

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Case No. 20 – 11531

DR. SHIVA AYYADURAI,
Plaintiff,

v.

MAYOR MARTIN WALSH, in his official capacity as
the Mayor of the City of Boston,

&

BILL EVANS, in his former official capacity as the
Commissioner of the Boston Police Department,
Defendants.

COMPLAINT

INTRODUCTION

1. On August 19, 2017, the government, by and through the named Defendants, violated Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai's Unalienable Right to Peaceably Assemble by physically barring him from assembling in the Boston Common—an area that is explicitly designated for public assembly.
2. On August 19, 2017, the government violated Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai's Unalienable Right to Free Speech at a Free Speech Rally.
3. On August 19, 2017, the government violated Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai's Unalienable Right to Petition the Government for a Redress of Grievances at a Free Speech Rally.
4. Moreover, the government defamed Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai—a brown-skinned immigrant of Indian descent who holds four degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was campaigning for U.S. Senate—labelling him specifically, as

well as and other members of the Free Speech Rally, “white supremacists,” “Nazis,” and “Ku Klux Klan members”—hate groups that Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai has spent his life denouncing.

5. Indeed, on August 19, 2017, Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai and his supporters were carrying signs stating: “Love, Love, Love”; “Be the Light”; “Black Lives *Do* Matter”; “No to GMOs, STOP Monsanto,” and “Clean Air, Clean Water, Clean Food,” and there is no way that a reasonable person could equate such statements with any hate group.
6. Due to the Mayor’s and the Commissioner’s violation of the law, these Defendants caused, in part, a counterrally that endangered Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai, endangered the Boston Police force who had to attempt to maintain law and order amid the unnecessary chaos, endangered other legal permitholders, and endangered the folks involved in the counterrally.
7. In the words of the Supreme Court of the United States of America: “It was not by accident or coincidence that the rights to freedom in speech and press were coupled in a single guaranty with the rights of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition for redress of grievances. All these, though not identical, are inseparable.” Thomas v. Collins, 323 U.S. 515, 530 (1945).
8. Title 42 U.S.C. §1983 holds that: “Every person who, under color of any statute [or] ordinance...subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the Unites States...to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law.”
9. Now, Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai (the “Plaintiff”) seeks compensation for the unlawful deprivation of his Unalienable Rights as guaranteed to all United States residents by

the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, and compensation for having the government defame Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai's good and reputable name.

PARTIES

10. Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai (the "Plaintiff") is a scientist, engineer, inventor, and entrepreneur. He is currently a candidate for the United States Senate in Massachusetts. His offices are located at: 701 Concord Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.
11. Martin Walsh (the "Mayor") is the Mayor of the City of Boston, with an office at: One City Hall Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02201.
12. Bill Evans (the "Commissioner") is the former Commissioner of the Boston Police Department, with an office at: One Schroeder Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts 02120.

JURISDICTION & VENUE

13. This case raises claims under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and 42 U.S.C §1983, as the Defendants acted under the color-of-law when they violated the Plaintiff's Unalienable Rights, and this Court has subject-matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §1331 & §1343.
14. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the claims asserted under the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights, Massachusetts statutes, and regulations, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367.
15. Venue is proper in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1391(b)(1) & (2) because it is a District in which the

Defendants' hold their main offices, exercise their authority in their official capacities, and have violated the Unalienable Rights that are the subject of this lawsuit.

ALLEGATIONS

16. On August 16, 2017, the Plaintiff properly obtained, a Permit for him and up to 100 other people to attend the Boston Free Speech Coalition Rally (the "Free Speech Rally"). *See Exhibit 1: Permit.*
17. The Mayor's letterhead was written on the Permit.
18. At the time, the Plaintiff was campaigning for the U.S. Senate, seeking a seat representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and saw the Free Speech Rally as an opportunity to promote tolerance and civil rights.
19. Individually and politically, the Plaintiff supported, and still to this day supports, the Boston Police Department and the Unalienable Rights of people of all races and national origins, as delineated in the United States Constitution and the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights. *See Shiva4Senate.com.*
20. The Free Speech Rally was supposed to be an event where people of diverse backgrounds could gather at the Boston Common to peacefully voice political opinions and concerns—the organizer of the event explicitly denouncing anyone seeking to spew ideas of hatred. *See Exhibit 2: "Boston Free Speech" Post.*
21. The Free Speech Rally was scheduled to be held at the Boston Common, on August 19, 2017, from noon to 2pm, with cleanup to follow.

22. In addition to the Plaintiff and his campaign, other groups with whom the Plaintiff had no association had applied for permits for the Free Speech Rally.

23. At the Common, per Boston Police protocol, there were two sections for folks to congregate during the Free Speech Rally: “Area 1” and “Area 2.”

24. Area 1 consisted of an approximate 50’ radius of temporary fencing, with the Parkman Bandstand at the center; therein, Permit holders were supposed to be allowed to speak, including within the Parkman Bandstand itself.

25. Per the Permit, Area 2 consisted of an approximate 300’ radius of temporary fencing, with the Parkman Bandstand at the center; therein, supporters of Permit holders and the press were supposed to be allowed to congregate.

26. The Boston Police setup these designated areas, so they claimed, in order to protect the speakers at the Free Speech Rally.

27. On August 19, 2017, the Plaintiff, and approximately 50 of his supporters, sought to participate at the Free Speech Rally.

28. Meanwhile, a counterrally was amassing.

29. The Plaintiff and his supporters came bearing signs saying: “Love, Love, Love”; “Be the Light”; “Black Lives *Do* Matter”; “No to GMOs, STOP Monsanto”; and “Clean Air, Clean Water, Clean Food.”

30. The Plaintiff—a legal permitholder—began speaking in the Parkman Bandstand, but the police forced the Plaintiff, and his supporters, out of Area 1.

31. Upon the government forcing the Plaintiff to make an exit, other folks were permitted to speak in the Parkman Bandstand.

32. According to the Boston Globe: “By 12:45 p.m., only 45 minutes into their official program, organizers of the Boston Free Speech rally ended the event and were escorted by police out of the park, to chants of ‘Go home, Nazis’ from the crowd.”

See Exhibit 3: Boston Globe Article.

33. According to BuzzFeed: “[N]o one in Boston on Saturday [August 19, 2017] appeared to display Nazi or Ku Klux Klan symbols.” *See Exhibit 4: BuzzFeed Article.*

34. Before the Free Speech Rally even began, rumors of hate groups attending the Free Speech Rally were perpetuated by the Mayor and the Commissioner—hence the planned counterrally on non-permitholders.

35. A week ahead of the Free Speech Rally, Mayor Martin Walsh issued mischaracterizing statements about it, and its attendants, including the Plaintiff.

