

I teach conflict transformation. If Trump's speech were a student paper, here's how I would respond.

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Like many people, I was outraged by President Trump's speech and photo opportunity on Monday. Since I assess statements on violence for a living, I decided to offer him some feedback.

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**Commented [MEO1]:** Be sure to define your terms.

**Commented [MEO2]:** Define: What constitutes "peaceful" protest? It is unclear how your points connect with the tradition of nonviolent resistance. Remember how complicated the line can be between definitions of violent and nonviolent protest. This is not at all a simple distinction.

**Commented [MEO3]:** What a contradictory assertion! Obviously, "law and order" is no ally to protest, nonviolent or not. Even a cursory glance at history reveals that.

**Commented [MEO4]:** Specify