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HATE SYMBOLS DATABASE
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This database provides an overview of many of the symbols most frequently used by a variety of white supremacist groups and movements, as well as some other types of hate groups. You can find the full listings at adl.org/hate-symbols

INTRODUCTION TO THE HATE ON DISPLAY HATE SYMBOLS DATABASE

ADL is a leading anti-hate organization that was founded in 1913 in response to an escalating climate of anti-Semitism and bigotry. Today, ADL is the first call when acts of anti-Semitism occur and continues to fight all forms of hate. A global leader in exposing extremism, delivering anti-bias education and fighting hate online, ADL's ultimate goal is a world in which no group or individual suffers from bias, discrimination or hate.

ADL's Center on Extremism debuted its Hate on Display hate symbols database in 2000, establishing the database as the first and foremost resource on the internet for symbols, codes, and memes used by white supremacists and other types of haters. Over the past two decades, Hate on Display has regularly been updated with new symbols and images as they have come into common use by extremists, as well as new functions to make it more useful and convenient for users.

Although the database contains many examples of online usage and shared graphics, another feature that makes it unique is its emphasis on real world examples of hate symbols—showing them as extremists actually use them: on signs and clothing, graffiti and jewelry, and even on their own bodies as tattoos and brands.

Readers of this document and users of the Hate on Display database should be aware that this database, by its nature, contains racist and anti-Semitic imagery and language that some may find offensive.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

No one who encounters one of the symbols listed in this database should rush to judgment. All symbols depicted here must be evaluated carefully in the context in which they appear. Few symbols represent just one idea or are used exclusively by one group. For example, the Confederate Flag is a symbol that is frequently used by white supremacists, but which also has been used by people and groups that are not necessarily racist. Similarly, other symbols in this database may be used in certain contexts by people who are not extreme or racist. The descriptions here point out significant non-hateful meanings and contexts but may not be able to relay every possible meaning of a particular symbol.

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1-11

1-11 is a numeric symbol used by the Aryan Knights, an Idaho-based prison gang, to identify themselves. Substituting letters for numbers, 1 and 11 mean A and K, i.e., Aryan Knights.

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100%

100% is shorthand for “100% white” among white supremacists. It is also common to create alphanumeric variations to proclaim solidarity with a particular white supremacist group or gang, such as “112%” for “100% Aryan Brotherhood.”

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109/110

The figure 109 is white supremacist numeric shorthand for the number of countries anti-Semites claim Jews have been expelled from. In calling for the expulsion of Jews from the U.S., they often refer to the U.S. as the 110th.

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12

The number 12 is a numeric symbol for Aryan Brotherhood groups (as are the numbers 1 and 2 separately), especially the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas. Substituting letters for numbers, 12 equals AB, i.e., Aryan Brotherhood.

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13

The number 13 is a numeric symbol for the Aryan Circle, the large Texas-based racist prison gang. Substituting letters for numbers, 1 and 3 equals A and C, i.e., AC or Aryan Circle.

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13/52 AND 13/90

13/52 and 13/90 are racist numeric codes used by white supremacists to portray African-Americans as savage and criminal. White supremacists claim that Blacks make up only 13% of the U.S. population but commit 52% of all murders and 90% of all violent interracial crime.

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14

14 is numerical shorthand for the white supremacist slogan known as the “14 Words”: “We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children.”

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14 Words

Also: FOURTEEN WORDS

14 Words is a reference to the popular white supremacist slogan: “We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children.”

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14/23

The number combination 14/23 is a numeric symbol associated with the Southern Brotherhood, the largest white supremacist prison gang in Alabama. The 14 is a reference to the white supremacist “14 Words” slogan (“We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children”), while the 23 refers to the “23 precepts,” a list of rules that Southern Brotherhood members must follow.

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14/88

Also: 8814

1488 is the combination of two common white supremacist numeric symbols: 1) 14 (shorthand for the “14 Words” slogan: “We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children”) and 2) 88 (standing for “Heil Hitler”).

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18
*Also: COMBAT 18, C18*

18 is a white supremacist alphanumeric code for Adolf Hitler (1=A and 8=H). It is most commonly associated with the British white supremacist group Combat 18 or C18.

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21-2-12

Members of the Unforgiven, a Florida-based racist prison gang, use the numeric symbol 21-2-12 as a sort of slogan. Substituting letters for numbers, 21 stands for U ("Unity"), 2 stands for B ("Brotherhood") and 12 stands for L ("Loyalty").

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211 CREW
*Also: ARYAN ALLIANCE, BROTHERHOOD OF ARYAN ALLIANCE*

The 211 Crew is a large racist prison gang based in Colorado. Its main tattoo (or "shield" or "patch") is a complex triangular symbol made out of interlocking arms, with hands grasping lightning bolts and the number 211 in the center.

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23 (HAND SIGN)

White supremacists, primarily on the West Coast, may use a two-handed hand sign consisting of one hand showing or flashing two fingers and the other hand showing or flashing three fingers. Together, they signify the number 23, a numeric symbol for W ("White").

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23/16
The number combination 23/16 is a numeric symbol used by white supremacists, particularly common on the West Coast. Substituting letters for numbers, the 23/16 equates to W/P or "White Power." Sometimes the combination is rendered as 16/23, in which case it is often intended to mean P/W for "peckerwood."

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28
28 is the white supremacist alphanumeric code for Blood & Honour, an international racist skinhead group.

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311
311 is a number used by Ku Klux Klan members to refer to the Klan. The eleventh letter of the alphabet is the letter "K"; thus 3 times 11 equals "KKK," i.e., Ku Klux Klan.

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318
Also: 8318
The number 318 is a white supremacist numeric symbol. The 3 in the symbol is a numeric substitution for the letter C. C18 stands for Combat 18, a British white supremacist group that occasionally develops chapters in the United States. The 18 in its name stands for Adolf Hitler.

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33/6
The number 33 is used by Ku Klux Klan adherents to signify the Ku Klux Klan: since the 11th letter of the alphabet is K, three Ks signify "KKK" or the Ku Klux Klan. Klan members will frequently follow this with the number 6, to indicate the historical "era" of the Klan they think the Klan currently is in.

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38
Also: CROSSED HAMMERS

The number 38 is used as a numeric symbol by members of the Hammerskins, a racist skinhead group. Substituting letters for numbers, 38 stands for CH or “Crossed Hammers,” a reference to the crossed hammers of the group’s logo.

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43

The number 43 is a numeric symbol used by members of the racist skinhead group Supreme White Alliance (SWA). If one substitutes numbers for the letters in SWA’s initials (19, 23, 1), then adds those numbers together, the total is 43.

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5 WORDS
Also: FIVE WORDS

The 5 Words refer to a phrase that some white supremacists advocate should be the only words ever spoken to the police: “I have nothing to say.”

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511

The number 511 is a numeric symbol for the Oregon-based racist prison gang European Kindred. Substituting letters for numbers, the 5 and 11 equate to E and K, i.e., European Kindred.