36. The Mayor publicly and illegally equated the Plaintiff and his supporters with hate groups.

37. The Mayor publicly said about the Free Speech Rally: “Boston does not welcome you here. Boston does not want you here. Boston rejects your message. We reject racism, we reject white supremacy, we reject anti-Semitism, we reject the KKK, we reject neo-Nazis, we reject domestic terrorism, and reject hatred. We will do every single thing in our power to keep hate out of our city.” *See Exhibit 5: CBS Boston Article.*

38. The Commissioner, when asked about the Free Speech Rally, said: “Any group that’s gonna come and push for hate and divisiveness—that’s not what this city is about. I

know the Mayor is against them coming. Everybody is against them coming....I don't want them to have the march or demonstration at all." *This video clip may be produced upon request.*

39. After the Free Speech Rally was over, it being quashed prematurely by the government, the Mayor publicly said: "I want to thank all the people [in the counterrally] that came out to there [sic] that message of love, not hate....To fight back on racism, to fight back on anti-Semitism, to fight back on the supremacists that were coming to our city, on the Nazis that were coming to our city." *See Exhibit 6: The Hill Article.*

40. On or around August 20, 2017, the Mayor commented on the Free Speech Rally, specifically the mentioning Plaintiff, saying: "I'm not sure what was said in there [Area 1]. There were a mix of people that went into the free speech area. There was a candidate for senate against Elizabeth Warren." *See Exhibit 7: ABC Interview Transcript.*

41. After violating Freedom of Assembly, Freedom of Speech, and Freedom to Petition the Government, the Commissioner said: "You know what, if they [the legal permitholders for the Free Speech Rally] didn't get in, that's a good thing, because their message isn't what we want to hear." *See Exhibit 8: Boston Globe Article (2nd).*

42. Immediately after the Free Speech Rally, people started writing articles about the Plaintiff—essentially deeming him a white supremacist.

43. To this day, people still confuse the Plaintiff—a brown-skinned immigrant of Indian descent—as a white supremacist.
44. As a result of having his Unalienable Rights stripped from him, and as a result of having his name and reputation defamed, the Plaintiff suffered damages, including, but not limited to: (1) Losing his right to peaceably assemble, to free speech, and to petition the government; (2) Being labelled as a member of various hate groups; and (3) Having his political campaign unlawfully and unfairly tarnished; each of these claims has affected the Plaintiff individually and politically.
45. Now, the Plaintiff is seeking compensation for his loss of liberty in the amount of \$50,000,000, on the grounds as below-referenced.

COUNT I

Violation of the Freedom to Peaceably Assemble

46. The Plaintiff incorporates by reference the paragraphs set forth above, and alleges the same as if originally set forth herein.
47. The First Amendment states, in relevant part: “Congress shall make no law...abridging...the right of the people peaceably to assemble.”
48. The Fourteenth Amendment states, in relevant part: “[N]or shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”
49. “[P]eaceable assembly for lawful discussion cannot be made a crime. The holding of meetings for peaceable political action cannot be proscribed.” DeJonge v. Oregon, 299 U.S. 353, 365 (1937).

50. Using physical force to prevent peaceful folks from congregating at a Free Speech Rally at the Boston Common is certainly an abridgement of the Right to Peaceably Assemble.
51. The Defendants admittedly barred the Plaintiff from assembling, forced him out of the Boston Common, then labelled him a racist and a white supremacist—he himself in actuality being an immigrant, a minority, and a person of color.
52. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C., §§1983 & 1988, the Plaintiff is entitled to judgment as the Defendants violated his Unalienable Rights, and defamed him.
53. The Plaintiff found it necessary to engage the services of private counsel to vindicate his rights under the law, and the Plaintiff is therefore entitled to an award of his attorney-fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C., §1988.

COUNT II
Violation of the Freedom of Speech or Expression

54. The Plaintiff incorporates by reference the paragraphs set forth above, and alleges the same as if originally set forth herein.
55. The First Amendment states, in relevant part: “Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech.”
56. The Fourteenth Amendment states, in relevant part: “[N]or shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”
57. “The freedom of speech and of the press guaranteed by the Constitution embraces at the least the liberty to discuss publicly and truthfully all matters of public concern

without previous restraint of fear of subsequent punishment.” Thornhill v. Alabama, 310 U.S. 88, 101-102 (1940).

58. “Broad prophylactic rules in the area of free expression are suspect. Precision of regulation must be the touchstone in an area so closely touching our most precious freedoms.” Riley v. National Federation of Blind, 487 U.S. 781 (1988); citing NAACP v. Button, 371 U.S. 415, 438 (1963).
59. The Defendants effectively silenced the Plaintiff by forcing him out of Area 1.
60. The First Amendment prohibits the states from restricting speech because of its message, its ideas, its subject-matter, or its content, and such content-based restrictions are presumptively unconstitutional, and are justified only if the government proves that they are narrowly tailored to serve only a compelling state interest.
61. Here, as above-cited, there are no “compelling state interests,” as defined by the law, as the Defendants were bullying an American resident of Indian descent who is also a person of color.
62. Importantly, even if a member of a hate group with the proper permitting were attending the Free Speech Rally, so long as this person were acting peacefully, the Defendants would have had no right to have silenced him, the remedy for handling such hate groups being discourse—not brute force.
63. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C., §§1983 & 1988, the Plaintiff is entitled to judgment as the Defendants violated his Unalienable Rights, and defamed him.

64. The Plaintiff found it necessary to engage the services of private counsel to vindicate his rights under the law, and the Plaintiff is therefore entitled to an award of his attorney-fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C., §1988.

COUNT III
Violation of the Freedom to Petition the Gov't

65. The Plaintiff incorporates by reference the paragraphs set forth above, and alleges the same as if originally set forth herein.
66. The First Amendment states, in relevant part: "Congress shall make no law...abridging...the right of the people...to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."
67. The Fourteenth Amendment states, in relevant part: "[N]or shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."
68. "The right to petition is cut from the same cloth as the other guarantees of that Amendment, and is an assurance of a particular freedom of expression." McDonald v. Smith, 472 U.S. 479, 482 (1985).
69. As a Massachusetts resident, and as a man seeking political office, the Plaintiff, including his political supporters, had a Right to Petition the Government for a Redress of Grievances.
70. As the Plaintiff was seeking to petition the government, the Defendants used force to prevent him from exercising this Unalienable Right.
71. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C., §§1983 & 1988, the Plaintiff is entitled to judgment as the Defendants violated his Unalienable Rights, and defamed him.

72. The Plaintiff found it necessary to engage the services of private counsel to vindicate his rights under the law, and the Plaintiff is therefore entitled to an award of his attorney-fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C., §1988.

COUNT IV
Defamation (as against the Mayor)

73. The Plaintiff incorporates by reference the paragraphs set forth above, and alleges the same as if originally set forth herein.

