



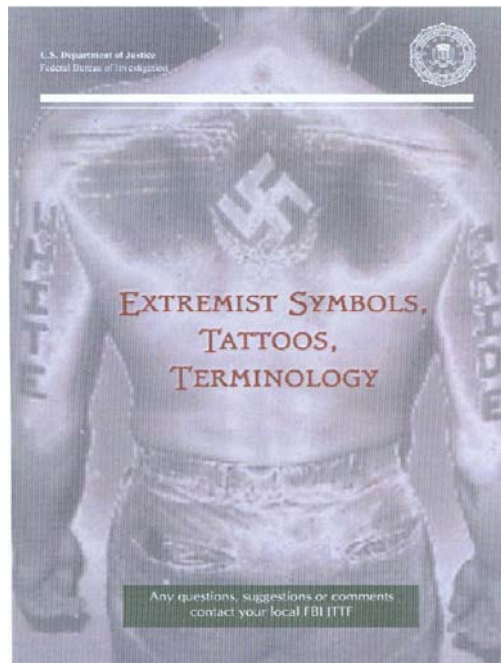
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Extremist Symbols, Tattoos and Terminology

(U//LES//FOUO) The Colorado Information Analysis Center has received information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Joint Terrorism Task Force (FBI/JTTF) regarding extremist symbols, tattoos and terminology. The following is a guideline for possible identification of members and or activists related to the individual groups.

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American Front (AF)

Letters "AF" integrated into a Celtic Cross. Led by National Chairman James Porrazzo, and based in

Harrison, Arkansas, AF espouses many ideals that are central to Communism, but the group is also anti-Semitic and believes in racial separatism. AF aspires to "secure National Freedom and Social Justice for the White people of North America" and defeat the forces of the "New World Order."



The Anarchist Movement

The most famous of these are the circled-A, the black flag and the red-and-black flag. The black flag is the "symbol of the workers misery and as

an expression of their anger and bitterness." The black flag is the negation of all flags. Thus the black flag could symbolize the negation of existing society, of all existing states, and so paves the way for a new society, a free one. Black is a mood of anger and outrage at all the hideous crimes against humanity. The black represents libertarian ideas and strikes (i.e. direct action), the red represents the labor movement. Recently the red-and-black flag has become complemented by the green-and-black flag of eco-anarchism. Today the circled-A is one of the most successful images in the whole field of political symbolising. Its "incredible simplicity and directness led [it] to become the accepted symbol of the restrengthened anarchist movement."



Aryan Brotherhood (AB)

The Aryan Brotherhood (AB) is a white supremacist prison gang. The AB originated in San Quentin prison in 1967. Originally,

this gang was established to provide protection for white individuals from black and Hispanic groups. The letters "AB" or the number "666" (representing Satan) can often be found written on the leaves of the clover. Other Names: AB, Alice, Alice Baker, Tip, Brand, Bluebirds.



Aryan Nations (Church of Jesus Christ Christian)

A neo-Nazi, Christian Identity organization led by the now deceased Richard Butler and based in Hayden Lake, Idaho. Christian Identity is a racist religion that teaches that whites (“Aryans”) are descended from the Lost Tribes of Israel and are thus God’s chosen people; also that Jews are descendants of Satan and non-whites are soulless “mud peoples.”



The Aryan Fist

A symbol of white power used by hate groups who promote their racist agenda as white pride activism. Note: the laurel wreath is a common skinhead symbol stemming from the logo of a line of British clothing that became popular among skinheads. It is the white fist itself that is the symbol of intolerance.



Asatru (or Odinism, as it is sometimes called)

Simply put, you might think of it as “the religion of the Vikings” It means, roughly, “belief in the Gods” in Old Norse. “Asatru is not inherently racist, and is practiced by many New Agers. However, (Asatru) is being co-opted by racists, particularly young, disaffected but intelligent skinheads. It appears to be growing and spreading within the white supremacy world.”



“Death’s Head” or Totenkopf

Symbol of the Nazi Schutzstaffel (SS). This symbol of the SS-Totenkopfverbände (one of the original three branches of the SS, along with the Allgemeine SS and the Waffen SS), whose purpose was to guard the concentration camps. Most of the original members of this organization were later transferred into and became the core of a Waffen SS division, the Death’s Head Division.