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737

The number 737 is a numeric symbol used by Public Enemy Number 1 (PENI), a California-based white supremacist gang present on California’s streets and in its prisons. The numbers 737 correspond to the letters P, D, and S on a telephone keypad; the initials PDS stand for Peni Death Squad, another name for the group.

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83

83 is a white supremacist numeric symbol standing for "Heil Christ" or "Hail Christ," typically used by adherents of the racist and anti-Semitic religious sect Christian Identity.

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88

88 is a white supremacist numerical code for “Heil Hitler.” H is the eighth letter of the alphabet, so 88 = HH = Heil Hitler.

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88 (HAND SIGN)

The number 88 is a symbolically important number for white supremacists (who use it as a numeric code for "Heil Hitler"), so occasionally a white supremacist will use a hand sign to display or flash the number 88.

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9%

9% is a numeric white supremacist symbol that refers to the percentage of the world's population that is purportedly white.

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ACAB

The acronym ACAB stands for “All Cops Are Bastards” and is a slogan of long standing in the skinhead subculture. Because non-racist skinheads may use this acronym as well as racist skinheads, it should be carefully judged in the context in which it appears.

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ADVANCED WHITE SOCIETY

The Advanced White Society is a small white supremacist group formed by a defector from the neo-Nazi National Socialist Movement. It is active primarily in the Mid-Atlantic region and in Ohio.

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AKIA

AKIA is Ku Klux Klan shorthand for “A Klansman I Am.”

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ALABAMA ARYAN BROTHERHOOD
*Also: AB, THE BRAND*

The Alabama Aryan Brotherhood is one of many racist prison gangs that have adopted the Aryan Brotherhood name. It is an independent gang and has no connection to the “original” Aryan Brotherhood present in the California and federal prison systems.

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AMERICAN FRONT

The American Front is a longstanding racist skinhead group. In recent years, most of its members have been from California and Florida.

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AMERICAN IDENTITY MOVEMENT (AIM)

American Identity Movement is a large white supremacist group formerly known as Identity Evropa. AIM’s logo consists of a blue and red shield with three white stars and the letters A-I-M. The shield is often combined with an American bald eagle.

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ANTI-ANTIFA IMAGES

“Anti-Antifa” images are white supremacist symbols and memes directed against antifa activists. Antifa (short for “anti-fascist”) are left-wing and anarchist activists who focus on directly confronting white supremacists.

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ANTI-RACIST IS A CODE FOR ANTI-WHITE

“Anti-Racist is a Code Word for Anti-White” is a racist slogan that became popular among white supremacists in the mid-2000s. It represents an attempt to create a rebuttal to accusations of racism.

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ANTI-SHARP IMAGERY

Racist skinheads view anti-racist skinheads (typically known as SHARPs, an acronym for Skin Heads Against Racial Prejudice) as enemies and frequently attack them (and vice versa). Racist skinheads also commonly create anti-SHARP imagery that typically demeans SHARPs or implies violence should be used against them.

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ANUDDA SHOAH

“Anudda Shoah” is an anti-Semitic phrase used by white supremacists to mock Jews, whom they claim bring up the Holocaust when confronted with anything they don’t like.

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ARROW CROSS

Also: CROSSTAR

The Arrow Cross symbol derives from the Hungarian fascist political party known as the Arrow Cross Party that was active during 1935-45. Since then, various neo-Nazis and white supremacists have used the symbol themselves, either generically or as part of the logo of a specific hate group.

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ARYAN BROTHERHOOD

The Aryan Brotherhood is the oldest and most notorious racist prison gang in the United States. Its most common symbol is a shamrock, often in combination with a swastika.

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ARYAN BROTHERHOOD OF TEXAS

*Also: TEXAS ARYAN BROTHERHOOD, ABT*

The Aryan Brotherhood of Texas (which is independent from and has no relationship to the “original” Aryan Brotherhood present in the California and federal prison systems) is one of the largest and most violent white supremacist prison gangs in the United States.

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ARYAN BROTHERHOOD OF TEXAS (HAND SIGN)

The Aryan Brotherhood of Texas, a large and violent racist prison gang, uses a hand symbol consisting of a raised index finger and raised ring and little fingers, signifying the numbers 1 and 2. Substituting letters for numbers 1 and 2 stand for A and B, or Aryan Brotherhood.

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ARYAN CIRCLE

*Also: AC, THE DIAMOND*

The Aryan Circle is the second-largest white supremacist prison gang in Texas and one of the largest such gangs in the United States. Its most common tattoo, known as a “shield” or “patch,” consists of a square oriented to form a diamond shape. Inside the diamond is typically a swastika and the initials AC; it is also common to include SS lightning bolts.

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ARYAN CIRCLE (HAND SIGN)

The Aryan Circle is one of the largest white supremacist prison gangs in the United States. Its primary hand sign consists of holding up the thumb and the middle, ring, and little fingers of one hand, signifying the numbers 1 and 3 (which stand for AC). One can also hold up the little finger and the middle and index fingers, plus the thumb.

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ARYAN COWBOY BROTHERHOOD

The Aryan Cowboy Brotherhood is a small white supremacist prison/street gang based primarily in Minnesota and Kentucky. Its main symbol consists of a helmeted and winged skull with the initials ACB.

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ARYAN FIST

Also: WHITE POWER FIST, WHITE FIST

The Aryan Fist symbol is a white supremacist symbol adopted from the "black power fist" used by black nationalist groups in the 1960s and 1970s.

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ARYAN KNIGHTS

The Aryan Knights are a white supremacist prison gang based primarily in Idaho. They often use the initials AK to identify themselves with tattoos or writing.

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ARYAN NATIONS
Also: CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST CHRISTIAN

Aryan Nations is a decades-old American neo-Nazi group with a long history of criminal activity. Its logo consists of a Wolfsangel symbol in which the vertical line is replaced by a sword.

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ARYAN NATIONS (HAND SIGN- TENNESSEE PRISON GANG)
Also: BOLTS UP, BOLTS TO THE SKY

The largest white supremacist prison gang in Tennessee is Aryan Nations (a different group than the neo-Nazi group of the same name). Aryan Nations gang members use a hand sign they sometimes refer to as “bolts up” or “bolts to the sky,” consisting of forming the hand into a pistol shape and pointing it upwards or outwards.

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ARYAN NATIONS (TENNESSEE PRISON GANG)

The largest white supremacist prison gang in Tennessee calls itself Aryan Nations, a name borrowed from the neo-Nazi group of the same name, though the two are separate groups. Its primary symbol or “shield,” is a tattoo featuring a rounded Celtic Cross, with different symbols in each of the quadrants of the cross.

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ARYAN RENAISSANCE SOCIETY

The Aryan Renaissance Society is a small but long-lived white supremacist group that has resembled both a racist skinhead group and a prison clique at times. It has had members from a variety of places, but many came from Texas and New Jersey. Its logo is a phoenix image superimposed with a lightning bolt and a runic symbol.