74. “[A] defamation plaintiff must plead: (1) the general tenor of the libel or slander claim, along with the precise wording of at least one sentence of the alleged defamatory statement(s); (2) the means and approximate dates of publication; and (3) the falsity of those statements.” Dorn v. Astra USA, 975 F.Supp. 388, 396 (D. Mass. 1997).

75. The Defendants, acting within the scope of their governmental agencies, made statements publicly labeling the Plaintiff specifically as a “white supremacist,” a “Nazi,” and a “KKK” member, among other things.

76. The Defendants acted with actual malice because the Plaintiff, and his supporters, were carrying signs saying: “Love, Love, Love”; “Be the Light”; “Black Lives *Do* Matter”; and “No to GMOs, STOP Monsanto,” and there is no way that a reasonable person could equate such statements with any hate groups.

77. The Defendants’ defamatory statements injured the reputation of the Plaintiff.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

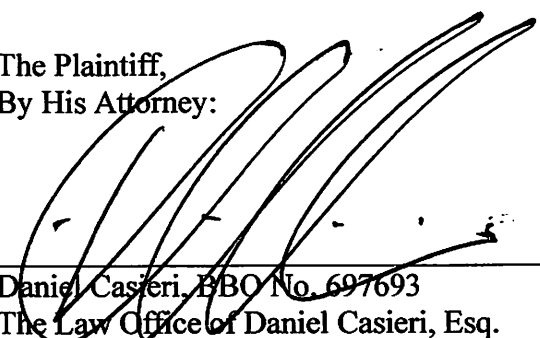
WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff demands that Judgment be entered as against the Defendants in order to compensate the Plaintiff for damages, and so that justice might be upheld as the Defendants violated the Plaintiff's Unalienable Rights, applicable to such parties, and order that the following damages be awarded:

- a. Damages for Loss of Liberty;
- b. Compensatory Damages;
- c. Punitive Damages;
- d. Attorney's fees;
- e. Court costs;
- f. Any such other relief as this Honorable Court might deem appropriate and equitable.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

THE PLAINTIFF DEMANDS A TRIAL BY JURY ON ALL COUNTS.

The Plaintiff,
By His Attorney:



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Dated: August 14, 2020

Exhibit 1:
Free Speech Rally Permit

Permit Contract**BOSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT.****Print****Permit #2730, Approved**

Aug 16, 2017 2:47 PM

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1010 Massachusetts Ave.
 Boston, MA 02118
 Phone: (617) 635-4505
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 Martin J. Walsh, Mayor

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 Prepared By: Paul McCaffrey

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▼ RESERVATIONS

Event		Resource	Center	Notes	
Boston Free Speech Coalition Rally Type: Special Event Attend/Qty: 100		BCOM - Parkman Bandstand	Boston Common 139 Tremont Street (VIC) Boston Proper, MA, US 02116 (617) 635-4505	--	
Days Requested		Event Begins	Duration	Event Ends	
Day	Date			Date	Time
Saturday	Aug 19, 2017	10:00 AM	5 hours	Aug 19, 2017	3:00 PM
Summary	Notes				
Total Number of Dates: 1 Total Time: 5 hours	Permit is for a rally. Set up 10am -12 pm, Rally 12-2 pm and clean up 2 - 3 pm. Battery powered sound system with speakers directed towards Flagstaff Hill. Clean up prior to departure.				

▼ CUSTOM QUESTIONS

Question	Answer
Do you intend on having food?	No
Does your event require an electrical source?	no
Will your event have amplified sound?	yes
What are the hours?	12-2
Will your event have a DJ or live entertainment?	no
Will you be building a stage, platform or other structure?	no
Will you be using tents or canopies?	no
Will you be bringing vehicles onto the park?	no
Will you be providing portable restrooms?	no

WAIVERS**Special Event Waiver**

Waiver for: John Medlar

Due Date: Aug 17, 2017

The City of Boston is not responsible for any accidents or injuries to persons or property resulting from the issuance of this permit. It is recommended that all organizations maintain liability insurance.

The consumption of, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on Parks property. Immediate revocation of permit and suspension of permit privileges will result.

The consumption of tobacco and all smoking is prohibited from all parks. This includes snuff, chewing tobacco, cigarettes, pipes, cigars and e cigarettes.

The permit bearer is required to remove or place in the proper receptacles any litter left by participants.

Motor vehicles are not allowed on Parks Department property, except where specifically permitted. Violators will be towed.

The City of Boston reserves the right to suspend and/or reschedule assigned events.

Failure to utilize this permit on the designated date and time will result in revocation of this permit.

Permit holder will be held responsible for repair costs.

The permit holder, his/her participants and spectators must abide by all Boston Parks and Recreation Department Rules and Regulations. Any violations of the aforementioned Rules and Regulations will result in the immediate revocation of permit and suspension of permit privileges. I agree to remove any litter generated during the time permitted. I further agree that I will be held responsible for the repair, in a manner approved by the Parks Commissioner, of any damage to City property, which may occur during the utilization of this permit. Violation of this agreement will result in revocation of this permit. Intentionally providing false information on this permit application will result in cancellation of application and may hinder future consideration for applications.

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks-rules-and-regulations>

THE CITY OF BOSTON IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACCIDENTS OR DAMAGES TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY RESULTING FROM THE ISSUANCE OF THIS PERMIT.

OTHER PERMITS

Please note that all components of the event are subject to Boston Parks and Recreation Department approval and may require approval by and/or permits from other City of Boston agencies. Parks Department approval does not constitute permission from other agencies. Events that impact other agencies will be referred to the city-wide Public Events Committee. It is the responsibility of the applicant to secure all necessary City of Boston permits.

INSURANCE

Evidence of insurance will be required before final permit approval. Please provide a certificate of insurance which shows a minimum of \$1 million in commercial general liability insurance and a policy endorsement which indemnifies and holds harmless the City of Boston, Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Boston Parks and Recreation Commission. Some events may require a higher limit of insurance. Additionally, permittee must list the aforementioned parties as additional insureds on their certificate of insurance. Each event is evaluated on its risk exposure. The City of Boston is not responsible for any accidents or damages to persons or property resulting from the issuance of this permit.

AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT

Everything that I have stated on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read, understand and agree to abide by the policies and rules and regulations listed on this form as they pertain to the requested usage. By signing this application, the applicant agrees to follow all the rules and regulations. The permit, if granted, is not transferable and is revocable at any time at the absolute discretion of the Parks Department and/or the Parks Commission. All programs and facilities of the Parks and Recreation Department are open at all citizens regardless of race, sex, age, color, religion, national origin or handicap.

