

# KU KLUX KLAN

## 1. CREATION

Ku Klux Klan (KKK) is the name of organizations in the United States. These organizations have often used terrorism, violence, and acts of intimidation, such as cross burning and lynching. Especially they hated African Americans and other social and ethnic groups. The Klan groups were extremely violent.

The Klan started in 1866 after the American Civil war by six educated, middle-class Confederate veterans . It was founded by veterans of the Confederate Army. The KKK started with violent methods.

The name was constructed by combining the Greek "kyklos" (κυκλος,circle) with "clan". The Ku Klux Klan soon spread in the country.

The organization was in decline from 1868 to 1870 and was destroyed in the early 1870s by President Ulysses S. Grant. It was determined that the Klan was a "terrorist organization."

In 1915 started the second group, using the same name. The second KKK was a formal organization. Approximately 4–5 million men was in this organization. The second KKK preached racism, anti-Catholicism, anti-Communism, nativism, and anti-Semitism.

## 2. ACTIVITIES

The Klan wanted to control the freed slaves. Specifically, to stop black education, voting rights, and the right to bear arms. However, although the Klan's focus was mainly African Americans (black people), immigrants and sympathetic whites . The violence achieved its purpose. They just wanted to make sure that white people is something more than black people.

That's why they were burning them, burning their homes, crosses, using violence, lincing them, somethimes even killed them.

After the First World War the Ku Klux Klan became extremely hostile to Jews, Roman Catholics, socialists, communists and anybody they identified as foreigners.

The members of the KKK were disguised. Each man wore a long white robe and his face was covered by a loose mask with scarlet stripes.

The KKK is still working. The following table shows the change in the Klan's membership over time.

<b>year</b>	<b>membership</b>
<b>1920</b>	4,000,000
<b>1924</b>	6,000,000
<b>1930</b>	30,000
<b>1970</b>	2,000

2006	5,000
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As you can see, the number is falling down, but the KKK is still present today. The number is raising, the KKK has more and more members again.

### **Black Legion**

In 1920s and 1930s started kind of KKK, named The Black Legion. They wore black clothes with the pirate signs. They were the most violent members in the KKK.

In a 2002 there was a report, which denied the KKK. But some of the larger KKK organizations include:

- Bayou Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, prevalent in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and other areas of the Southeastern U.S.
- Church of the American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
- Imperial Klans of America
- Knights of the White Kamelia
- Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

They just changed the names.

Today, about 90% of the members say, that they wouldn't make a crime, but the truth is, that they just influence on other people, that make the crime. Today the members aren't wearing white robes and masks, they are dressing like skinheads. Members of the KKK are working with them. Fortunately, the numbers of KKK organizations is falling down.

### **The Mexicans changed the black people**

Nowadays the members of the KKK is pointed at Mexican people, which are "blamed" for criminal and unemployment.

The Museum of Americanism.

**The secret Klan museum is where Klan artifacts, records, history and all other documentation of the KKK (as far as is known and preserved) are stored. Do not ask the location of the museum. Do not ask if you can visit the museum. The answer is "NO!" Only a select few who are in the "know" are permitted to see the museum. None of these items are for sale. They are museum exhibits only.**

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