

## This is like watching a livestream of Andrew Johnson's Swing Around the Circle.

Compare Trump on Antifa tonight, to this from Johnson on militant opposition:

look a man in the face—⟨Voice,—"Which you can't do."⟩ I wish I could see you, I will bet now, if there could be a light reflected upon your face, that cowardice and treachery could be seen in it. Show yourself. Come out here where we can see you. If ever you shoot a man, you will stand in the dark and pull your trigger. I understand traitors. I have been fighting them for five years. We fought it out on the Southern end of the line, now we are fighting in the other direction. And those men—such a one as insulted me to-night—you may say, has ceased to be a man, and in ceasing be to a man shrunk into the denomination of a reptile, and having so shrunken, as an honest man, I tread upon him. I came here to-night not

Compare Trump on racism, to Johnson arguing that whites are the real slaves in need of emancipation:

Why, I have labored as much in the cause of emancipation as any other mortal man living. But while I have strived to emancipate the colored man I have felt and now feel that I have a great many white men that want emancipation. [Laughter and cheers.]

There are a set amongst you that have got shackles on their limbs and are as much under the heel and control of their masters as the colored man that was emancipated. [Cheers.]

I call upon you here to-night as freemen—as men who favor the emancipation of the white man as well as the colored ones.

Compare Trump on congressional efforts at impeachment, to Johnson on congressional efforts at impeachment

Bill, and all this; because he chose to exercise the veto power he committed a high offence, and therefore ought to be impeached. [Voice: "Never!"]

Y-a-s, y-a-s, they are ready to impeach him. [Voice: "Let them try it!"] And if they were satisfied they had the next Congress by as decided a majority as this, upon some pretext or other—violating the constitution, neglect of duty, or omitting to enforce some act of law, some pretext or other—they would vacate the executive department of the United

Johnson, though, had an even more dramatic suggestion (offered as "facetious") for what to do with the political opponents in Congress he deemed traitors:

But perhaps I could answer the question; as sometimes persons want to be facetious and indulge in repartee, I might ask you a question: Why don't you hang Thad. Stevens and Wendell Phillips? [Great cheering.] A traitor at one end of the line is as bad as a traitor at the other.

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