



What the Church Needs to Know about Hate Groups

Why here? Why now? Why us?

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Whom shall I send and who will go for me?



What is hate?

"Hate is the inability to tolerate the presence of difference in others."

What is prejudice?

"Prejudice is the belief that we know a great deal about someone whom we do not know."



Characteristics of Organized Supremacist Groups

- Loosely structured local groups to highly structured international groups.
- Leaders often project a mainstream image.
- Skinheads, although usually not official members, often are loosely affiliated with these groups.
- Focus on issues of concern to Middle America as a cover for their aims.
- Examples include KKK and Neo Nazis.
- Right to organize protected under the 1st Amendment.



First Amendment Issues

“Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press”

However

The Government can regulate some of the conduct associated with speech, but cannot base its regulations on the content or viewpoint expressed.



First Amendment Issues

In many circumstances, we cannot outlaw hate speech in the United States.

What then do we do?



The Goal:

To understand that
extremist groups are a
SYMPTOM
of a larger problem
and to understand not just what
is happening, but why.



Why the increase in racial supremacist groups now?

- Changing demographics
- Conflicts over immigration
- Struggling economy/loss of jobs
- Backlash against the first Black President
- White supremacist rhetoric during the 2016 presidential campaign



The List of Human Difference that Hate Groups Cannot Tolerate:

Jewish Community

All immigrants

African Americans

LGBT community

Muslims

People with handicaps/disabilities

All people of color

Strong women

All religious minorities

People in "mixed" relationships



“All hate groups have beliefs or practices that attack or malign an entire class of people, typically for their immutable characteristics.”

-Source: Southern Poverty Law Center



Triggering Conditions

- Fear of changing population (insiders v. outsiders).
- Struggling economy (existing problems).
- Disconnection (alienated youth).
- Failure of Community Leaders to Address:
 - Positives
 - Negatives
- Silence.

Obvious Racism

Hate Graffiti Lynching
Racist Fliers Hate Group
Burning Crosses Rallies

America's Iceberg

The Silence of Good People

Racist Jokes

Hiring Discrimination

Confederate Flags

Housing Discrimination

Believing That We Are "Post-Racial"

"I'm Colorblind"

Assuming That Good Intentions Are Enough

Not Challenging Racist Jokes

Anti-Immigration Policies/Practices

Racial Profiling

"I Never Owned A Slave"

Denial of White Privilege

English-Only Initiatives

Euro-Centric Curriculum

Racist Mascots

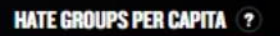
Bootstrap Theory

Mass Incarceration

Not Believing Experiences of POC

Below-the-water-line racism

HATE OVER TIME ?



ACTIVE HATE GROUPS

In 2018, 36 hate groups were tracked in Pennsylvania



Pennsylvania Groups

ACT FOR AMERICA

ANTI-MUSLIM
PITTSBURGH



AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION

ANTI-LGBT
FRANKLIN



AMERICAN GUARD

GENERAL HATE
STATEWIDE



BE ACTIVE FRONT USA

RACIST SKINHEAD
PHILADELPHIA



COMMITTEE FOR OPEN DEBATE ON THE HOLOCAUST

HOLOCAUST DENIAL
YORK



DAILY STORMER, THE

NEO-NAZI
STATEWIDE



H.L. MENCKEN CLUB

WHITE NATIONALIST
ELIZABETHTOWN



AMERICAN DEFENSE RECORDS

HATE MUSIC
PITTSBURGH



AMERICAN FREEDOM UNION

WHITE NATIONALIST
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NATIONAL SOCIALIST MOVEMENT

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REFORMATION-BIBLE PURITAN- BAPTIST CHURCH/VATICAN ASSASSINS

GENERAL HATE
NEWARKSTOWN



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RADICAL TRADITIONAL CATHOLICISM
STATE LINE



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ANTI-MUSLIM
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THE UNITED NUWAUPIANS WORLDWIDE/ALL EYES ON EGYPT

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THE RIGHT STUFF

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TRUMPET IN PHILLY

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ANTI-LGBT

MARTINSBURG

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Ohio Groups



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MISSION: AMERICA

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COLUMBUS



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TOLEDO, CLEVELAND, AKRON,
DAYTON, DAYTON



NATIONALIST INITIATIVE

NEO-NAZI
SOUTH VIENNA



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WHITE NATIONALIST
BATH

Ku Klux Klan



- Oldest continuous supremacist group in the nation
- Use religion as a justification for hate
- Groups are fragmented

Traditionalist American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan



- Neighborhood Watch -

You can sleep tonight knowing the Klan is awake!

