



# THE NEW HATE

## THE RISE OF NEW HATE IN AMERICA

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For as long as there has been an America, the issues of racial oppression and prejudice have remained at the forefront of national conversation. Although social justice improves yearly, radical hate groups in the modern era have also changed and grown. Hate can spread further, faster, and adapt to the fears and prejudices of mobs more effectively than ever before. The constant exposure to radical rhetoric works to normalize harmful ideologies.

Within recent years, extremism has spread like a wildfire, dictating national media and conversation around domestic terrorism and fear-mongering. As an increasing number of radical groups grow in influence, organizations dedicated to fighting hate such as the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) have risen back to the forefront of the national conversation. These groups attempt to undermine radical groups and ideologies by informing the public of their spread throughout the country and fighting hate through legal and social campaigns.

In 1999, there were only 457 SPLC designated hate groups in the United States. Over the last 20 years the number of groups has fluctuated upwards. 2018 was the fourth consecutive year of growth with a 50% growth in white nationalist groups, and a rise to the 1,020 groups in the US, the highest recorded in the over 30 years of data done by the SPLC.

The rise of hate in the 21st century is not a unique instance; America has undergone periods of rising racial tension numerous times. What has changed are the tools and tactics that hate groups use to spread their rhetoric. The spread of mass communication and the safety of the internet has emboldened radical viewpoints. The internet allows individuals with radical views to

easily connect with others sharing their beliefs acting as a new tool in the arsenal. The anonymity offered by the internet has also provided a way to openly spread ideas not widely accepted by society.

The visible hate in our world is growing, in large part due to internet threads and chat rooms, where anonymity is king. Less radical rhetoric is often used to ease people into the ideology of hate groups. These range from rhetoric designed to disparage a particular group or more commonly through the insertion of half-hidden messages. These messages are placed within pieces with a relatively moderate idea, however, the real message is supplanted throughout the piece hinted at subliminally. These tactics work not only to spread radical content but to attempt the normalization of radical rhetoric.

The normalization of radical content has been adopted as the strategy of numerous organizations, among them the Daily Stormer, a conspiracy based hate publication which spreads neo-Nazi sentiments. The site spreads predominantly anti-Semitic content, however, a number of their articles focuses on other groups. The group, led by Andrew Anglin, describes its goal as using daily stories to indoctrinate individuals into their ideology and using the avid fan base of the site to harass individuals normalize rhetoric by repeating it enough. Condemned by both the SPLC and the ACLU, the Daily Stormer has risen to a national presence with “book clubs” across the country.

Sites such as Reddit, Tumblr, Twitter, Discord, and 4Chan have given opportunities that hate groups gladly take advantage of. Until the Charlottesville riot where a protester was killed by

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# ACTIVE HATE GROUPS



## ACT FOR AMERICA

ACT FOR AMERICA IS A NATIONWIDE ANTI-MUSLIM HATE GROUP FOUNDED AND LED BY BRIDGETTE GABRIEL, CLAIMING OVER 1 MILLION MEMBERS. THE GROUP SPREADS ANTI-MUSLIM RHETORIC AS WELL AS LOBBYING FOR ANTI-MUSLIM LEGISLATION. ALTHOUGH THE ORGANIZATION CLAIMS TO ESPOUSE A NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY, GABRIEL HERSELF HAS SPOUTED DISCRIMINATORY RHETORIC IN HER BOOK, BECAUSE THEY HATE.



## DAILY STORMER

THE DAILY STORMER IS A WEBSITE DEDICATED TO SPREADING HATE SPEECH ON A DEDICATED PLATFORM. THIS SITE STATES THAT IT WISHES TO SPREAD ANTISEMITISM AND WHITE SUPREMACY IN ITS PUBLICATIONS. THE SITE ALSO INCLUDES ANTI-MUSLIM RHETORIC, ANTI-LGBT, AND POLITICALLY POLARIZING VIEWS. THE NAME "DAILY STORMER" IS A REFERENCE TO THE NAZI PROPAGANDA NEWSPAPER "DER STÜRMER."

a white nationalist, the presence of hate groups on these sites saw steady growth. Following an outburst of violence on a national stage, social media websites cracked down on organized hate, greatly hindering outreach abilities. Although procedures and guidelines aim to eliminate hate speech, many individuals slip through the cracks and leak into the mainstream with harmful rhetoric.