1. The first step is to identify the problem.
 2. The second step is to analyze the problem.
 3. The third step is to develop a solution.
 4. The fourth step is to implement the solution.
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I HAVE READ, FULLY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE BOSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS ANY PROVISIONS SET FORTH ON THIS AGREEMENT OR ATTACHMENT.

Waiver Signed by: John Medlar on Aug 16, 2017

Exhibit 2:
“Boston Free Speech” Post

5/10/2019

This Free Speech Movement is dedicated... - Boston Free Speech | Facebook

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**Boston Free Speech**

August 15, 2017 ·

This Free Speech Movement is dedicated to peaceful rallies and are in no way affiliated with the Charlottesville rally on 8/12/17

While we maintain that every individual is entitled to their freedom of speech and defend that basic human right, we will not be offering our platform to racism or bigotry. We denounce the politics of supremacy and violence. We denounce the actions, activities, and tactics of the so-called Antifa movement. We denounce the normalization of political violence.

We are witnessing an unprecedented move towards sweeping censorship that undermines our democratic system. We are witnessing increasingly regular incidents of political violence being used to silence political opponents. We are witnessing our social media and online communities purging both progressive and conservative content from their networks. We oppose all instances of censorship. We believe that the way to defeat and disarm toxic ideas and ideologies is through dialogue and reason, and that attempting to silence any voice by force of mob or force of law only empowers the radical elements of society and divides us.

There is a lot of misinformation in the media slandering our name by likening our organization to those that ran the Charlottesville rally. THIS COULD NOT BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH! "I can tell you the march we had in May... That group pulled a permit, they worked very well with us" as stated by Boston Police Commissioner William Evans in a press conference Monday (8/14/17)

We are a coalition of libertarians, progressives, conservatives, and independents and we welcome all individuals and organizations from any political affiliations that are willing to peaceably engage in open dialogue about the threats to, and importance of, free speech and civil liberties. Join us at the Parkman Bandstand where we will be holding our event. We look forward to this tide-changing peaceful event that has the potential to be a shining example of how we, in the city of Boston, can come together for the common goal of preserving freedom of speech for all and respectfully discussing our differences of opinion without engaging in violence.

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August 20, 2017

Section: News

Some voices are heard louder than others
Rally speakers, surrounded by police, end their event quickly

Beth Healy; Globe Staff

They said they had come to stand up for free speech, but in the end, their invited speakers addressed only a small group of sympathizers, on a bandstand surrounded by barricades, far from the throngs of counterprotesters, who could not hear them at all.

By 12:45 p.m., only 45 minutes into their official program, organizers of the Boston Free Speech rally ended the event and were escorted by police out of the park, to chants of "Go home, Nazis" from the crowd. A Facebook post for the event listed 14 speakers and was scheduled to last for two hours.

The separation from the crowds and the news media was by design. The rally had a buffer of about "35, 40 yards" according to Boston Police Chief William Evans, in part for safety, but also to dampen their voices. If some speakers were unable to make it to the bandstand, Evans said, "That's a good thing because their message isn't what we want to hear."

John Medlar, one of the rally's organizers, complained on his Facebook page that journalists and supporters were blocked from entering the rally.

"This has only proven my point: There is a massive cultural intolerance against dialogue in this country," he wrote.

Those who study and advocate for the First Amendment were split on the city's actions.

"Free speech doesn't guarantee that anybody listens to you," said Rebecca Tushnet, a First Amendment specialist at Harvard Law School. She said the ideas of the rally came across because of the heightened attention to it.

"People are understandably reacting to symbolism," Tushnet said, after the violence during a rally last weekend in Charlottesville, Va. "A peaceful counterprotest really is very much free speech in action."

The counterprotesters, who vastly outnumbered those who attended the "free speech" rally, reveled in the low turnout and early departure. But Harvey Silverglate, a Cambridge-based criminal defense and civil liberties lawyer, said: "I am burning over this. If we repress and suppress unpopular speech, all we've done is kept ourselves ignorant."

Silvergate said it was important to know whether the speakers had dangerous or hateful messages.

"I was deprived of that because of an army of hooligans who made it impossible to hear the speakers," he said.

Authorities had worried that the rally, which was held at the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common, would attract white supremacists. Two of the event's scheduled speakers had ties to extremist elements, including one who took part in the Charlottesville rally.

It's unclear whether those speakers addressed those on the bandstand, which appeared to hold 50 people, at most. The speakers were also separated from others on the Common by dozens of police officers on bicycle and on foot. If they had any amplification on the bandstand, it was not audible to the crowd or to reporters.

"It would have done greater honor to the First Amendment if the rally organizers' message — no matter how noxious — could in fact be heard. I believe that Bostonians as a whole are strong enough to hear such a message and still soundly reject it, proving that hate has no power here," Boston lawyer Robert Bertsche said.

Shiva Ayyadurai, a Republican who is challenging Elizabeth Warren for her Senate seat and was a speaker at the rally, said that isolating the rally was "despicable."

"They blocked free speech," Ayyadurai said, referring to Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and Governor Charlie Baker.

The counterprotesters often chanted loudly, and sometimes profanely. There were thumping drums and shouts of "shame" and "we can't hear you." However, amid the noise were a number of polite, if passionate, encounters between the two sides.

James Leavitt, a 23-year-old from Weymouth, was sporting a Trump football shirt and explaining to a small group that he was at the rally to support free speech. He was driven by recent protests against conservative speakers at the University of California, Berkeley, he said.

"I think everyone should be able to have an opinion, as long as they're not hurting anyone," Leavitt said. As several counterprotesters challenged Leavitt, Jeremy Herrell, a conservative blogger from Claremont, N.H., applauded the group.

"I wish there was more of this going on," he said of the cordial exchange.

The temperature heated, however, after the rally participants were ushered off the Common to vans parked at the edge of the Common, on Boylston Street. Several hundred counterprotesters blocked the exit for about 45 minutes, shouting, "Make them walk," until police wearing riot gear and carrying sticks finally pushed the counterprotesters out of the way.

The American Civil Liberties Union had sued the city of Charlottesville on behalf of the march organizers there, arguing for their right to hold their event. But members of the Boston ACLU on Saturday marched with counterprotesters here.

"Given those overwhelming numbers, and in light of last week's horrible violence in Charlottesville, it was understandable for the police to try to keep some physical space between different groups who came out today," ACLU Massachusetts executive director Carol Rose said in a statement.

"[But] if the Boston Police Department created buffer zones to intentionally limit journalists' and [others'] access to speakers on the Boston Common, it would raise serious constitutional concerns."

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40,000 People Turned Out In Boston To Protest A Right-Wing Event

Only a few dozen supporters of the right-wing "Free Speech Rally" showed up.

