

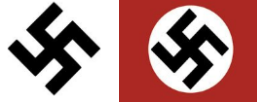


Racially or Ethnically Motivated Groups: Symbols Guide

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Summary: The following symbols are used by racially or ethnically motivated violent extremist (RMVE) adherents of ideologies such as neo-Nazism, white nationalism, neo-paganism, and others. These symbols can be found in group logos, merchandise, propaganda, written materials, tattoos, etc. Symbols often have variations, and can be combined by RMVE adherents to create new imagery. Nazi Germany adopted symbols in the 1930s and 1940s from ancient cultures and alphabets to create an illusion of a pure Aryan culture. Current RMVE adherents continue to use such symbols to glorify Nazi Germany or illustrate a connection with ancient European cultures. Symbols can have legitimate, non-racist uses. The sole use of a symbol is not conclusive evidence of ideology or criminal RMVE activity and should be viewed in context with other information.

Swastika: Symbol which became notorious due to its use by Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany.



Parteiadler/Nazi Eagle: Used to symbolize the Nazi party.



SS Bolts: Symbol of the Nazi Schutzstaffel (SS), the elite soldiers of the regime which gathered police and military powers.



Totenkopf/Death's Head: Also associated with the Nazi SS.



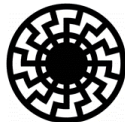
Triskele/Triskelion: Multiple variations, with three interlocking symbols appearing as sevens, legs, etc.



Sturmabteilung (SA): Used by Hitler's Brownshirts or Storm Troopers, which were paramilitary units used to violently intimidate opposition.



Sonnenrad/Black Sun: Used by the Nazi SS, SA, and other related entities.



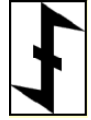
Iron Cross: Traditionally used as a military medal, the Nazi party added a swastika to the center.



Fascis Symbol: Imperial Roman symbol of state power and unity, used by the fascist movement in Italy.



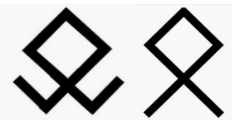
Wolf's Hook/Wolfsangel: An ancient German symbol based on the appearance of a wolf trap, appropriated by several SS divisions during the Nazi regime.



Life Rune/Algiz: Ancient runic symbol with several interpretations, signifying a tree or elk. Also incorporated into Nazi symbolism.



Othala Rune/Norse Rune/Othal/Odal: From a pre-Roman European alphabet, symbolizing the "o" sound. Appropriated by several SS divisions.



Thor's Hammer: Norse symbol adopted by racist practitioners of Asatru, Odinism, Wotanism and others who believe it signifies the strength and purity of the white race.



Odin's Cross/Celtic Cross: Dates back to ancient Europe. Popularized by the Ku Klux Klan, the website Stormfront, and used to represent "white pride."



Valknot: Norse symbol associated with the afterlife, often associated with Odin.



Blood Drop Cross: Typically associated with the KKK, the cross features a blood drop in the center representing blood shed for the white race.



Phineas Priesthood: Used by some, including Christian Identity adherents, who believe in a divine mandate to enforce God's law through violence.



Common Numerical Symbols | Significant Dates

14: Signifies David Lane's 14 Words slogan ("We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children")

88: "Heil Hitler" (H is the 8th letter of the alphabet).

14/88, 1488: Combination of two numeric symbols, signifies support of white power and Hitler.

18: Signifies AH, meaning Adolf Hitler. A is the first letter of the alphabet, H is the 8th.

311: Signifies the KKK (K is the 11th letter of the alphabet, 3 11s equal KKK)

4/19: Last day of the Waco siege (1993) and date of the Oklahoma City Bombing (1995)

4/20: Adolf Hitler's birthday

12/8: Death of The Order member Robert Jay Mathews during 1984 standoff with FBI ("Martyr's Day")

Symbols Use by Enduring RMVE Influences

Aryan Nations (US):



National Socialist Order
(Successor of the disbanded
Atomwaffen Division, 2015-2020):



National Alliance (US):



National Socialist Movement (US):



The Base, AKA Project Omega:



Hammerskin Nation (International):



Nordic Resistance Movement
(International):



Rise Above Movement:



Blood & Honour (International)
Combat 18 (International)



Patriot Front:



Azov Battalion (Ukrainian Militia):



NSC-131: (Nationalist Social Club - Anti-Communist Action):



Significant / Influential RMVE Attacks

Anders Breivik – 22 July 2011 in Norway targeting government offices and summer youth camp affiliated with the Norwegian Labour Party: killed 77, injured 319.

Dylann Roof – 17 June 2015 in Charleston, SC targeting African Americans at a church, killed 9, injured 1.

Robert Bowers – 27 October 2018 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania targeting Jews at a synagogue, killed 11, injured 7.

Brenton Tarrant – 15 March 2019 in Christchurch, New Zealand targeting Muslims at mosques, killed 51, injured 49.

Patrick Crusius – 3 August 2019 in El Paso, TX targeting Hispanics at a retail store, killed 23, injured 23.