According to a 2016 report by the FBI involving over 15,000 law enforcement agencies, 7,321 offenses were reported; the same report saw over a 15% growth with 8,437 offenses in 2018. These crimes have become far more visible in media coverage over the last few years with events such as the Orlando nightclub shooting in 2016, the Charlottesville attack in 2017, and the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting in 2018 receiving massive media coverage; these events have captured national attention and brought up questions about the resurgence of hate.

Despite the effort to suppress the messages and ideologies of hate groups, the media has given these groups the spotlight in their coverage of these events. Coupled with the increasing number of hate crimes, violence related rhetoric, and polar political shifts, the focus on the day-to-day events in everyday life increasingly includes the coverage of extremism and its actions. This often constant coverage on the extremism creates the impression that hateful ideology is more prevalent and more acceptable than it otherwise would be.

Since 1990, the SPLC created a hate map of notable hate groups across the US— consistently between 600 to 1,000 in number in

recent years. The KKK— a vigilante group created after the civil war— remains a staple of hate in the US and is among the most prominent hate groups in the US according to the map. In 2017 Colorado still had two chapters of the KKK, but as 2018 there are no longer any reported chapters of the KKK within Colorado, but groups such as the Atomwaffen division and American guard have taken their place. At its origin, the KKK lynched former slaves and terrorized the South for many decades, particularly in the early twentieth century. However, with more groups receiving basic human rights such as the LGBTQ+ community, the most infamous hate group in America has evolved into vilifying any group that departs from the straight, white population in America. As mass hysteria spreads about immigrants migrating to the US, the KKK spews vitriol in their direction as well. In fact, the group was ordered to pay 6.3 million dollars in 2000 when multiple undocumented immigrants were

held at gunpoint in Oregon.

As immigration continues to become a polarizing issue for many constituents in the US, partisan groups to oppose all varieties of immigration have sprung up in the past couple decades. In the mid-90s, the most prevalent anti-immigration extremist group in Colorado started-- Colorado Alliance for Immigration Reform or CAIRCO.

CAIRCO presents itself as a sustainable immigration advocacy group and firmly denies its classification as a hate group. The SPLC has labeled them as a hate group noting their relationships

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to prominent hate groups such as the Center for Immigration Studies and the Federation for American Immigration Reform. Despite claiming to be an organization focused on issues affecting the American people, they have made numerous inaccurate claims about immigrants. (see debunk graph) Beginning in the 1990s, the group has supported and advocated for legislation to stop all immigration. Additionally, specifically on their website, the organization promotes hateful articles from far-right sources and fear mongers about the amount of immigration today. And just with one quick google search the archaic site can be accessed on school computers. As the number of groups increase year after year, hateful ideologies are hidden in plain sight ranging from elementary school to adulthood.

As numerous hate groups sprout up across the country and the globe to perpetuate anti-Semitism and blatant racism from the rooftops, the public need to be more aware than ever before in a dangerous and everchanging environment. Hatred surrounds us 24/7/365, regardless of its form. Year after year, a small vocal minority pushes the threshold of hate forcing itself into politics, culture, and the internet. In fact, none of the hate groups listed in this story are blocked by the Jefferson County content filter as of the publication of this story. Hate is uncontrollable. As radical ideology becomes normalized it seeps into the mainstream with each passing second.

Ultimately, hate is counterproductive; it impedes societal progress and stops the natural evolution of culture. But the fires of hate and discrimination must be stamped out before they once again engulf the world. The importance of adding positivity to the world is essential because fighting fire with fire will burn everything down. Fight hate with education, don't attack the character of those indoctrinated by this radical ideology but instead seek to educate to cultivate a better society. Reach out to someone who is different from you and learn about their life—if the tools of hate are adopted by those who seek to fight it then nothing will change.

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