

Research Guide for Hate Groups in the United States

Introduction to U.S. Hate Groups

The Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Project tracks U.S. hate groups, maintaining up-to-date lists and maps. Its mission is to monitor and curb extremism in America. Originally started as Klanwatch, today the Project monitors all domestic extremists.

Key People, Places and Concepts

Visit www.splcenter.org to find out what groups are in your state, using the map of active hate groups. What forms of extremism are represented by these groups? How close to your home are they? Continue your team's research on the following topics:

- Anti-Gay
- Anti-Immigrant
- Black Separatist
- Christian Identity
- Holocaust Denial
- Ku Klux Klan
- Neo-Confederate
- Neo-Nazi
- Racist Music
- Racist Skinhead
- Radical Traditionalist Catholic
- White Nationalist

Focus Questions

1. What are the histories of these extremist ideology in the U.S.? When did they begin?
2. What are the major beliefs of these ideologies?
3. What kind of followers do they have?
4. Where are groups associated with these extremist ideologies?
5. Whom do these ideologies target as its "enem(ies)"?

Resources

The Intelligence Project
www.intelligencereport.org

The Anti-Defamation League
www.adl.org/extremism

The Center for New Community
www.newcomm.org