

Subject: RE: * Information request from Adam Crisp

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Conversation: * Information request from Adam Crisp

I am not a member of the KKK nor the NAACP, and I do not consider myself to be a racist. I don't necessarily agree with the mission of an organization that exists to promote a section of the population based strictly on their race or the color of their skin, regardless of which race that is. Our country is made great by the freedom of expression, the core freedom to hold different views, and the freedom of peaceful demonstration. I don't see how a peaceful demonstration could rightly be called an act of terrorism, but I respect the right of the NAACP to hold that opinion if they want to. I sincerely hope that those present behave themselves in a Christian manner and that the event is indeed peaceful. Our law enforcement professionals are ready to handle any unlawful acts, they will not be tolerated.

We Gilmer Countians are peaceful Americans. We did not ask for this even to be held here. We don't approve of racism and hope that the KKK's demonstration is a non-event. We however hold dear the 1st Amendment and respect the rights of all to peacefully assemble.

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