Are there troubles in your neighborhood? Contact the
Traditionalist American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan today!

24-hour Klanline

National Socialist Movement



- Largest and most active Neo Nazi hate group in the United States
- 50+ chapters located throughout the US
- Creation of “Viking Youth Corps”



TOP STORY

NEO-NAZI RALLY DRAWS PROTESTERS
HARRISBURG



Aryan Nationalist Alliance

- Formed in spring of 2016
- Seeks to be an umbrella group.
- Coordinates rallies.
- Goal: "To create an ethno state where each racial group could govern themselves."

Racist Skinheads

- Racist version of skinhead subculture
- Youth arm of adult supremacist groups
- Known for violence, White power rock & effective recruitment of alienated youth





Veneration of Nazi Germany



Supremacist Groups and the Internet

- Simplified the exchange of information for:
 - Recruitment
 - Advertisement of Upcoming Events
 - Goals/values
- Creation of "Arm Chair Racists"
- Discussion Groups





Stormfront.org



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**In 1995, this was the
ONLY Hate Site on the
World Wide Web.**

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Today, there are more than 670 Hate Sites . . . If we include chatrooms and bulletin boards, there are over 2,500 portals to hate on the World Wide Web.



DailyStormer.com

- Bills itself as “America's #1 Most-Trusted Republican News Source.”
- Headlines include: “All Intelligent People in History Disliked Jews” and “Adolf Hitler: The Most Lied About Man of All Time.”
- Founded in 2013, readers now spend more time on the site than they do on Stormfront.
- On a slow day, more than 10,000 log on.
- Daily Stormer also reaches a younger and wealthier demographic.

EXTREMIST GROUPS
OFFER YOUTH:

WE CAN OFFER YOUTH:

Sense of Identity/Belonging →

Value →

Purpose →

Excitement →

Alignment with Strong
Leaders →

Empowerment →

Answers →

Comradery →

Protection →

Justification for Violence

Justification for Non-Violence



FBI Offender Typology

- Thrill Seekers
- Reactive Offenders
- Mission Offenders

“My experience in the extreme right was that of being around my own, the untreated mentally ill. PTSD mostly from their childhoods, rampant sexual abuse from childhood, manic depression, drug abuse, alcoholism, paranoid schizophrenia, clinical depression, you name the mental illness and it is there and generally untreated. Those who have found at least short term means of functioning, generally mixtures of drugs and alcohol and/or an absolute dedication to belief structure, tend to find themselves pretty quickly advanced.” -David Edwards, Jr.



Defectors Tell Us...

- **Floyd:** Hate will turn on you.
- **Frank:** Hate comes from hurt.
- **Dana:** Hate and violence make a miserable life.
- **David:** There is no love in the hate movement.
- **Angela:** I'm willing to put myself at risk to make amends.



Response

The best response is prevention

Getting past, "If we ignore this, it will go away."

When they are in front of my church:

- They come to intimidate. Do not cooperate.
(Faking it is OK)
- Take their flyer and give them a bulletin.
(Send flyer to CRN!)
- Inform the police



Response Part II

When they hold a rally, distribute recruitment literature or when there are anonymous acts of hatred in your area.

- Speak!
- Unite at another location
- Reach out to those who were targeted
- Turn to "A Community Response Guide" from TeachingTolerance.org
- What about counter protests?



PREVENTION IS ANOTHER NAME FOR BUILDING COMMUNITY

- Look for those triggering conditions
- Establish ongoing partner congregations
- Tend to your alienated youth
- Know thyself
- Practice "Not around me."
- Go out of your way to get to know people who appear to be different
- Affirm equality and nonviolence as a spiritual matter



Websites – Information on Extremist Groups

- www.splcenter.org – Southern Poverty Law Center
- www.adl.org – Anti-Defamation League
- www.wiesenthal.com – Simon Wiesenthal Center
- www.lifeafterhate.org – Life after Hate
- www.teachingtolerance.org – Teaching Tolerance