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ARYAN TERROR BRIGADE

The Aryan Terror Brigade is a racist skinhead group with members in the United States and Europe. The logo of the group is in the form of a Waffen SS divisional insignia outline, with a man's head and a gun, a wreath, and the initials ATB inside the outline. The shield has black, white, and red stripes (the colors of the Nazi flag).

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ARYAN WARRIORS

The Aryan Warriors are a longstanding racist prison gang based in the Nevada prison system. Members have created a variety of tattoos, but many of them consist of the gang's name or initials, or have some sort of Viking-related imagery, such as horned helmets or axes.

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ATLANTIC CITY SKINS

The Atlantic City Skins are a longstanding New Jersey-based racist skinhead group. Their logo consists of a rounded Celtic Cross on top of a row of skulls, which may have the initials ACS on them.

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ATOMWAFFEN DIVISION

Atomwaffen Division is a neo-Nazi group that emerged in 2016. “Atomwaffen” is the German word for atomic weapons and the group's logo features a radiation warning symbol on a Waffen SS divisional insignia shield.

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AYAK

AYAK is Ku Klux Klan shorthand for “Are You A Klansman?”

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BLOOD & HONOUR

Blood & Honour is an international neo-Nazi/racist skinhead group started by British white supremacist and singer Ian Stuart.

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BLOOD DROP CROSS

Also: KU KLUX KLAN, MIOAK

The primary insignia of Ku Klux Klan groups is the MIOAK (or "Mystic Insignia of a Klansman"), commonly referred to as the “blood drop” cross.

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BLUE EYED DEVILS

The term “blue-eyed devil” is a racial epithet directed against people of European ancestry that originated in Asia. Some white supremacists have adopted the term for themselves, including a white power music band that appropriated the name and created a distinctive logo consisting of a rounded Celtic Cross out of which a man points a gun.

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BLUT UND EHRE

“Blut und Ehre” is a German phrase that translates into “Blood and Honor;” it was popularized by the Nazi Party (as a Hitler Youth slogan and elsewhere). Since World War II, this German phrase (and even more so for its English translation) has commonly been used by white supremacists in Europe, the United States, and elsewhere.

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BOOTS AND LACES

Also: RED SHOELACES, WHITE SHOELACES

Racist skinheads prefer wearing steel-toed workboots, typically with red or white shoelaces laced a certain way.

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BOUND FOR GLORY

Bound for Glory is the name of a longstanding white power music band (dating back to 1989) from Minneapolis. It is popular among white supremacists. The main symbol associated with the band is a Thor’s Hammer containing the band’s initials. Also common are the band’s initials in or superimposed over an Iron Cross. Both images derive from albums released by the group.

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BOWLCUT/DYLANN ROOF

The “Bowlcut” is an image of a bowl-shaped haircut resembling the one sported by white supremacist mass killer Dylann Roof. People who use the “bowlcut” image or other “bowl” references admire Roof and call for others to emulate his violent deed.

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BROTHERHOOD FOREVER

Also: TENNESSEE ARYAN BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood Forever is a racist prison gang based in Tennessee that is also known as the Tennessee Aryan Brotherhood, according to prison officials. Its symbol consists of its name above and below SS lighting bolts. Sometimes these may appear within an Iron Cross symbol or shield symbol.

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BROTHERS OF WHITE WARRIORS

Brothers of White Warriors is a New Hampshire-based white supremacist prison gang. Its most common symbol is an Iron Cross inside of which usually appear the group’s initials, jail bars, and a swastika, although the swastika can also appear below the Iron Cross and there are other variations.

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BURNING CROSS

One of the most potent hate symbols is the burning cross, popularized as a terror symbol by the Ku Klux Klan.

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BURNING NEO-NAZI SYMBOLS

Neo-Nazis have adopted the Ku Klux Klan practice of symbolic burnings, substituting swastikas, othala and life runes, triskeles and the Celtic cross for the traditional cross burned by Klan members.

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CELTIC CROSS

Also: ODIN’S CROSS, SUN CROSS, WHEEL CROSS

The white supremacist version of the Celtic Cross, which consists of a square cross interlocking with or surrounded by a circle, is one of the most common white supremacist symbols.

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CONFEDERATE FLAG

Organizations such as the Sons of Confederate Veterans adopted the flag as a symbol of Southern heritage but the flag also served as a potent symbol of slavery and white supremacy, which has caused it to be very popular among white supremacists today. This popularity extends to white supremacists beyond the borders of the United States.

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COORS FAMILY SKINS
Also: COMRADES OF OUR RACIAL STRUGGLE

COORS Family Skins (the word COORS is an acronym for “Comrades of our Racial Struggle”) is a racist skinhead group whose members are primarily based in southern California. They use a logo consisting of an Othala rune combined with a runic symbol, but they also occasionally appropriate the logo for Coors Beer.

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CRAZY WHITE BOY

The term “Crazy White Boy/s” (or its initials) is a phrase used generically by some white supremacists (often as a tattoo), but also commonly used as the name for various white gangs. Although commonly used by white supremacists, others may also use the term, so it should be carefully judged in its context.

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CREATIVITY MOVEMENT
Also: WORLD CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, WCOTC, COTC

The Creativity Movement is a white supremacist group that claims to be a religion for white people. Its symbol is a crown on top of a large W (for “white”).

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CREW 1488
Also: ORGANIZATION 1488

Crew 1488 (sometimes called Organization 1488) is a small racist prison gang based primarily in Alaska, though it has a small presence in Colorado. Its primary symbol consists of a swastika intertwined with an Iron Cross, with 14, 88 and SS lightning bolts inside the Iron Cross.

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CROSSED GRENADES
Also: DIRLEWANGER

The crossed grenade emblem originated with the infamous Dirlewanger Brigade of World War II, a Waffen SS unit that engaged in a number of atrocities.

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CRUCIFIED SKINHEAD

The crucified skinhead is a common skinhead symbol used by racist and non-racist skinheads alike, typically to expressed a perceived sense that society is opposed against them. Racist skinheads often adorn the symbol with additional hate symbols or replace the cross itself with a hate symbol.

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DAILY STORMER BOOK CLUB

Daily Stormer Book Clubs are mostly informal groups of supporters of white supremacist propagandist Andrew Anglin, who runs the Daily Stormer website.

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DAY OF THE ROPE

“Day of the Rope” is a white supremacist slogan referring to mass murders of “race traitors” that occur in The Turner Diaries, a novel written by neo-Nazi William Pierce. The slogan is typically used to urge or promise some similar scenario in the real world.

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DIVERSITY = WHITE GENOCIDE

Diversity = White Genocide” is a white supremacist slogan intended to suggest that multiculturalism will mean the death of the white race.

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ECHO

Also: PARENTHESES, PARENTHESIS

The “echo,” as it is sometimes called, is the on-line use by anti-Semites of multiple parentheses around a person's name to indicate that they are Jewish or, when used around a phrase or term, such as (((banker))), to imply that the word “Jewish” should be added to it.

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EUROPEAN KINDRED

The European Kindred is a large white supremacist prison gang based primarily in Oregon. Its primary symbol is a “shield” tattoo containing the initials EK, often displayed on the calf.

