

FROM YOUR FRIENDS
the BLACKTAILS
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SPOTTING
FASCIST DOGWHISTLES

GOOD PEOPLE ALL OVER THE
WORLD ARE DOING WHAT THEY
CAN TO STOP NAZIS FROM
RUINING EVERYTHING.

Thanks to the talented work of antifascists
everywhere, nazis are forced to hide, identifying
themselves with symbols that only other nazis know
- avoiding the attention of most people, because
most people hate nazis.

These hidden symbols are called “dog whistles,”
named after dog training whistles too high pitched
for people to hear. This is not a complete list, but it
has a bunch of stuff you should know.

LEARN THESE SYMBOLS!
PROTECT YOUR FRIENDS!
SAVE YOUR SCENE!
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100% is a claim of 100% whiteness or purity. **9%** is the
percentage of the world they claim as “white”. It’s used to
sound less powerful to downplay racist power structures, or
make whiteness seem at risk of being “replaced” (more later).

14 refers to the fourteen words, a
white supremacist phrase: “We
must secure the existence of our
people and a future for white
children”. **88** uses eights to
represent the eighth letter of the
alphabet, H, to write HH, standing
for Heil Hitler. **1488** is a commonly
used combination of the two.

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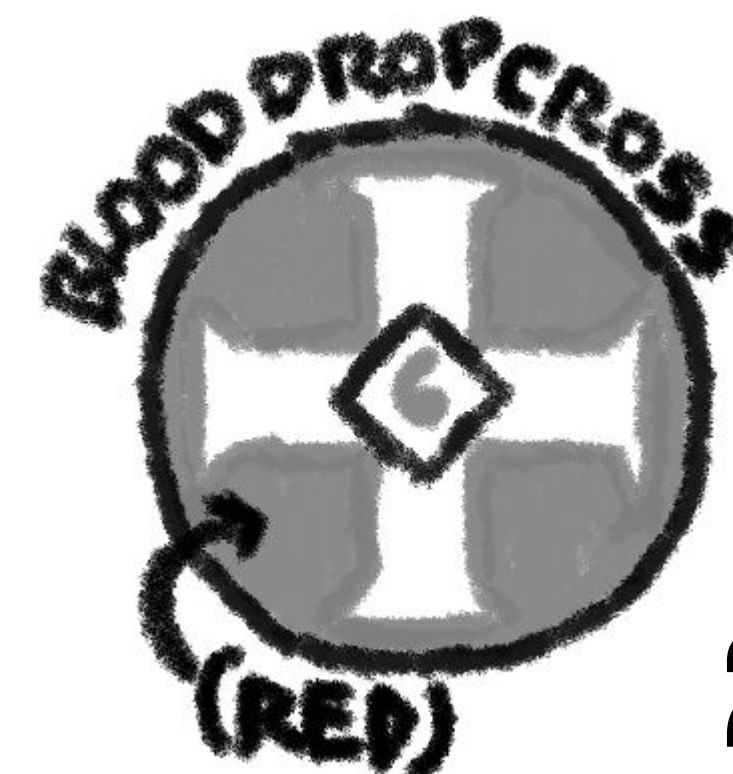
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Aryan refers to the people nazis
believe are somehow superior to
others: white and non-Jewish,
especially if they’re of northern
European origin, blue-eyed, or
have blond hair. “Aryan” is used in
the names of a *lot* of racist gangs.

AKIA stands for A Klansman I Am,
referring to the Klu Klux Klan.

AYAK stands for Are You A
Klansman?, referring to the Klu
Klux Klan.

The **Blood Drop Cross** or the
Mystic Insignia of a Klansman
(MIOAK) is a droplet of blood
centered on a square white
cross set in a red background.





This is more of an '80s and '90s thing, but boot laces, especially on Doc Martens, have a code. **White boot laces** are associated with white pride/supremacy, **red boot laces** are associated with neo-nazi types. In response to this, **anti-racists claim yellow laces**. Not everyone who wears one of these colors knows that they mean anything.

A **burning cross** may be a reference to the KKK intimidation tactic of burning crosses. A version of the **Celtic cross** (see right) is used by white supremacists, with some historical use by nazi germany and extensive modern use by neo-nazis.



an **echo** refers to writing parentheses around a (((name))) of someone thought to be Jewish or (((organization))) thought to be run by Jewish people. A **Fascis** (see left) is a bundle of sticks, often shown with an axe head emerging, an ancient symbol of power (many sticks are stronger than one). It was heavily used by Benito Mussolini in his fascist rule of Italy. The **Hammerskins** (sometimes known as "hammerskin nation") are a neo-nazi white supremacist group formed in 1988. Their logo is two crossed hammers over a gear. Sometimes abbreviated **HSN** and might use the phrase **HFFH** (hammerskins forever, forever hammerskins).

If they talk about a supposed threat of **white people being “replaced”** by nonwhite people, they’re referring to “the great replacement,” a racist conspiracy theory that claims white people are being destroyed by demographic changes, namely immigration and interracial marriage. Racists may claim this to frame their violent bigotry as “defensive”.

An arm extended up and out, palm down, hand flat is a **“hitler salute,”** used to claim obedience to hitler or associate with nazism. The **“Okay” hand gesture** is sometimes used as a white power symbol (WP standing for White Power: pinky, ring, and middle finger make a W, pointer finger, thumb, and wrist make the P)



Peckerwood is a racial epithet for white people that white racists sometimes use to refer to themselves. **Pepe the frog** is a meme that was co opted by the alt-right. If you see a pepe patch or t-shirt, that person might be a 4chan user and may be associated with racist accelerationism.

The **Rise Above Movement** (RAM) is a loose collective of violent neo-nazis and fascist gangs founded in California. It has recently (2021) reformed into the **Active Club Network**. The **Three Percenters** are a far-right militia group in a somewhat similar vein as the **Oath Keepers** militia group. **Skrewdriver** was a white power skinhead rock band in the 1970s; a



5 skrewdriver patch is the same as a white power patch, but they can deny it as “just a band”.

The Paradox of Tolerance

When weeding out fascists and excluding them from spaces, you may be accused of intolerance. You *are* being intolerant of nazis- and that is good. If you allow nazis in, you force marginalized people out. It’s the *paradox of tolerance*: if a society’s practice of tolerance is inclusive of the intolerant, intolerance will ultimately dominate, eliminating the tolerant and the practice of tolerance with them.

Plus, nazis chose to associate with hate, murder, genocide... you’re only taking them at their word.

“They don’t look like...” “But they have __ friends...”

A bigot or fascist can look like anybody. It benefits them when you assume they aren’t around, when you make excuses for them, or when you overlook one because they aren’t what you expect. There are plenty of white supremacists who aren’t white, racists with Black family members... the list continues.

You Might Be Right, You Might Be Wrong

Someone with a shaved head (a “skinhead”) isn’t always racist, sometimes just the opposite. You might get a funny feeling about someone at a show, a flag on their shirt, a rune you saw somewhere... but is it the one you read about? Be careful, trust your gut, ask others or even ask the person what it means to them. In all these situations, if you can’t get any more information, we encourage you to make assumptions that keep you safe.

Spotting these symbols for real can be scary, but we here are often glad that rattlesnakes have rattles.

Stay safe and fight on!