Charlie Rangel On The NYPD

He appeared <u>on one show</u>, where he denied demonstrators (rioters) had called for the death of policeman. Confronted with a video showing those "dead-cops-chants," he backed down.

He appeared on another show, where he described how, when during the Korean War he saw the bodies of dead American soldiers, he was indifferent to the whites, and interested only in those among the dead who were black. He then said that some black police were apparently observing the "blue wall" between "the police and the community," that is remaining, by their "silence," on the side of the police, rather than of fellow blacks who were clamoring and rioting and agitating against the police, and Rangel apparently thought that just as he had done in Korea while wearing an army uniform, identifying totally only with fellow blacks, policemen, wearing the uniform of the police, ought to identify not with fellow policeman, many of whom were white, but with those black demonstrators (and criminals) out to get the police. An amazing performance. He's retiring, and now feels free to say what he thinks. Too bad he didn't reveal such thoughts thirty or forty years ago.

Meanwhile, some are up in arms because a Congressman once gave a speech to a group that turned out to have a white-supremacist and Nazi, David Duke, at its head, of which, he says, he was unaware. No one has yet pointed out that the current President attended church services not once, or ten times, by mistake, but almost a thousand times, services presided over, and fiery sermons given by, a black supremacist, Reverend Jeremiah Wright.