By Tyler Kingkade



Reporting From
Boston, Massachusetts

Last updated on August 19, 2017, at 6:43 p.m. ET

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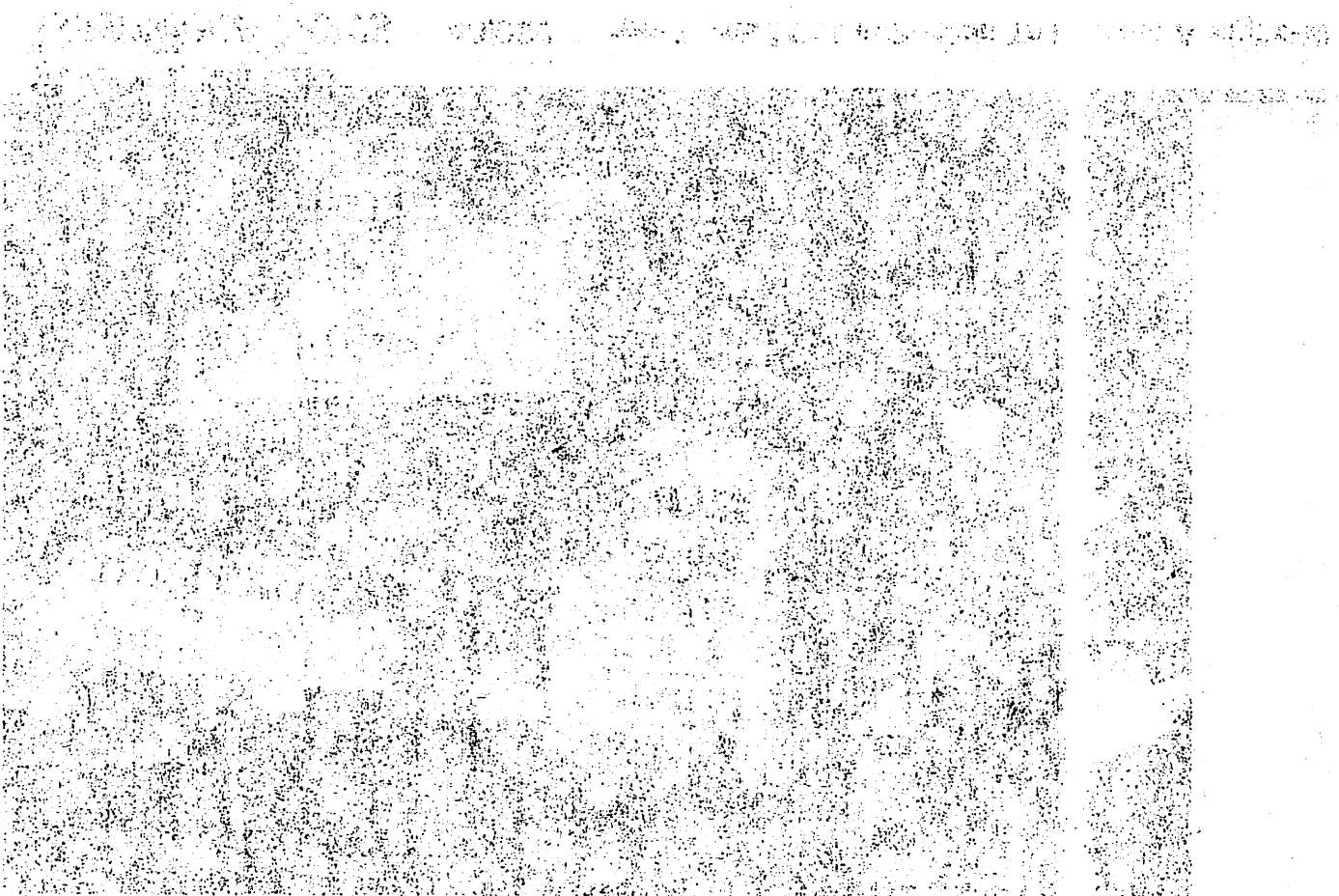
A right-wing event in Boston that billed itself a "Free Speech Rally" attracted only a few dozen supporters on Saturday, while an estimated 40,000 counter-protesters turned up to demonstrate against racism.



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Aerial footage showed huge masses of counter-demonstrators marching in the street from Roxbury to Boston Common.



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Counter-protesters at the Free Speech Rally in Boston have had an enormous turnout.

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The counter-demonstrators' crowd at one point stretched two miles, according to the Boston Globe.

The protest was held one week after a violent white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, in which an anti-racist demonstrator was killed.



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Evan George, a 30-year-old Dorchester resident, carried a sign that read "Heather Heyer is Boston Strong." Many people carried signs that read "Boston Strong" or that paid tribute to Heyer, who was killed when a car plowed through liberal demonstrators last Saturday in Charlottesville.

"Because she really fought and died in that same struggle resisting terrorism," George told BuzzFeed News. "Regardless of whether it's a perverted understanding of Islam or, in that case, white supremacy."

"This is a large reaction to Charlottesville," George said.

Concerns were high that white supremacists and neo-Nazi groups would show up at the Boston event on Saturday. Organizers urged people to remain nonviolent, but several expected speakers at the "Free Speech" rally backed out, publicly citing in interviews and on social media that they feared violence or faced harassment and

Attendees of the "Free Speech" event insisted they were not holding a white supremacist rally, and that it was solely about First Amendment rights. "I don't support Nazis in any way," said an 18-year-old who gave his name as Luke St. Onge, "but I am saying everything or nothing in terms of free speech – either you restrict it and everything is gone, or you allow everything to be said."

Guy Martell, a 62-year-old who identified as a gay man and a supporter of President Donald Trump, said he felt young people were less tolerant of conflicting ideas. "It seems like we were more open in the [19]60s," Martell said.

Unlike Charlottesville, no one in Boston on Saturday appeared to display Nazi or Ku Klux Klan symbols.

Still, counter-demonstrators from the region flocked to Boston to take part in a march and protest against white supremacists and racism. The counter-demonstrations were organized by Black Lives Matter activists and a coalition of progressive and liberal groups.

They chanted "go home" to the right-wing demonstrators, and many waved signs showing support for LGBT community, opposing fascism, and linking Trump to Nazis.



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BOSTON (CBS) — The city of Boston has approved a permit for a controversial "Free Speech Rally" scheduled to take place on Boston Common Saturday.

After a meeting with Boston Police and city officials Wednesday morning, event organizer and Boston Free Speech Coalition spokesman John Medlar told WBZ-TV the city gave them the green light for the event to take place.

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According to Medlar, the two parties agreed in the meeting that the rally will be barricaded by police.

"The police are going to be there in full force," Medlar told WBZ-TV's Beth Germano. "They're going to have physical barriers around the Parkman Bandstand separating the rallygoers from counter-protesters to make sure that everyone stays safe. They're going to be escorting people in and escorting people out. If things get out of hand, they will evacuate people."

