

## Symbols of KKK



**Variations:** KKK is an abbreviation of “Ku Klux Klan”; the “KKK” emblem is sometimes displayed on a flag with red-white-and-red vertical stripes.

**Origin:** “KKK” is the symbol of the Ku Klux Klan, a series of three far-right racist organizations based in the United States that have existed throughout different periods in US history. The modern Ku Klux Klan opposes LGBT+ people, Muslims, migrants, and other minority groups. The Ku Klux Klan are also known for their involvement in lynchings and other hate crimes.

**Uses:**

“KKK” is used exclusively as a hate symbol.

**Use as a hate symbol:**

Racists in the United States use this abbreviation as an identifier of racist views and adherence to the idea of white supremacy, even among those not specifically connected to the Ku Klux Klan. It is used for the same purpose outside of the United States.

In Ukraine, people with no connection to the Ku Klux Klan use it to demonstrate racist views, although rarely.

Graphic symbols and clothes associated with the group are used, such as gowns with white hoods. This is often in combination with statements and slogans about white supremacy (for example, the slogan “100 percent white”).

KKK symbols and slogans are almost never used mistakenly (i.e. without understanding their meaning). Sometimes white hoods are worn as a racist joke or at costume parties.

It is almost impossible to confuse “KKK” with other symbols that are not hate symbols.

### Additional images



KKK abbreviation along with a swastika, Celtic Cross, Wolfsangel and the characters 14/88 (City of Mykolayiv)



KKK hood with a swastika (City of Kyiv)