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EUROPEAN KINDRED (HAND SIGN)

The European Kindred is a large white supremacist prison gang based primarily in Oregon. Gang members often use a two-handed hand sign in which three fingers of one hand are spread to look like an E and two fingers of another hand are spread to resemble a K.

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FASCES
Fasces are an ancient Roman symbol for authority and government coopted by Mussolini’s Fascist movement in Italy. Some white supremacists in the United States have recently adopted the symbol both because of its fascist connections and because it is more publicly acceptable than the swastika.

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FEATHERWOOD
Featherwood, a word deriving from the related term “peckerwood,” refers to a woman belonging to or associating with the racist prison gang subculture (or, mostly in California, with peckerwood street gangs as well).

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FGRN
Also: FOR GOD, RACE AND NATION
FGRN is a Ku Klux Klan acronym for “For God, Race and Nation,” a common Klan slogan.

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FIRM 22
Firm 22 is the name used by the Vinlanders Social Club, a racist skinhead group, to refer to supporters and associates of the group who are not actually members. The number 22 stands for the letter V.

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FREE AMERICA RALLY
Free America Rally is a loosely-coordinated network of white supremacists who hold protests and rallies on white supremacist-related themes. The logo for Free America Rally is an amalgam of several runic symbols in the center of a laurel wreath.

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GEORGIA ARYAN BROTHERHOOD
The Georgia Aryan Brotherhood is a racist prison gang based in Georgia. It has no connection to the “original” Aryan Brotherhood (present in the California and federal prison systems). Some members sport a “shield” tattoo, but many also use a wide variety of more generic Aryan Brotherhood symbology.

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GERMAN PHRASES
A number of white supremacists, especially neo-Nazis and racist skinheads, may use various German (or German-like) words or phrases, often derived from Nazi Germany or earlier German ultranationalists, but also sometimes more modern (such as “Weiss Macht” for “White Power”).

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GERMAN SOLDIER
The image of a World War II-era German soldier–especially a Waffen SS soldier–has become a common symbol used by neo-Nazis and other white supremacists.

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GOLDEN STATE SOLIDARITY
Also: GOLDEN STATE SKINHEADS
Golden State Solidarity (also known as Golden State Skinheads) is a California-based racist skinhead group. Their most common symbol consists of a red-and-white Waffen SS divisional shield containing an Iron Cross and a red star. Sometimes instead of appearing in a shield, these items appear in an image in the shape of California.

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GTKRWN
*Also: GAS THE KIKES*

GTKRWN is an acronym for a racist and anti-Semitic slogan created by white supremacists: “Gas the Kikes; Race War Now.”

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H8

White supremacists use the letter/number combination H8 to mean “hate.” This usage dates back at least to the 1990s and may originally derive from the punk subculture, but it has become more common in recent years, with the spread of text-message abbreviations. Common motifs for the word include playing cards and billiards balls.

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HAMMERSKIN (HAND SIGN)
*Also: CROSSED HAMMERS*

The handsign of the Hammerskins, a racist skinhead group, consists of two crossed forearms emulating the “crossed hammers” of the Hammerskins logo.

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HAMMERSKINS

The Hammerskins are a large racist skinhead gang with a history of violence. Their logo consists of two crossed hammers, typically superimposed over a cogwheel.

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HAPPY MERCHANT

The Happy Merchant is a very common anti-Semitic meme popularized by the alt right, featuring a person with exaggerated stereotypically Jewish features and grasping hands, meant to convey a “greedy Jew.”

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HATE

It is common for white supremacists to deny being racists or to claim that the groups to which they belong are not hate groups, but in fact the word “hate” itself is commonly used as a white supremacist symbol for tattoos and clothing. Many white supremacists use the word to openly proclaim their hatred of people unlike them.

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HATE EDGE

Also: NS STRAIGHT EDGE

Hate Edge (also known as NS or National Socialist Straight Edge) is a small white supremacist offshoot of the non-racist Straight Edge movement, which emerged from the punk subculture in the 1980s. Straight Edgers eschew drugs, alcohol, meat, and often casual sex. Hate Edgers typically use common Straight Edge symbols with white supremacist twists or additions.

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THE HATED

The Hated is a racist skinhead group active in New Jersey, Florida, and elsewhere. Members use a variety of symbols but one of the most common is a white fist inside a cogwheel, with the number 14 and the words The Hated on the outside.

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HFFH

HFFH is an acronym used by the Hammerskins, a large racist skinhead gang. It stands for “Hammerskins Forever, Forever Hammerskins,” a format probably adopted from biker gangs.

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HITLER SALUTE (HAND SIGN)

Also: NAZI SALUTE

The Nazi or Hitler salute debuted in Nazi Germany in the 1930s as a way to pay homage to Adolf Hitler. It consists of raising an outstretched right arm with the palm down. In Nazi Germany, it was often accompanied by chanting or shouting “Heil Hitler” or “Sieg Heil.” Since World War II, neo-Nazis and other white supremacists have continued to use the salute, making it the most common white supremacist hand sign in the world.

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IDENTITY EVROPA

Identity Evropa was one of the most active white supremacist groups in the U.S. from 2016-19. In 2019, it reformed itself as the American Identitarian Movement (AIM).

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IDENTITARIAN LAMBDA

The Identitarian lambda is a symbol used by people who identify with Identitarianism, a racist and anti-immigrant European far right movement loosely analogous to the alt right in the United States.

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IMPERIAL GERMAN FLAG

Also: IMPERIAL WAR ENSIGN, REICHSKRIEGSFLAGGE

Because Germany has banned use of the swastika and other Nazi imagery, some German neo-Nazis use an older flag, taken from Imperial Germany, as a substitute for the Nazi flag. Nazis elsewhere, such as in the United States, sometimes do the same.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
HATE ON DISPLAY

INDIANA ARYAN BROTHERHOOD

The Indiana Aryan Brotherhood is a large white supremacist prison gang based in Indiana. It is active both in Indiana prisons and on the streets. Despite its name, it has no connection to the “original” Aryan Brotherhood, which is based in the California and federal prison systems.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

INLAND EMPIRE SKINHEADS

The Inland Empire Skinheads (IES) are a racist skinhead group based in southern California. Their logo consists of a red circle containing two crossed battleaxes.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

IRON CROSS

The Iron Cross, a famous German military medal, became a common white supremacist symbol after World War II, though today it is used in many non-racist/extremist situations and cannot be assumed to be used as a hate symbol without other contextual clues.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

IT’S OKAY TO BE WHITE

“It's okay to be white” is a slogan that was popularized on the website 4chan in 2017 for trolling purposes and was soon adopted by white supremacists (who had occasionally used the phrase themselves in the past).

