

question: what specific actions will we take?

- prioritize non-violence
- different individuals have different responsibilities and different roles they will & need to play (according to their positionality)
- bodies of privilege need to be looking out for bodies not in positions of privilege.
 - question: what does “looking out for” each other look like?
 - checking in, have we eaten, have we slept

question: what are the different levels of risk & privilege, and how to we support each other considering these?

- bodies of privilege need to physically show up to reduce risk for bodies at risk
- people have intersecting identities, and people of those identities are at higher risk
- Ed Pittman: the school/administration has a responsibility to protect us, they intend to do so
 - question: how exactly will they protect us?
 - look at what has happened on other campuses, make a plan that involves Safety & Security ahead of time
- pushing back against the idea that people of low risk *should* show up- people have to do what they have to do, may not be one “correct” route
- voice our needs in the form of “I” statements
- we need assurance that if there is a police presence, if there is interaction between students and vassar safety&security, students esp. black & brown bodies are still safe
- suggestion that we have vassar students fill rocky 300 and respond with our own questions
- feeling drained, need to assure mental/emotional safety in addition to physical
- where will the white supremacists coming to campus be if not in rocky 300, if we’re filling up that space
- concern that ppl coming to campus will document w/ photos and video and that could be distributed and impede on our safety long-term
- we could retaliate by taking photos of them back ?
- how do we interact w/ VCLU going forwards?
- speaker himself is trying to incite violence, that was not the intention of Pietro/VCLU
- don’t want to use their own rhetoric against them (thru the use of photos/documentation or other means as well)
- importance of privacy on social media/online in general
- question for administration: we’re a private institution, what can we do to prevent this speaker from coming on campus?
- we’re an open campus, we can’t stop people from coming
- if the VSA made a mistake then they need to take actions to ensure student safety
- can H2A organize names/groups of people

options moving forwards

- having PB send out an email that publically denounces white supremacy, including white supremacy under the guise of free speech

- having a non-confrontational sit-in in front of rocky, where we'd have posters and affirm each other
 - doesn't even have to be in front of rocky. could be on the quad (300 faces the quad)
 - message: "we don't support this event but we're not silent about this event"
- professors have a duty to discuss it in their classes and actively support students in class that day/this week in general, provide enough support so that hopefully students have enough energy to function as people
- it would make it safer for safety & security to block campus from within, have visitors park in south lot, we don't want them walking past dorms from their cars, funnelling of bodies from outside campus
- do research on the speaker himself
- how have others organized in the past? how have these people infiltrated campuses in the past? --understanding that this is painful, is emotional labor. but can be done by those who are willing/who have energy
- there is also a threat from within, the racists aren't just from outside campus, this will be a problem on our campus after this event, this doesn't end here and didn't begin here
- are we willing to do something about institutional racism at vassar and in general
- more effective & safer to have a center of resistance that's not physically at the site of this talk - having the protest there would give them the attention that they're seeking
 - how do we do that?
 - have a space where we come together that's away from rocky
 - have a teach-in during this time, alternative event, could be a panel (led by more than one)
- us showing up and being there because it's exactly what they want. is absence of people more powerful than presence of people? showing up gives them attention and legitimacy.
- your attention is a commodity. people make money off of your attention. invest your attention wisely. how is giving this event attention going to produce the campus that we want?
- let's not go to the parking lots
- we would feel a lot more safe if the staff in general were to know that this is happening, emotionally prepare
- a lot of people don't actually know what's going on, disseminate (w/ this google doc) info about the situation and what we've decided
- don't let the conversation stop here, leave and talk to friends, bring it up in class. these conversations can't be isolated

again: specific plans?

- having a sit-in rather than stand-in would increase safety
- where do we hold the alternative event? library?
- collaboration w/ other schools- DCC.....organizing shuttles to get people here, leverage our resources to bridge & build communities, involve & implicate greater PK community
- attract people to places like krafted cup, involve local businesses

- people who have access to transportation should offer that to people who feel like they need to get off campus
- specific action: creating a google doc to organize rides
- **ACTION:** gathering in library, gathering safety team, community members on call
- concerns about having this in a non-visible space - make our celebration a spectacle for them, have a moment to be here, together
- food on quad
- it gets dark at 7pm lol
- have our event be staggered time-wise w/ the "Free Speech" event
- bag check at the door of rocky 300 - Ed can check w/ security about this
- Vigilante justice number if we see someone in danger, are in danger ourselves:
1-800-604-5814, someone will respond
- do we need to express our views to him?
- there doesn't have to be ONE activity/place we all gather - what we do have to agree on is safety
- this can't be a one-time thing, the necessity for this action continues/exists beyond this event
- WE need to show US what we stand for
- have a group that's not present at the actual event, and a group that is
- IDEA: testimonies given by those who go to the Jacobson event
- will do working groups at the meeting tomorrow- 1 for group that's going, 1 for group that will be at a separate event at separate location