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Boston Free Speech Coalition spokesperson John Medlar. (WBZ-TV)

Medlar said no weapons will be permitted, and anyone can be searched.

"They will not be allowing people to bring weapons of any kind, anything that could be used as a weapon, so blunt instruments like flagpoles," he said. "They will be allowing people to bring flags, just not attached to any pole or stick."

At a prayer service outside City Hall Wednesday afternoon, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh addressed the tension surrounding the rally.

"In our city, we've been dealing with anticipation of what's going to happen on Saturday," Walsh said. "I ask everyone who comes to Boston Common on Saturday, you can have your free speech all day long, but let's not speak about hate. Let's not speak about bigotry, racism."



Beth Germano
@BethWBZ

Mayor Walsh says don't speak about hate at rally.
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He stood with faith leaders from around the city and asked protesters and rally-goers to refrain from hateful or violent behavior.

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"We are a better people than what we're seeing on TV," Walsh said. "And I'm asking people, when you come into Boston, respect this city, because we respect your right to come in and speak. If we're gonna respect your right to come in, we expect you to respect our city, our people, the people that live here. Don't pass hate, don't pass judgement on people, and that's what we're asking for."

Boston Police Commissioner William Evans says he won't judge the group after meeting with Medlar, and is more worried about safety. "They're claiming free speech," Evans said. "It's not my role to determine who they are or what they are. I know I've got a job to do to keep people safe in the city."

Earlier Wednesday, Medlar told WBZ NewsRadio 1030's Carl Stevens that people have the wrong impression about the event—and that he and his group "absolutely" disavow white supremacy.

"Contrary to a lot of the rumors out there, the purpose of the rally is to denounce the kind of political violence that we have seen, a sort of rising tide throughout the country," Medlar said. "And particularly most recently in Charlottesville."



Carl Stevens
@carlwbz

I just spoke with co-organizer of "Free Speech" rally on the Common. He tells me they strongly oppose White Supremacy groups.

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A post on the Boston Free Speech Facebook page Tuesday night disavowed last weekend's white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, which led to the death of a woman protesting white supremacy and left 19 others injured.

"This Free Speech Movement is dedicated to peaceful rallies and are in no way affiliated with the Charlottesville rally on 8/12/17," the post read. "While we maintain that every individual is entitled to their freedom of speech and defend that basic human right, we will not be offering our platform to racism or bigotry."

Medlar said most of those involved are local volunteers and activists who want to "de-escalate" what they see as a "rising tide" of political violence across the country.

"We want to get people talking and listening to each other again, to exchange words rather than to exchange fists on the streets," Medlar said.

Medlar said his group opposes groups like the KKK and Neo-Nazis because they use free speech and the First Amendment as a shield while rejecting the same rights for the people they disagree with. He said some of those groups were among those inaccurately

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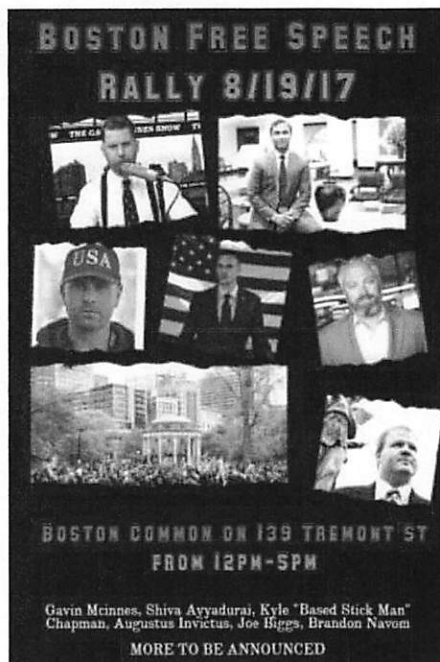
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equating the Boston Free Speech Coalition with the events in Charlottesville.

"In all the confusion out there, there do seem to be legitimate white supremacist groups on social media that are attempting to hijack the rally," Medlar said. "It is very troublesome to us."

He said his group "carefully vetted" speakers, and said the list included people with varied backgrounds—including supporters of Bernie Sanders and Jill Stein as well as more right-leaning figures.

Though the Boston Free Speech Coalition is not affiliated with the organizers of the "Unite The Right" rally in Virginia, they did invite at least one of the speakers from that rally in Charlottesville. Listed on a flyer for the event was a speaker going by the name Augustus Invictus who, according to the Orlando Sentinel, had prominent billing in Charlottesville.



Poster for the August 19, "Free Speech Rally." (Photo credit: WBZ-TV)

Medlar described Invictus as a "fringe figure" and a "very out-there person" but said that "regardless of the other stuff, he's ultimately a libertarian."

"There was actually a mistake made," Medlar said. "In all the confusion that happened, one of our other organizers told Augustus that he was being disinvited."

He said that mistake created a "breach in trust" that led to other speakers dropping out.

On Tuesday, speaker Brandon Navom told WBZ-TV he was dropping out because he's been receiving death threats—and thinks the rally should be cancelled.

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"The environment has just become so hostile and so toxic that I am completely concerned for the city of Boston," Navom said.

Medlar said the group considered cancelling the rally after Charlottesville, but decided against it.

"If anything, the events in Charlottesville—which did take us very much by surprise, we were shocked and horrified by the things that went down there—if anything, that only makes the kind of thing that we're trying to do all the more necessary," Medlar said.

He added that even if they told people not to go, he's sure they'd show up anyway.

Last weekend's violence in Virginia prompted Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker to issue tough statements a week ahead of the Boston rally that hate groups would not be welcome in the city.

"Boston does not welcome you here. Boston does not want you here. Boston rejects your message," said Walsh. "We reject racism, we reject white supremacy, we reject anti-Semitism, we reject the KKK, we reject neo-Nazis, we reject domestic terrorism, and reject hatred. We will do every single thing in our power to keep hate out of our city."

Medlar said "my objective is to coordinate with police and with city officials to make sure that logistics are entirely in place and everything is kept orderly, everything is kept safe, and at the end of the day, everyone is able to go home with no trouble."



Carl Stevens
@carlwbz

Organizer of "Free Speech" rally: "We want to...promote 1st ammendment values as an alternative to political violence and terrorism."

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Medlar in part echoed the spirit of President Donald Trump's recent comments, saying that groups on the left as well as the right were responsible for political violence.

"We absolutely denounce violent extremists on both sides of the aisle, like the Antifa movement on the left, and Identity Europa and Vanguard on the right," he said.

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In Roxbury Tuesday night, members of the NAACP and the local faith community planned a peace rally to coincide with the Boston Free Speech Rally Saturday.

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"White supremacists who are okay with being public now feel emboldened and protected by the person in the White House," said the Boston NAACP's Segun Idowu.

