared the emancipation of all slaves in Galveston, Texas. Even though the Emancipation Proclamation was two and a half years old already, Texas was one of the last areas to be liberated and have this order

enforced. Since, June 19th has been celebrated as a date of freedom and celebration for Black Americans.

3. **Context:** The murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor on top of an ongoing pandemic of violence against people of color has sparked a revived wave of protest and activism in the US. Some of the largest anti-racism and anti-police brutality protests since the Civil Rights Movement have taken place over the last few weeks. Moreover, they've been met with escalated violence from the state in the form of tear gas, beatings, shootings, imprisonment, and more.

It is not a coincidence, nor an accident, that President Drumpf scheduled a re-election campaign rally on a date that commemorates emancipation in a location scarred by racial violence amidst a wave of anti-racism activism. The closest thing I can compare this to is a Neo-Nazi holding a campaign rally on Victory in Europe Day at Auschwitz.

It doesn't matter that he has rescheduled it — his message has been sent loudly to very dangerous people.

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