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
HATE ON DISPLAY

ITSUB

ITSUB is a Ku Klux Klan acronym for “In The Sacred Unfailing Being,” a reference to God. It is one of many Klan acronyms created by the Second Ku Klux Klan that emerged in 1915.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

JERA RUNE

The Jera rune is an ancient European runic symbol and part of the runic alphabet. It is one of a number of runic symbols that white supremacists have appropriated but is also commonly used by non-racist modern Norse pagans, so care needs to be taken in its evaluation.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

KABARK

KABARK is a Ku Klux Klan acronym for “Konstantly Applied By All Regular Klansmen.” Today it is essentially meaningless and only used as a “sign off” in on-line messages by Klan group members.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

KEYSTONE STATE SKINHEADS

Also: KEYSTONE UNITED, KSS

The Keystone State Skinheads are a regional racist skinhead gang based in Pennsylvania, especially eastern Pennsylvania. Their logo consists of an image of the head of a pitbull superimposed over a keystone colored red, white, and black (the colors of the Nazi flag).

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HATE ON DISPLAY

KIGY

KIGY is Ku Klux Klan shorthand for “Klansman I Greet You.”

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

KLASP

KLASP is a Ku Klux Klan acronym for “Klannish Loyalty, A Sacred Principle.”

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

KU KLUX KLAN (HAND SIGN)

Some Ku Klux Klan members use a hand sign that consists of angling the index and middle fingers out to the side in order to look vaguely like the letter “K.”

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

KU KLUX KLAN ROBES

The hood and robes of Ku Klux Klan members are the most visible Klan symbol of all, so much so that a hooded and robed Klansman is a popular type of tattoo among white supremacists, including non-Klan members and non-Americans. The meanings of colors or stripes on the robes tend to vary from Klan group to Klan group.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

LEAGUE OF THE SOUTH

The League of the South is a longstanding neo-Confederate white supremacist group that advocates for an independent, white-dominated South. Its symbol is intended to resemble the St. Andrew’s Cross on the Confederate flag.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
HATE ON DISPLAY

LIFE RUNE
Also: ELHAZ RUNE, ALGIS RUNE

The Life (also Elhaz or Algis) rune is an ancient runic symbol appropriated by the Nazis to help create an idealized “Aryan/Norse” heritage, which led to its adoption by later white supremacists. Because the life rune is also used by many non-racists, it should carefully be judged in context.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

LOTIE

LOTIE is a Ku Klux Klan abbreviation for a "Lady Of The Invisible Empire," i.e., a female Klan member.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

LOVE YOUR RACE

“Love Your Race” is a white supremacist slogan originally popularized by the neo-Nazi National Alliance. In white supremacist literature and fliers, the phrase is often accompanied by an idealized image of a beautiful and/or maternal white woman.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

MEINE EHRE HEISST TREUE
Also: MY HONOR IS LOYALTY, MY HONOR IS CALLED LOYALTY, UNSER EHRE HEISST TREUE

“Meine Ehre Heisst Treue” is a German phrase that translates roughly to “My Honor Is Loyalty.” This phrase was used as a motto of the Waffen SS in Nazi Germany; as a result, many neo-Nazis and other white supremacists around the world use this German phrase, or English equivalent.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
HATE ON DISPLAY

MISSISSIPPI ARYAN BROTHERHOOD
The Mississippi Aryan Brotherhood is a large racist prison gang based in the Mississippi state prison system. Despite the similarity of its name, it has no connection to the “original” Aryan Brotherhood, based in California and the federal prison systems. The logo of the Mississippi Aryan Brotherhood consists of a highly-stylized rendition of a combined A and B.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

MOON MAN
“Moon Man” is a meme derived from a character in 1980s McDonald’s restaurant commercials that was appropriated by white supremacists, especially from the alt right, who attach it to racist songs, language and imagery.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

MUH HOLOCAUST
“Muh Holocaust” is an anti-Semitic phrase popular with the alt right used to convey the bigoted notion that Jews routinely bring up the Holocaust to gain attention or to deflect negative attention.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

NATIONAL ALLIANCE
The National Alliance was the largest neo-Nazi group in the United States in the 1990s but today is only a bare shadow of its former self.

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HATE ON DISPLAY

NATIONAL REBIRTH OF POLAND
*Also: NARODOWE ODRODZENIE POLSKI*

The National Rebirth of Poland (Narodowe Odrodzenie Polski) is a Nazi-like right-wing extremist group based in Poland that has some followers in the United States.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

NATIONAL SOCIALIST LEGION

The National Socialist Legion is a small neo-Nazi group that originated in 2018. Its logo features a red, black and white shield with stripes and a Wolfsangel.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

NATIONAL SOCIALIST MOVEMENT
*Also: NSM*

The National Socialist Movement, though relatively small, is currently the largest neo-Nazi group in the United States.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

NAZI EAGLE
*Also: NAZI WAR EAGLE*

The Nazi Eagle - an eagle clutching a swastika - emerged as a symbol during the Nazi era in Germany and since the end of that regime has been adopted by white supremacists and neo-Nazis worldwide.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
HATE ON DISPLAY

NAZI LOW RIDERS
Also: NLR

The Nazi Low Riders are a racist prison gang based primarily in California; their most common symbol is simply the initials NLR, often displayed in an Old English-style script.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

NAZI PARTY FLAG
Also: NAZI FLAG

The flag of Nazi Germany has become one of the most potent hate symbols worldwide.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

NEW ARYAN EMPIRE

The New Aryan Empire is an Arkansas-based white supremacist prison gang. Its most common symbols consist of its initials, NAE, as well as the number 234 (in either Latin or Roman numeral forms).

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

NEW BLACK PANTHER PARTY

The New Black Panther Party for Self Defense (not related to the original Black Panther Party) is the most extreme organized racist and anti-Semitic African-American group in the United States. Its symbol consists of a leaping panther (an image appropriated from the original Black Panthers) superimposed over the continent of Africa.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
HATE ON DISPLAY

NO RACE MIXING

White supremacists fear and hate the concept of multiracial couples, relationships or families, believing that such relationships “pollute” the “pure” white race. As a result, a fairly common white supremacist symbol depicts a multiracial couple or family, with a red circle/bar superimposed over the depiction, indicating that such relationships ought to be prohibited.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

NON SILBA SED ANTHAR

Also: NSSA

Non Silba Sed Anthar is a Ku Klux Klan slogan meaning “Not Self, But Others.” It is sometimes abbreviated as N SSA.

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NOOSE

The hangman’s noose, a symbol connected to lynching, is one of the most powerful visual symbols directed primarily at African-Americans.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

NORTHWEST AMERICAN REPUBLIC

The “Northwest American Republic” is a fictional construct created by Harold Covington, a long-time fringe figure in the neo-Nazi movement. It is based on the so-called “Northwest Imperative,” a longstanding call by some white supremacists for white people to move to the Pacific Northwest and establish their own country.

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HATE ON DISPLAY

NOT EQUAL
*Also: UNEQUAL, NOT EQUAL TO*

Some white supremacists have adopted the mathematical sign “≠” (Not Equal or Not Equal To) as a white supremacist symbol. The use of this symbol is an attempt to claim that different races are not equal to each other (and to imply that the white race is superior).

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

NSM LEGACY LOGOS

The National Socialist Movement is a longstanding neo-Nazi group that has changed its logo several times during its existence. Older versions of its logo can still be found on clothing, printed materials and even tattoos.

