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KKK Leader Disputes Hate Group Label: 'We're A Christian Organization'

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The leader of the Traditionalist American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is tired of “a few rogue Klansmen” ruining the group’s reputation, and argues that the group is a non-violent Christian organization.

“We don’t hate people because of their race, I mean, we’re a Christian organization,” Frank Ancona, the group’s Imperial Wizard, told Virginia’s [NBC 12](#) on Thursday. “Because of the acts of a few rogue Klansmen, all Klansmen are supposed to be murderers, and wanting to lynch black people, and we’re supposed to be terrorists. That’s a complete falsehood.”

Ancona’s group has come under fire from residents of Chesterfield County, Va., about 20 miles south of Richmond, for distributing KKK recruitment fliers in people’s yards since January.

“We picked ours up out of our driveway and threw it in the trash,” Sarah Peachee told [NBC 12](#). “We weren’t interested in even reading about it.”

Ancona defended the strategy, however, citing a boom in KKK membership across the country since 2008.

“In the last six years that I’ve been president of this organization I’ve seen the numbers probably triple,” Ancona [told NBC 12](#). “The funny thing is the same neighborhoods where you’re saying there are people who don’t want the flier are neighborhoods where our members live, and neighborhoods where people are sympathetic to our cause and are glad to hear from us.”

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Although Ancona insisted that the KKK is not a hate group, he added that “We just want to keep our race the white race.”

“We want to stay white,” Ancona [said](#). “It’s not a hateful thing to want to maintain white supremacy.”

Similar activity by the Traditionalist American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was [reported](#) in Tinley Park, a suburb of Chicago, in December, after promotional fliers were found in several driveways throughout the town.

“You can sleep tonight knowing the Klan is awake!” the fliers said, according to the [Chicago Tribune](#).

(h/t [NBC 12](#))

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" A boom in KKK membership since 2008" hmmm. I wonder what could have happened to cause a boom in membership.

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A black president perhaps? :)

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LOL. I know right!



LOL, I know right!

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Irish Love - Very good point, I never looked at it that way, but, you are ON to something there!

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He was quoted as saying

"It's not a hateful thing to want to maintain white supremacy."

Ok, yes, fighting to keep people under your heel is NOT christ like and IS exactly what hatred is...

Fucking read a book, any book without pics is a start but at bare minimum, read that book from which you fucking misquote verses someone else cherry picked for your ignorant ears...

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It used to be that to be hateful, one had to denigrate and state that the subject of their denigration needed to be eliminated. Now just stating a racial preference qualifies as hate. You may not agree with his view but Christ Almighty hopefully you can see that he is entitled to it without redress from you nor anyone else...

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He didn't state preference. He said maintaining white supremacy. That IS hateful. Your skin color doesn't make you better than anyone. Period. I am completely within my rights to call someone hateful if they espouse a belief that it's shade of skin, not education, kind heartedness or caring makes you better than anyone.

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Tony Leding So what you are saying is that if someone has the view that your family is worthless and needs to be killed that no one should say anything to them?

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"It's not a hateful thing to want to maintain white supremacy."

Right. The very words "white supremacy" suggest that they have a less-than-kind view of other races. That they "look down" on people of color.

Yes, sir. It IS a hateful thing to maintain supremacy by race. Even S. Africa finally saw the light..

There is nothing inherently wrong in having membership by interest. There's a Polish-American society down the road from where I live. I doubt that there are many black Poles, especially who've immigrated to the U.S. from Poland. But the purpose of the P-A society is to preserve the culture, not to exclude certain peoples from joining...

"Christian" my ass.

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eh, you never know.....

I'm a black German in Australia..... :p

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Douglas Mckeever · Follow · Top Commenter · Goldsmiths, University of London

The 2 are hardly mutually exclusive. Any brief perusal of religious history tells us that. I suggest also, that you read up on the 'no true Scotsman' logical fallacy

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Douglas Mckeever : I'm sorry -- which "2" are hardly mutually exclusive?

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Group

Note he says numbers have increased since Obama was elected yet people act like Obama hate has nothing to do with his race

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Some union membership numbers have increased as well. Does that mean unions hate Obama?

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Juan E Jiménez : Juan, that is so unrelated as to be a non-sequitor. There is a correlation between Obama's ancestry and the KKK that simply doesn't exist between Obama's ancestry and unions, except possibly in that there are black people in unions. But most people are smart enough to know that they should not base their support of someone on their skin color, so unions support politicians who support unions.

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Was President Obama's union membership the reason many "Non-Union" members thought he was elected?

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LOL. We don't HATE non-whites. We just want SUPREMACY over them.

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Keone Rivers · Top Commenter · Ewa Beach, Hawaii

i have come to realize that is how most white americans feel, especially the ones occupying Hawai'i.

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Keone Rivers Then you don't know most whites. I, and many others I know, are not racial in the least. In fact, in Hawaii, the natives have shown hate and dislike of white people.

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Dawn Box Givens · Top Commenter · Denver, Colorado

Brenden T. Lee It may have something to do with their near-annihilation at the hands of the people who stole their land from them.

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Bwaaaaahaaaaahaaaaahaaaaahaaaaahaaaa! OMG, that is the richest thing I have ever seen. When it comes to the radical right, the Klan may be in the same categories of the other radicals, but believe me, none of them are following what I see to be the message of Christ.

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How about we do this really simply. If you are a white man and want to maintain white superiority, then do things that the world considers superior. Actions can be judged to be better or worse than each other; even individual people, if you really want to stretch it, but one need look only at the achievements of some pretty superior black people to know that what makes us superior is so individual as to not have anything to do with something as irrelevant than skin color.

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Woody Lifton · Top Commenter · University of Hartford

Ed...you just described the difference between Prejudice and Racism....Prejudice is the way you feel...with Racism you put that feeling into action. Examples: Lynchings...Gerrymandering Districts...Putting up sign that says "No Blacks Allowed" and about 90 other things that we see done to different ethnic groups every day....Right Jeb Bush!!!!

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Harry Eisel · Top Commenter · Miskatonic University, Arkham, Massachusetts

We should give all those "white supremacy" folks a DNA test. Maybe when they found out they were 12% sub-Saharan African or 15% Chinese, or 21% Mestizo, they would shut the heck up.

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It would also reveal an extremely small gene pool... which has been peed in.

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Drew Baron - More like a gene PUDDLE.

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Exactly!!!!!!

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"It's not a hateful thing to want to maintain white supremacy." Then what is it, exactly? Maintaining white supremacy entails the suppression of other groups.

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Gerry Fisher · Top Commenter · Life Coach at Self-Employed

Oh...*details*!;-)

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Mark Neil · Top Commenter · Toronto, Ontario

I'd argue it's about the same thing as wanting women only segregation at places. It's a false sense of security based on negative stereotypes preying on fears and animosities.

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Mark Neil Yes, and they have hold of many of our government institutions.

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Plenty of hate groups are Christian organizations. There's absolutely no dichotomy or mutual exclusion between those two things. In fact, either one is often a pretty good indication of the other these days.

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Blanche R Payne · Works at I am differently-abled. NOT disabled.

No genuine Christian group can rightfully be called a hate group. You're saying that because, I suspect, you have a serious hatred towards the Christian faith and all that it stands for. Which makes you no different than Mr. Ancona.

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Ray Knitterman Whiting · Top Commenter

Blanche R Payne - seriously? Many hate-groups are Christian, per their own statements and declarations. I would not call them "good" examples of Christianity, but that's the banner they want to fly. Most of the groups with "Family" in their title are particularly anti-family, pro-hate.

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Blanche R Payne needs to read her bible lol.

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