Meanwhile, a group that calls itself Fight Supremacy says they will be organizing a counter-rally Saturday.

In a post on their Facebook page, Fight Supremacy organizers wrote, "On Saturday, August 19th, White Nationalists are converging on Boston Common to reinforce their white supremacist ideology and attempt to intimidate queer and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, POC) communities."

That group has not received a permit yet.



Carl Stevens
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A counter-rally's planned for Saturday, called "Fight Supremacy." I'm told they have not received a permit for a gathering on Common.

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Monica Cannon, founder of a group called Violence In Boston that is among the sponsors of the Fight Supremacy event, told WBZ-TV why the counter-protest was being organized.

"Mainly, to stand up and show that Boston is not the city, that you can't come here with those views, but also to highlight the fact that a lot of those people aren't visiting Boston," she said. "They actually live here, and although Boston tries to come across as progressive and liberal, there's a great deal of racism here."

But Medlar disagrees with Fight Supremacy's characterization of his event.

"I'm afraid that they are very much misinformed, and we regret that," said Medlar. "We're campaigning for people like them to rally as well. We have no problem with them exercising their freedom of assembly, we just wish they would do it for the right reasons, rather than mistaking us for something we're not."

No matter whether or not city officials give the Boston Free Speech Coalition a permit, Cannon says her group will show up Saturday.

"Whether they have their rally or they don't have their rally, we're going to be there, because we need to send a message," she said.

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Boston's mayor is thanking the thousands of counterprotesters who took over the city's streets Saturday in opposition to a conservative rally.

"I want to thank all the people that came out to there that message of love, not hate," Mayor Marty Walsh (D) said. "To fight back on racism, to fight back on anti-Semitism, to fight back on the supremacists that were coming to our city, on the Nazis that were coming to our city."

"I want to thank everyone that came here and expressed themselves in such a positive, great manner today," he added.

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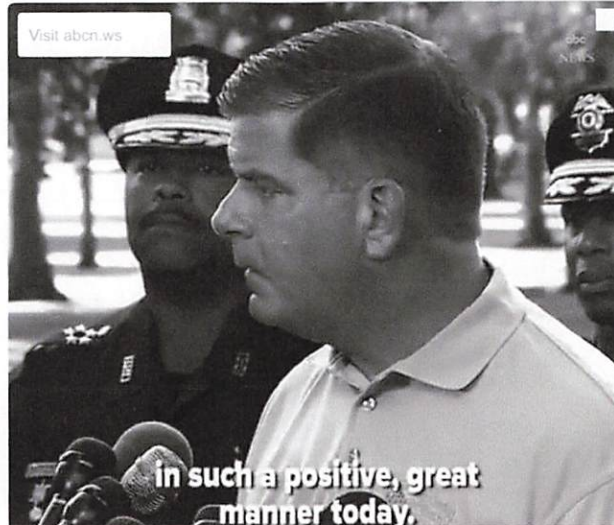
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Thousands of counterdemonstrators turned out Saturday to protest an event billed as a "Free Speech Rally." The demonstrations came a week after violence erupted in Charlottesville, Va., as white nationalist and neo-Nazi groups gathered in the usually quiet college town. One woman died and others were injured when a car allegedly driven by a man linked to white nationalist groups plowed into a crowd of counterprotesters.

The group that organized the rally in Boston, the Free Speech Coalition, had until recently planned to include speakers with ties to white nationalism. But as tensions escalated in the wake of the Charlottesville demonstrations, the group has publicly distanced itself from hate groups.

Still, the noon event drew scores of counterprotesters, who voiced concern that the "Free Speech Rally" would give a platform to racist groups.

President Trump, who came under fire this week for his statements on Charlottesville, praised the counterprotesters in Boston, who he said were "speaking out against bigotry and hate."

