



## Why the Confederate Flag is a RACIST Symbol.

**The confederate flag is the universally accepted symbol of racism and bigotry. We call on YOU, our neighbors, community leaders and students, to join us in our call to educate the public about the link between racism and the confederate flag, and to promote alternate symbols and statements that symbolize anti-racism, unity and diversity.**

*Please read on and join us as we work to dismantle racism in ourselves and our community...*

Community Action Against Racism spoke with former 5<sup>th</sup> ranking member of the Aryan Nation and KKK member, Floyd Cochran, to get an “insider’s” perspective on this issue. Floyd Cochran is now a nationally recognized ambassador against racism, hate and violence, and speaks regularly in Bucks County and across the country, educating young people and adults about what we can do to undo racism and organize against hate groups in our communities.

*In the words of Floyd Cochran:*

“Everywhere I went in the racist movement the confederate flag was flown. Often times we hear or have been told that the confederate flag has to do with heritage. That it does - white privilege; a heritage that enslaved people and exploited people all in the name of white supremacy and the confederacy. Today in the 21st century, racist organizations know that marching and waving the swastika isn’t cool. However waving the confederate flag is still acceptable to many. In many ways the confederate flag has become the 21st century version of the swastika. The swastika didn’t start out as a racist symbol of evil. Its origins are as a symbol of peace and well-being. Over the years it became known and seen as a symbol of hate - like the confederate flag.

“At Aryan Nation I was taught that the confederate flag represented:

- 13 stars represented the 13 lost tribes of white Israel.
- Red was purity of blood .
- White was the color of our skin.

Floyd Cochran, Education & Vigilance Network, <http://www.evnetwork.org>

*More history on the confederate flag*

The Confederate Flag was used to give the Confederate soldiers a way to tell their ranks from those of the Union soldiers on the battlefield, where smoke routinely obscured the view of their fellows. After the war, the flag was adopted by the KKK and later by Racist Skinheads, American Nazi Party, Aryan Nation and other hate groups. The confederate flag is an internationally recognized symbol of racism and bigotry.