Fourth Reich Skins

An allusion to Hitler's Third Reich & to establishing a society ruled by National Socialist ideology. A California-based neo-Nazi skinhead gang active in the early 90s adopted the name, but appears to have largely disbanded after leaders in the gang were arrested and convicted in 1993 for conspiring to commit bombings and murders. In more recent years, Fourth Reich Skins have been active in Arizona.



Symbol of the Hammerskins, Hammerskin Nation (HFFH)

Two crossed hammers set on various backgrounds. The many local Hammerskin chapters in the U.S. and abroad are united by an ideology that focuses on white pride and white power music. The hammers are often placed on a background that represents the area where the chapter is located, such as a national flag. HFFH stands for "Hammerskins forever, forever Hammerskins."

KIGY ("Klansman, I Greet You") is commonly used as shorthand to indicate membership/affiliation with the Ku Klux Klan. It is used primarily as a salutation, but often forms the basis for e-mail addresses, Web page addresses, and more. KIGY appears to have originated with the revival of the Ku Klux Klan after 1915 and became a widely used Klan acronym (along with two others that have survived: **AKIA** for "A Klansman I Am" and **AYAK** for "Are You a Klansman"). Although the Second Ku Klux Klan did not survive, much of its terminology and many of its rituals did, and later Klan groups freely used them.



Symbol of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK)

A cross in a circle with the “blood drop” in the center. According to the Klan, the blood drop represents the blood shed by Jesus Christ as a sacrifice for the White Aryan Race. The KKK originated as a secret society organized in the South after the American Civil War to reassert white supremacy through terrorism and intimidation.



Life Rune - Symbol of the National Alliance

Known As: “Yggdrasil” (a symbol in Norse Mythology). A character from the Runic Alphabet which signified life, creation, birth, rebirth and renewal. Used by the Nazis on the graves of SS soldiers signifying the soldier’s date of birth (while the “Death Rune,” an upside-down “Life Rune,” was used to signify date of death). Employed to denote “Giver of Life” in relation to women in the white supremacist movement.



Nationalist Movement (Crosstar also known as Hungarian Arrow-Cross)

Historically used by Hungarian ultra-nationalists. The Crosstar, in red, white and blue, is the official symbol of this white supremacist, anti-immigrant, anti-gay organization whose members claim to assert allegiance to democratic, pro-government ideals. The group operates out of Mississippi and its current “first officer” of record is Richard Barrett.



National Association for the Advancement of White People (NAAWP)

Symbol Description: Tiger surrounded by the Group’s Name. This is a self-proclaimed civil rights organization for white people founded by former Klan leader David Duke and currently led by Ray Thomas in Tampa, Florida.



Nazi Low Riders

The initials “NLR” combined with Nazi symbols and icons, including eagles, swastikas, & skulls, provide the backdrop for this tattoo. This street and prison gang dates back to the late 1970s in the California Youth Authority, & has ties to the Aryan Brotherhood. It exploded in membership in the 90s. Members are involved in the drug trade and white supremacist ideology is a strong part of the gang’s character.



New Black Panther Party, (New Black Panther Party for Self-Defense)

Groups calling themselves the “New Black Panthers” started forming in the early 90s, but gained publicity and organization after Khallid Muhammad, ejected from the Nation of Islam, became their leader and spokesman. Its ideology is a mix of black nationalism, Pan-Africanism, and anti-white and anti-Semitic bigotry. Malik Shabazz, based in Washington, D.C., has led the group since Muhammad's death in 2001.



Norse Rune

The Rune expresses faith in the pagan religion of Odinism and was originally a symbol of the Vikings. While not by nature a racist religion, Odinism is popular among white supremacists because its Old Norse origins are seen as representative of Aryan heritage and cultural pride. The symbol was common within Celtic and ancient Germanic cultures and was later adopted by the Nazis for this reason.



“Odin’s Cross” and “Sun Wheel”

One of the most popular symbols for neo-Nazis and white supremacists. First popularized by the Ku Klux Klan, and later adopted by the National Front in England and others such as Don Black on his Web site, Stormfront, and the racist band Skrewdriver to represent international “white pride.” Also known as Odin’s Cross. The Celtic Cross is used widely in many mainstream and non-racist cultural contexts.