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ADDRESS THAT YESTERDAY REALLY WAS INCREDIBLE. I WAS AT REGGIE LEWIS IN THE MORNING AND THE PEOPLE WHO CAME IN TO BOSTON AND THE PEOPLE WHO WERE FROM BOSTON, I FELT A LOT BETTER THERE THAT MORNING THAN I DID EARLIER IN THE DAY. YOU COULD FEEL THE MESSAGE WAS BEAUTIFUL AND THE SIGNS WERE GREAT. THERE WERE PEOPLE THERE SUPPORTING BLACK LIVES MATTER, AND — THERE WERE PEOPLE AGAINST WHITE SUPREMACY. EVERYONE WAS ON THE SAME PAGE. I LOOK AT THREE GROUPS OF PEOPLE, THERE WERE ABOUT 40,000 COMPLETELY IN THE COMMON TO PASS A MESSAGE ALONG OF HOPE AND UNITY AND LOVE, WHICH HAS BEEN INCREDIBLE. THERE WERE ABOUT 200 PEOPLE WITHIN THAT CROWD THAT WERE THERE TO START TROUBLE. THEY WERE THERE TO START TROUBLE, THROWING BOTTLES AT POLICE OFFICERS. JANET: WERE YOU WORRIED WHEN IT STARTED UP IT WAS AFTER THE CROWD DISBANDED. MAYOR WALSH: THE CHIEF SAID MOST OF THE PEOPLE THERE WERE THERE TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES AND HAD LEFT. I SAID TO THE COMMISSIONER DO IT YOU HAVE TO DO. 33 ARRESTS WERE MADE. NINE OF WHICH WERE FROM BOSTON. THESE PEOPLE WHO GOT ARRESTED WERE FROM BROOKLYN OR CAMBRIDGE, THEY WERE FROM QUINCY, EVERYWHERE AROUND MASSACHUSETTS. THEY WERE THERE LOOKING TO START TROUBLE. SOME OF THE PROTESTERS — SOME OF THE FOLKS THAT CAME FROM THERE REGGIE LEWIS WERE TRYING TO TALK TO THOSE COUNTER PROTESTERS AND SAY WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS, IT'S ABOUT EXPRESSING YOURSELF IN A POSITIVE MANNER. WILLIE GRASS HUGGING A WOMAN, THAT WOMAN WAS TRYING TO CALM DOWN. JANET: THERE WAS A LOT OF EMPHASIS ON THE PART OF THE POLICE FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND MAKING SURE PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD WHY THE POLICE WERE OUT THERE. MAYOR WALSH: THE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY, THEY HAVE TO GET KUDOS. THE COMMISSIONER AND THE CHIEF AND THE ENTIRE COMMAND STAFF HAD AN INCREDIBLE PLAN. MOST OF THE OFFICERS THERE WERE CALLED IN FOR MANDATORY OVERTIME. HE WAS A BEAUTIFUL SUMMER DAY ON A SATURDAY WHERE THEY DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEND WITH THEIR FAMILY AND THEY WERE IN BOSTON COMMON MAKING SURE EVERYONE WAS ABLE TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES IN A POSITIVE MANNER. I WANT TO COMMEND THEM FOR THAT. I WANT TO COMMEND THE PEOPLE WHO CAME TO OUR CITY AND SENT A VERY STRONG MESSAGE ABOUT WHO WE ARE AS A CITY AND STATE. ED: WE HAD A STRONG BUILDUP. WE HAD OUR IN CHARLOTTESVILLE. — THE HORROR IN CHARLOTTESVILLE. EVERYTHING IS PROMINENT IN THE NEWS, THIS IS WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN. MAYOR WALSH: IT WAS SCARY BECAUSE OF THAT BUILDUP. CHARLOTTESVILLE STARTED OUT — IT STARTED OUT AS MORE OF A WHITE SUPREMACIST NEO-NAZI RALLY IN A GROUP OF FOLKS GOT TOGETHER WHO WERE OPPOSING THAT AND I COMMEND THEM. IN BOSTON YESTERDAY, WE HAD A LOT MORE TIME TO PREPARE FOR IT AND I THINK THAT IS SOMETHING THAT'S IMPORTANT. IT WAS IN ALL OF A SUDDEN 10,000 PEOPLE COMING IN. JANET: ONE PERSON WHO WAS WATCHING WAS PRESIDENT TRUMP AND HE SENT OUT SEVERAL TWEETS. ONE SAID IT LOOKS LIKE MANY ANTI-POLICE AGITATORS IN BOSTON. POLICE ARE LOOKING TOUGH AND SMART. WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THAT? MAYOR WALSH: WE WEREN'T MEANING TO BE TOP AND SMART, WE WERE THERE TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE WERE PROTECTED AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES. THE PRESIDENT IN ANOTHER TWEET TALKED ABOUT UNITY. IT WAS ABOUT PEACE AND PROSPERITY. THAT WAS A TWEET I THINK THAT WAS THE RIGHT TONE. ED: HE SAID GREAT JOB BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THE BOSTON MAYOR. JANET: YOUR FIRST, WOMAN FROM THE PRESIDENT. — YOUR FIRST COMPLIMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT. MAYOR WALSH: PROBABLY MY LAST. I GOT A CALL FROM GENERAL KELLY YESTERDAY. HE SAID I'M VERY PROUD OF WHAT'S GOING ON. HE IS A NATIVE. IT WAS A NICE CALL. I THINK GENERAL KELLY IS IN THAT JOB TO DO THE RIGHT THING, HE IS TRYING TO — I WAS SURPRISED TO GET THE CALL. JANET: HAVE YOU EVER TALK TO HIM? MAYOR WALSH: HE WAS IN MY OFFICE WHEN HE WAS HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY. ED: POP QUIZ. WE HAVE REDUCED IT TO THREE QUESTIONS. WE WILL DO ONE, TAKE A BREAK AND THEN DO THE OTHER TWO. AMERICA WILL NEVER BE DESTROYED FROM THE OUTSIDE. IF WE FALTER AND LOSE OUR FREEDOMS, IT WILL BE BECAUSE WE DESTROYED OURSELVES. WHO SAID THAT? GEORGE WASHINGTON, RICHARD NIXON, ABRAHAM LINCOLN. MAYOR WALSH: ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

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On Boston Common, free speech took a beating

Jeff Jacoby; Globe Columnist

If one line captured the essence of Saturday's Boston Common rally and counterprotest, it was a quote halfway through Mark Arsenault's Page 1 story in the Boston Globe:

"'Excuse me,' one man in the counterprotest innocently asked a Globe reporter. 'Where are the white supremacists?'"

That was the day in a nutshell. Participants in the "Boston Free Speech Rally" had been demonized as a troupe of neo-Nazis prepared to reprise the horror that had erupted in Charlottesville. They turned out to be a couple dozen courteous people linked by little more than a commitment to — surprise! — free speech.

The small group on the Parkman Bandstand threatened no one. One of the rally's organizers, a 23-year-old libertarian named John Medlar, had insisted vigorously that its purpose was not to endorse white supremacy. "The rally I'm helping to organize is about promoting Free Speech as a COUNTER to political violence," he had posted on Facebook. "There are NO WHITE SUPREMACISTS speaking at this rally."

Indeed, nothing about the tiny rally seemed in any way connected with bigotry or hatred. One of the speakers was Shiva Ayyadurai, an immigrant from India who is seeking the Republican nomination in next year's US Senate race. As Ayyadurai spoke, his supporters held signs proclaiming "Black Lives Do Matter."

But he and the others who gathered at the Parkman Bandstand had never stood a chance of competing with the rumor that neo-Nazis were coming to Boston. That toxic claim was irresponsibly fueled by Mayor Marty Walsh, who denounced the planned rally — "Boston does not want you here" — even though organizers were at pains to stress that they had no connection to Charlottesville's racial agenda and intended to focus on the importance of free speech.

What happened on Saturday was both impressive and distressing.

A massive counterprotest, 40,000 strong, showed up to denounce a nonexistent cohort of racists. Boston deployed hundreds of police officers, who did an admirable job of maintaining order. Some of the counterprotesters screamed, cursed, or acted like thugs — at one point the Boston Police Department warned protesters "to refrain from throwing urine, bottles, and other harmful projectiles" — but most behaved appropriately. Though a few dozen punks were arrested, nobody was seriously hurt.

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But free speech took a beating.

The speakers on the Common bandstand were kept from being heard. They were blocked off with a 225-foot buffer zone, segregated beyond earshot. Police barred anyone from approaching to hear what the rally speakers had to say. Reporters were excluded, too.

Result? The free-speech rally took place in a virtual cone of silence. Participants "spoke essentially to themselves for about 50 minutes," the Globe reported. "If any of them said anything provocative, the massive crowd did not hear it."

Even some of the rally's own would-be attendees were kept from the bandstand. Yet when Police Commissioner Bill Evans was asked at a press conference Saturday afternoon whether it was right to treat them that way, he was unapologetic. "You know what," he said, "if they didn't get in, that's a good thing, because their message isn't what we want to hear."

No, Commissioner Evans. It was not a "good thing" that people with a right to speak were effectively silenced by the operations of the police. The ralliers did nothing wrong. They followed the city's rules. They absorbed the slanders flung at them by the mayor and others. They didn't try to shut their critics down, and they weren't the ones hurling "urine, bottles, and other harmful projectiles."

All they were guilty of was attempting to defend the importance of free speech. For that, they were unjustly smeared as Nazis and their own freedom of speech was mauled.

Boston was kept safe on Saturday. For that, city authorities deserve great credit and thanks. But in the course of preventing a riot, those authorities rode roughshod over the free-speech rights of a small, disfavored minority. That is never a good thing, whatever the police commissioner may think.

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