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OFOF
*Also: ONE FRONT, ONE FAMILY*

OFOF is an acronym for the slogan “One Front, One Family,” utilized primarily by the white supremacist group Volksfront.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

OHIO ARYAN BROTHERHOOD

The Ohio Aryan Brotherhood is a longstanding white supremacist prison gang based in the Ohio prison system. Despite its name, it is an independent group and has no connection to the “original” Aryan Brotherhood, based primarily in the California and federal prison systems.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
HATE ON DISPLAY

OKAY HAND GESTURE

A common hand gesture that a 4chan trolling campaign claimed in 2017 had been appropriated as a symbol meaning “white power.” Used by many on the right—not just extremists—for the purpose of trolling liberals, the symbol eventually came to be used by actual white supremacists as well. Caution must be used in evaluating instances of this symbol’s use.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

OKLAHOMA ARYAN BROTHERHOOD

The Oklahoma Aryan Brotherhood is one of several white supremacist prison gangs in the Oklahoma prison system whose name derives from the unrelated “original” Aryan Brotherhood, which is based in the California and federal prison systems. Its patch is a shield on top of two lightning bolts and a sword, with a clover, a swastika, and SS bolts inside the shield.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

ORION

Also: OUR RACE IS OUR NATION

“Our Race Is Our Nation” or “ORION” is a racist slogan proclaiming that racial ties are paramount to all else, transcending national borders or boundaries.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

OTHALA RUNE

Also: OTHAL RUNE, OTHILA RUNE, ODAL RUNE, NORSE RUNE

The othala rune is part of several runic alphabet systems that were common in pre-Roman Europe. The Nazis adopted this rune, among others, into their symbology, causing it to be a favorite symbol among white supremacists ever since.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
HATE ON DISPLAY

PATRIOT FRONT

The Patriot Front is a white supremacist group in the United States that uses a fasces and a circle of 13 stars as its logo, often placed on top of the image of an eagle.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

PECKERWOOD

*Also: WOOD, WOODPILE, PW*

Peckerwood, derived from an old racial epithet aimed at whites, has evolved to become a term used to refer to white prisoners, particular white prisoners belonging to the racist prison gang subculture. Often the term is shortened to “wood” and all such prisoners in a particular prison might be referred to as the “woodpile.”

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

PECKERWOOD (HAND SIGN)

The term “peckerwood” originated as a racial epithet directed at whites. Today, it has been adopted by the white supremacist prison gang subculture, especially in southern and western states, to refer to itself. The handsign for “peckerwood” consists of forming the thumb, index finger and middle finger of one hand to form the letter “P,” and the four fingers of the other hand to form the letter “W.”

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

PECKERWOOD MIDWEST

Peckerwood Midwest is a white supremacist gang based primarily in Missouri, active both in prisons and on the streets. The gang’s “patch” tattoo consists of a diamond-shaped swastika inside a larger Iron Cross. Inside the swastika are SS bolts; outside the Iron Cross are the numbers 23/16.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
HATE ON DISPLAY

**PENI**  
*Also: PENI DEATH SQUAD, PDS, PENI, PEN1, PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER 1*

Public Enemy Number 1 is a large white supremacist gang based in the prisons and on the streets of California. Its most common symbol is simply a shortened version of its own name, such as PENI or PEN1. Members may also refer to the gang as the Peni Death Squad or PDS, thus PDS is also a common tattoo.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

**PEPE THE FROG**

Pepe the Frog is a popular Internet meme used in a variety of contexts. In recent years it has also been appropriated by white supremacists, particularly those from the “alt right,” who use in racist, anti-Semitic or other hateful contexts.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

**PHINEAS PRIESTHOOD**

The Phineas Priesthood (or Phinehas Priesthood) is a concept created by the racist and anti-Semitic religious sect known as Christian Identity and refers to self-appointed “holy warriors” in the Christian Identity cause.

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**PIT BULL**

Pit bulls are the favorite dogs of many white supremacists, because they are perceived as savage fighters. One particular pit bull graphic has become a common white supremacist symbol.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

**RAHOWA**

RAHOWA is an acronym for “Racial Holy War,” a term created by the Creativity Movement, a white supremacist pseudo-religion, as a rallying cry for the white supremacist cause.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
HATE ON DISPLAY

RISE ABOVE MOVEMENT (RAM)

The Rise Above Movement is a California-based alt right white supremacist group with a fitness and martial arts emphasis. Its logo features a sword stuck into a boulder; the sword also serves as the trunk of a tree.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

ROA

ROA is an acronym for the white supremacist slogan “Race Over All,” popularized by the neo-Nazi/racist skinhead gang Volksfront.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

ROCK AGAINST COMMUNISM

Rock Against Communism (RAC) is a euphemism for several types of white supremacist hate music.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

RUNIC WRITING (RACIST)

Runic alphabets are pre-Roman alphabets used widely across Europe, easily recognizable because of their angular characters. White supremacists to use runic letters to portray words of significance to the white supremacist cause, on clothing or as tattoos. Because runes are still commonly used in a variety of non-racist forms, their appearance should always be carefully analyzed in context.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

SACRED SEPARATIST GROUP
Also: SSG

The Sacred Separatist Group (SSG) is a Missouri-based white supremacist prison gang. The group’s "patch" tattoo consists of a shield over a crossed sword and battleaxe, with the initials SSG inside. Typically, the letters SS in those initials are rendered as lightning bolts.

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HATE ON DISPLAY

### SADISTIC SOULS

Sadistic Souls is a small white supremacist outlaw biker gang active primarily in the Midwest. It is also a faction of the neo-Nazi group Aryan Nations. Sadistic Souls members may sport Aryan Nations symbology, as well as biker jackets and rockers that depict a Totenkopf image and the group's name, with the first "S" in each word of its name rendered as lightning bolts.

**READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>**

### SAXON KNIGHTS

The Saxon Knights are a large, Indiana-based white supremacist prison gang. Their primary symbol is a shield tattoo, with a shield emblem superimposed over a sword, a warhammer, and a battleaxe. The shield has four sections, two of which include the letters “S” and “K.” A third section usually contains a knight’s helmet. The fourth section is sometimes left blank and sometimes contains one of a number of other symbols.

**READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>**

### SHIELD WALL NETWORK

The Shield Wall Network is a small, Arkansas-based white supremacist group that uses a Greek lambda (an upside-down V) as its symbol.

**READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>**

### SIEG HEIL

“Sieg Heil” is a German phrase that translates to “Hail Victory.” The Nazi Party in Germany adopted the phrase, which became one of its most widely used and notorious slogans. As a result, after World War II, white supremacists in Europe, North America, and elsewhere adopted the phrase as well.

**READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>**

### SILENT ARYAN WARRIORS

*Also: SAW*

The Silent Aryan Warriors (SAW) are a large white supremacist gang based in Utah. Their primary tattoo consists of an Iron Cross with SS lighting bolts and a curved swastika at the center. Four Totenkopfs surround the Iron Cross, while around the image are the German phrases “für immer weiss” and “für immer stolz,” which translate to “forever white” and “forever proud.”

**READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>**
SIX GORILLION

"Six Gorillion" is an anti-Semitic phrase used by white supremacists to refer to the Jews who died during the Holocaust (typically thought to be around six million). They replace "million" with "gorillion" to give the impression that Jews wildly exaggerate Holocaust-related deaths.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

SKREWDRIVER

Skrewdriver, long defunct, is the British white power music band that essentially created white power music as a genre. The band, and its deceased leader, Ian Stuart Donaldson, remain held in the highest esteem by white supremacists.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

SOLDIERS OF ARYAN CULTURE

Also: SAC

Soldiers of Aryan Culture (SAC) is a large Utah-based white supremacist prison gang. The two symbols most commonly used by the gang are 1) the group’s initials, SAC, and 2) a swastika interwoven with an Iron Cross.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

SOLID WOOD SOLDIERS

The Solid Wood Soldiers are a Texas-based white supremacist prison gang. Their primary tattoo consists of the initials SWS, with the two S’s represented by lightning bolts. Above the initials appears the image of a bear claw, with the number 4 in the middle and sometimes the letters HCRL.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

SONNENRAD

Also: SUNWHEEL, BLACK SUN

The sonnenrad or sunwheel is an ancient Indo-European symbol appropriated by Nazi Germany, which has led modern day white supremacists to use it as a hate symbol.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
HATE ON DISPLAY

SOUTH AFRICAN FLAG (APARTHEID ERA)

In 1994, after the end of apartheid, South Africa adopted a new national flag, as the previous flag, adopted in 1928, had come to symbolize the apartheid regime. Since 1994, white supremacists in South Africa and elsewhere around the world, including the United States, have adopted the 1928 flag as a symbol of white supremacy.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

SOUTHERN BROTHERHOOD

The Southern Brotherhood is a large, Alabama-based white supremacist prison gang. Gang members use a variety of different symbols and tattoos but the most common is their “patch” or shield tattoo. This tattoo consists of a shield emblem (often superimposed over axes or swords) divided into four sections, each with a different symbol inside.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

SS (HAND SIGN)

In the 2000s, white supremacists created a handsign intended to memorialize the Schutzstaffeln or SS of Nazi Germany, Hitler’s secret police, political army, and concentration camp guards. The handsign utilizes both hands to make a lightning bolt symbol, as a pair of lightning bolts was the main symbol of the SS.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

SS BOLTS

Also: CRACKER BOLTS, SS LIGHTNING BOLTS, LIGHTNING BOLTS

SS bolts are a common white supremacist symbol derived from the Nazi-era symbol for the Schutzstaffel (SS), whose members ranged from Gestapo agents to Waffen SS soldiers to concentration camp guards.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
HATE ON DISPLAY

SS DIVISIONAL INSIGNIA

During World War II, the SS fielded a private army of nearly 40 divisions that fought on every front, often committing war crimes and atrocities. Following the war, neo-Nazis and other white supremacists began to use the various divisional insignia of these military formations as hate symbols.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

ST. MICHAEL’S CROSS

St. Michael’s Cross is a white supremacist symbol that originated in Romania in the years before World War II as the symbol of the fascist Iron Guard movement.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

STORMFRONT

Stormfront is the oldest and largest white supremacist website on the Internet. Its logo consists of a squarish Celtic Cross encircled by the phrase “White Pride World Wide.”

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

STURMABTEILUNG

The Sturmabteilung (or SA) emblem was used by Hitler’s so-called “Brownshirts,” paramilitary formations utilized by Hitler to intimidate political opponents before and after his rise to power in Germany. Now it is used by neo-Nazis and other modern-day white supremacists.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

SUPREME WHITE ALLIANCE

Also: SWA

The Supreme White Alliance (SWA) is a hardcore racist skinhead gang based primarily in the Midwest. The gang has used a variety of symbols but the most common include a shield symbol with a laurel wreath and a dog or wolf; and a shield symbol containing a Wolfsangel, a Triskele and the number 43.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
HATE ON DISPLAY

SUPREME WHITE ALLIANCE (HAND SIGN)

The Supreme White Alliance is a hardcore racist skinhead gang based primarily in the Midwest. Members sometimes use a two-handed handsign in which four fingers from one hand and three fingers from the other hand are used to represent the number 43. The gang uses 43 as a numeric symbol because the alphanumeric equivalents of the gang’s initials (19 for S, 23 for W, and 1 for A), when added together, equal 43.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

SWASTIKA

The swastika is an ancient symbol used in many cultures that was adopted by Adolf Hitler and turned into a symbol of hatred. Since then, the swastika has become perhaps the most notorious hate symbol in Western culture.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

SWP

Also: SUPREME WHITE POWER

SWP is an acronym for the white supremacist slogan “Supreme White Power.” It seems to have originated on the West Coast, probably in California’s prison system.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

THE GOYIM KNOW/SHUT IT DOWN

“The Goyim Know” is an anti-Semitic phrase portraying the ostensible reaction of Jews when their supposedly conspiratorial or manipulative misdeeds are revealed to the public. Often combined with “Shut It Down.”

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

THE ORDER

Also: SILENT BROTHERHOOD, BRÜDER SCHWEIGEN

The Order was an American white supremacist terrorist group from the early to mid-1980s which committed assassinations, armored car robberies and bombings for several years before being brought down by law enforcement.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
HATE ON DISPLAY

THOR’S HAMMER

The Thor’s Hammer is an ancient Norse symbol used today primarily in neo-pagan religions such as Asatru. White supremacist Norse pagans have appropriated this symbol to use in a white supremacist context. However, because it continues to be used by many non-racists, one should never assume that the Thor’s Hammer necessarily denotes racism or white supremacy but instead should carefully judge it in the context in which it appears.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

TOTENKOPF

Also: DEATH’S HEAD

The Totenkopf, or Death’s Head, is a symbol used by Hitler’s SS that has been adopted by neo-Nazis and white supremacists since World War II.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

TRADITIONALIST YOUTH NETWORK

The Traditionalist Youth Network was a small white supremacist group that attempted white supremacist activities on college campuses. Its logo consisted of five arrows pointing up and outwards from a single spot.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

TRIANGULAR KLAN SYMBOL

The triangular Ku Klux Klan symbol consists of what looks like a triangle within a triangle but which actually represents three letter K’s aligned in a triangle and facing inwards. A variation on this symbol has the K’s facing outwards instead of inwards.