The Order (Bruder Schweigen or Silent Brotherhood)

“Hail The Order” positioned above an axe and a “Bruder Schweigen” crest and banner with the proclamation “Thou Art My Battle Axe and Weapons of War”. Founded by Robert Mathews in 1983, this group committed bank robberies, the bombing of a synagogue and the murder of a radio talk-show host. The group lives on through its imprisoned members who continue to propagandize from their cells.



ORION (Our Race is Our Nation)

White supremacists; neo-Nazis; racist skinheads. A racist slogan that emphasizes that racial ties are paramount to all else. Christian Identity adherents like it because it is compatible with their belief that white people are descended from the ancient tribes of the Kingdom of Israel. There is even an Identity Ku Klux Klan group, based in Alabama, known as the “Orion Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.”

Peckerwood

(also known as Wood)



Currently, the term is used to refer both to white youths with loose ties to white power gangs in and out of prison, as well as to actual skinhead gangs who have incorporated

“peckerwood” into their name. The various PW gangs appear to be concentrated largely in California, where they participate in the methamphetamine trade and have ties to other white supremacist gangs such as the Nazi Low Riders.

Phineas Priest Symbol

(See Old Testament, Numbers, Chapter 25)



Most Phineas Priests are adherents of Christian Identity, a racist and anti-Semitic religion. The concept of the Phineas Priesthood comes from a

1990 book by white supremacist and Christian Identity follower Richard Kelly Hoskins; He describes a continuous priesthood of “avengers” who, throughout the centuries, have committed violent acts in order to defend racial purity and “God's Law.”

Posse Comitatus



Sheriff's Star with a noose, sword and book in the center and the words “Sheriff's Posse Comitatus.” An anti-government movement active in the 70s and 80s, many of whose leaders were Christian Identity adherents, and whose ideology

formed the basis of later groups such as the Montana Freemen. The Posse died away in the 1980s but former James Wickstrom restarted it in the 1990s solely as a white supremacist group.

Racial Holy War



The expression “Racial Holy War,” signifies the battle that white supremacists believe will pit the white race against minorities and Jews and lead to Aryan rule over the world. Primarily used

by World Church of the Creator (WCOTC) members.



Skrewdriver Symbol

The white power band Skrewdriver and its now deceased leader Ian Stuart (Donaldson) are legendary within the white supremacist and racist skinhead movements. Although the band fell apart after Stuart's death in 1993, many white supremacists and racist skinheads pay tribute to Skrewdriver by sporting Skrewdriver tattoos and by wearing Skrewdriver pins, patches, or clothing.



Spider Web

Generally used by racist convicts. The spider web design tattoo is often found on the elbows, arms or under the arms of racists who have spent time in jail. In some places, one apparently “earns” this tattoo by killing a minority. However, the meaning of this tattoo has become so vague, that non-extremists sport this tattoo unaware of its other symbology, simply because they like the design.



SS Bolts

Nazi symbol signifying the Schutzstaffel (SS), Heinrich Himmler's police forces, whose members ranged from agents of the Gestapo to soldiers of the Waffen SS to the guards at concentration and death camps. The symbol is frequently seen in neo-Nazi tattoos and graffiti and characterizes the beliefs of neo-Nazis and racist skinheads – violence, anti-Semitism, white supremacy and fascism.



Sturmabteilung (SA)

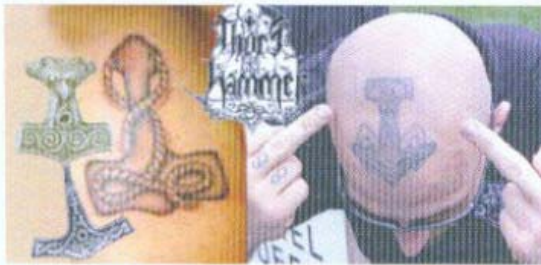
also known as Brownshirts, Stormtroopers

Stylized letters “S” and “A” combined within a circle. The “S” is similar to a lightning bolt with an arrow on the bottom. An emblem used by Hitler's Brownshirts, which were paramilitary units used to intimidate political opponents. When European governments began banning the display of Nazi or neo-Nazi symbology such as the swastika or SS lightning bolts, many neo-Nazis turned to less well known symbols. from Nazi Germany.



