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Congratulations governor. With the removal of the confederate battle flag you and everyone that approved its removal have just confirmed in the minds of the country that you believe that it is a symbol of racism, and it is in some way at fault for the deaths of those nine people in Charleston. The flag is not in itself evil or racist. To myself and the majority of people who have family that fought and died under that flag it is a reminder of our heritage. A reminder that our family was not willing to let the Federal government push them around like we so easily do in today's world. It is now fine to sell an ISIS flag on the Internet. It is ok to sell a Nazi flag. But it is all of a sudden not ok to sell a Confederate flag. Why is my heritage so offensive, but these two groups that I just mentioned (who were and are trying to commit genocide) are not? Whether you intended it or not there has been a chain reaction surrounding the flag. When I was younger, the battle flag was a thing of pride. We were proud to be different and a native of the state that was the first to put its foot down against the Federal government. Now the rest of the country has gone crazy trying to eliminate southern culture, and they're following your lead. I am extremely proud of my country and my state for all that we have done in our short history. But I am ashamed of my government right now. If you are a white, Christian, gun carrying, heterosexual from the south the whole country is against you right now. And you're helping them out. Please stop this blitzkrieg on our rights and our heritage.

Chas