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HATE ON DISPLAY

TRISKELE

The triskele is an ancient symbol with three curved or jointed segments emanating from a single point that has been adopted by white supremacists.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

TROLLFACE (RACIST VERSIONS)

Like Pepe the Frog, “Trollface” is a widely-used internet cartoon meme that has been appropriated and used by some white supremacists. Care must be taken not to make assumptions of the intent behind its use but to judge it only in context.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

TYR RUNE

The Tyr rune is an ancient runic symbol that was appropriated by the Nazis and subsequently became popular among white supremacists. Because non-white supremacists also can use this image, care must be taken to evaluate it carefully in its context.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

UNFORGIVEN

The Unforgiven are a large white supremacist prison gang based in the Florida prison system. Their main symbol consists of an interlocking Iron Cross and swastika, with SS lightning bolts in the center.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

UNIVERSAL ARYAN BROTHERHOOD

The Universal Aryan Brotherhood is a white supremacist prison gang based in the Oklahoma prison system, one of several such gangs that have used “brotherhood” in their title. Despite the gang’s name, it has no connection to the original Aryan Brotherhood, which is based in the California and federal prison systems.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
HATE ON DISPLAY

USAS

The United Society of Aryan Skinheads (USA) is a white supremacist gang active in the prisons and on the streets. Although it originated in Oregon, it is essentially based in California. USAS members primarily use one or more of three symbols: the white power fist, the Valknot, and bindrunes.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

VALKNOT

Also: VALKNUT, VALKNUTR, HRUNGNIR'S HEART

The Valknot or "knot of the slain" is an old Norse symbol associated with the afterlife that has been appropriated by white supremacists as a racist symbol. Nonracist pagans may also use this symbol, so it should be carefully examined in context.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

VANGUARD AMERICA

Vanguard America is a small neo-Nazi group whose logo depicts an eagle carrying a fasces.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

VINLAND FLAG

The Vinland Flag was designed in the 1990s by goth metal musician Peter Steele for an album for his band, Type O Negative. "Vinland" was the name given by Viking explorers to the area of North America that they discovered in the Middle Ages. In the early 2000s, white supremacists began to appropriate the flag as a white supremacist symbol.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

VINLANDERS SOCIAL CLUB

Also: VSC

The Vinlanders Social Club (VSC) is one of the larger hardcore racist skinhead gangs in the United States, with their strongest bases of support in Indiana and Arizona.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
HATE ON DISPLAY

VINLANDERS SOCIAL CLUB (HAND SIGN)

The handsign used by the Vinlanders Social Club, a racist skinhead gang, consists of holding up the first, second, and fourth fingers of one hand.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

VOLKSFRONT

Volksfront was a hybrid racist skinhead gang/neo-Nazi group that started in the Pacific Northwest in the 1990s but disbanded in the 2010s.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

VOLKSFRONT (HAND SIGN)

Members of the white supremacist group Volksfront used several handsigns to represent their gang. A common one-handed sign featured the fingers of the right hand divided into a "V" shape, often held over the chest. A two-handed sign used one hand to make a "V" shape (using two or four fingers) and the other hand to make the shape of the letter "F."

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

VOLKSFRONT FLAG

Volksfront is a hybrid racist skinhead gang/neo-Nazi group that started in the Pacific Northwest in the 1990s.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
HATE ON DISPLAY

WAR (ARKANSAS PRISON GANG)

White Aryan Resistance (WAR) is the name of a large, Arkansas-based white supremacist prison gang, who borrowed the name from California white supremacist Tom Metzger. Their main symbol is an elaborate pyramid-shaped tattoo that contains symbols representing rank and other meanings.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

WE WUZ KANGS

The phrase “We Wuz Kangs” is a racist term meant to attack African-Americans by racist mockery of Afrocentric theories about Egyptian connections to sub-Saharan Africa.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

WHITE ARYAN RESISTANCE

White Aryan Resistance (WAR) was a loosely organized racist skinhead movement in the late 1980s and early 1990s centered around white supremacist Tom Metzger. Now the symbol is associated with Metzger himself or used as a general hate symbol.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

WHITE KNIGHTS

The White Knights are a Texas-based white supremacist prison gang (also active in Arizona in recent years). Their main symbol consists of a knight’s helmet containing a skull. Behind the skull are two crossed swords, while the words “white” and “knight” appear on “rockers” above and below the skull.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

WHITE POWER (HAND SIGN)

Some white supremacists, particularly in California, may use a two-handed handsign in which one hand forms the letter “W” and the other hand forms the letter “P,” to represent WP or “White Power.”

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>
**HATE ON DISPLAY**

**WHITE LIVES MATTER**

White Lives Matter” is both a white supremacist slogan adopted after the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement as well as a loose movement of white supremacists who hold events to popularize the phrase.

READ FULL DESCRIPTION >>

**WOMEN FOR ARYAN UNITY (WAU)**

Women for Aryan Unity is a longstanding white supremacist group for women. Its logo is a diamond featuring red and white stripes and stylized letters spelling “WAU.”

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**WPWW**

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YOU WILL NOT REPLACE US

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ZYKLON B

Zyklon B was the name of the gas used to kill over a million victims, most of them Jews, in the death camps constructed by Nazi Germany during the Holocaust. Because of its association with killing Jews, Zyklon B has been adopted as a symbol by modern-day white supremacists, who often use it to make sick jokes about killing Jews.

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NEWSLETTERS
ADL publishes several email newsletters about fighting anti-Semitism and other forms of hate and discrimination. Sign up for these free publications to stay up to date on vital events around the world, and on ADL’s efforts.

ADL H.E.A.T. MAP (HATE, EXTREMISM, ANTI-SEMITISM, TERRORISM)
Our H.E.A.T. Map is the first-of-its-kind interactive and customizable map detailing extremist and anti-Semitic incidents around the nation. ADL experts in its Center on Extremism developed this unique visualization with data points extracted from information sources including news and media reports, government documents (including police reports), victim reports, extremist-related sources, Center on Extremism investigations and more. Filter data sets and learn more about hate, extremism, anti-Semitism and terrorism in your area and around the country.

ADL HATE CRIME MAP
This interactive map contains selected Hate Crime Statistics Act (HCSA) data reported to the FBI, as well as an aggregation of hate crime laws in the US.

REPORT AN INCIDENT
If you have experienced or witnessed an incident of anti-Semitism, bias, hatred or bigotry, please fill out our online incident report to enable ADL to investigate.

NEVER IS NOW
Never Is Now is ADL’s Annual Summit on Anti-Semitism and Hate. As ADL’s signature annual event, it is at its core, a one day conference focused on understanding contemporary drivers and dynamics of anti-Semitism. However, we can’t look at anti-Semitism in a vacuum given the daily reminders that any type of hate or bias ultimately hurts us all, particularly if allowed to escalate. Hear from experts, academics and leaders in the fight against anti-Semitism, bigotry and all forms of hatred.

SUPPORT ADL’S WORK
Supporting ADL makes a powerful statement. You believe in our work and its potential for changing attitudes across our nation and around the world. When you support ADL, you are helping us bring about a world that is more inclusive and respectful — and safer for everyone.

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All the symbols depicted here must be evaluated in the context in which they appear. Few symbols represent just one idea or are used exclusively by one group. For example, the Confederate Flag is a symbol that is frequently used by white supremacists, but which also has been used by people and groups that are not racist. Similarly, other symbols in this database may be significant to people who are not extreme or racist. The descriptions here point out significant multiple meanings but may not be able to relay every possible meaning of a particular symbol.

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