The Swastika (Germany's Nazi Party)

Prior to the Nazis co-opting this symbol, it was known as a good luck symbol and was used by various religious groups. Hitler made the Nazi swastika unique to his party by reversing the normal direction of the symbol so that it appeared to spin clockwise. Today, it is widely used, in various incarnations, by neo-Nazis, racist skinheads and other white supremacist groups.



Thor's Hammer

A vaguely hammer-shaped symbol, resembling an anchor. In Norse mythology, Thor is the god of thunder and his hammer has the power of lightning. Adopted especially racist practitioners of Odinism. Displayed by white supremacists in the form of jewelry, tattoos, and clothing, because they believe that Thor's Hammer signifies the strength and purity of the "Aryan race".



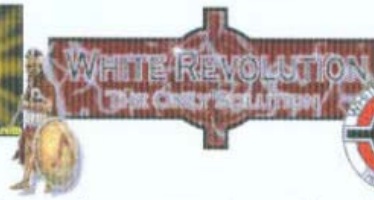
Three Bladed Swastika, "Flowering Power", Three Sevens

A variation of the swastika used by Nazi Germany, the "Three-Bladed Swastika" is comprised of three sevens to symbolize supremacy over the devil (represented by 666). It is a symbol used by racist skinheads, neo-Nazis, especially South African neo-Nazis and European neo-Nazis in support of Apartheid. Used by the Skinhead Organization and Publication: "Blood and Honor," and the AWB Afrikaner Resistance.



White Aryan Resistance (WAR)

Whatever one eye, and crossbones headed by the banner "WAR". WAR is a neo-Nazi, skinhead organization that espouses white separatism and hatred towards Jews and other minorities. W.A.R., led by Tom Metzger, is based in Fallbrook, California.



White Revolution

A group formed in 2002 by Billy Roper, to act as an umbrella coalition of racial activists from every pro-White organization. Determined to provide a central organizing structure in which members of different organizations can work together to preserve the White race.



Wolf's Hook, Dopplehaken

Ancient runic symbol that was believed to be able to ward off wolves. Historically, it appeared in Germany, ranging from guide stones on the sides of roads to heraldic use in the coats of arms; It appeared as part of the divisional insignia of several Waffen-SS units, including the notorious 2nd SS "Das Reich" Panzer Division. The Aryan Nations logo is derived from the Wolfsangel.



World Church of the Creator (WCOTC)

A "W" representing the white race and a crown and halo above signifying the group's belief in the elite and sacred nature of the white race. The white supremacist organization led by Matthew Hale (currently incarcerated) and based in East Peoria, Illinois defines itself as a religion established for the "survival, expansion, and advancement of [the] White Race exclusively."

ZOG / JOG Zionist-Occupied Government / Jewish-Occupied Government. White Supremacists, Anti-Government Extremists. These terms refer to the belief that the Jews occupy and control the government, as well as the media. The letters often appear in a circle with a slash over it. SWP "Supreme White Power" This is a common acronym used by racists to signify the ideological basis of white supremacists' belief system.

**We Must Secure The Existence of our Race
and a Future for White Children**



14 Words

"We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children."

The 14 words of this expression has become the battle cry and rallying slogan for the white supremacist movement. This expression was coined by the now imprisoned David Lane, a long-time racist and member of The Order, a far-right revolutionary group based in the Northwest. The eighth letter of the alphabet is "H". Eight twice (88) signifies "HH", shorthand "Heil Hitler."



311

The eleventh letter of the alphabet is the letter "K"; thus 3 times 11 equals "KKK", or Ku Klux Klan. 311 is sometimes used as a greeting to demonstrate membership in the KKK or simply sympathy with the Klan and its ideology. There is also a popular rock band with the name "311" which is not at all hate-oriented. 33/6. Thirty-three is 3 times 11. Since the eleventh letter of the alphabet is K, three

Ks signify KKK or Ku Klux Klan. The "6" signifies the sixth or current era of the Klan.

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The anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birthday is also used as a tattoo by racists and neo-Nazis, to affirm their belief in the ideals of National Socialism. 5 (Words). This numeral represents the expression, "5 words", which signifies, "I have nothing to say." Alex Curtis, a San Diego-based white supremacist who coined the phrase, believes that white racists in the United States should use the five words to demonstrate a "code of silence" and to help avoid prosecution by law enforcement.

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation / Joint Terrorism Task Force