

Sounds About White

ANALYZING HISTORY'S MOST DEVASTATING DOCTRINE

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INTRODUCTION

Imagine living in a world where skin color determined either value or worthiness. Imagine being a part of a society where the way you looked—be it your hair type, skin color, height, size, or facial features—determined whether or not you were allowed to benefit from a benefit otherwise offered to the majority of the population. As this visualization takes place, it's easy to wonder whether or not you happen to belong to an accepted criterion—one that affords you all of the privileges based on a preset criterion. Suppose then that because of the way you looked or where you came from, you were grouped with other people that looked like you, whether you had anything in common with them or not. Never mind what a reputable social scientist might repeatedly state with regards to the reality of racial differences¹, of course.

These differences that exist in society—skin-deep or otherwise—are inexorably a very real part of the modern world, so much so that whole nation-states have been built around them. Of course, a nation-state is defined² by the Merriam-Webster Dictionary as a form of political organization under which a relatively homogeneous people inhabits a sovereign state. As with the nature of man and its penchant³ for warriorlike violence, whole conflicts have been known to center themselves around these differences.

This unabashed brand of nationalism—defined⁴ as one's loyalty and devotion to a nation. What then happens when the color of a person's skin comes into play? Suppose that someone with fairer skin, with the means, influence, and social status, decides to oppress someone he or she does not deem his or her equal, all because this other person happens to have darker skin or a different

¹ Gannon, M. (2016, February 5). Race Is a Social Construct, Scientists Argue. Retrieved from <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/race-is-a-social-construct-scientists-argue/>.

² Nation-state. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/nation-state>.

³ McDonald, M. M., Navarrete, C. D., & Vugt, M. V. (2012). Evolution and the psychology of intergroup conflict: the male warrior hypothesis. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, 367(1589), 670–679. doi: 10.1098/rstb.2011.0301

⁴ Nationalism. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/nationalism>.

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origin story? Suppose that this feeling is shared by many other like individuals, each enjoying a similar amount of societal privilege and influence, to the extent that the belief of separation and subjugation is necessary for the betterment of their own private society?

Imagine then, that a member of this so-called privileged class of individuals, filled with zeal on behalf of this belief, chooses to take upon himself the mantle of social judge, jury, and executioner, using the means available to him to acquire weapons designed to kill—a gun, perhaps. This zealot, so indoctrinated into the Church of Nationalism, immediately sets out to scourge “his” society of those that do not match his physical features. He succeeds, and many lives are then lost.

This, in no uncertain terms, is terrorism⁵, and has defined the Western World for the better part of the last five hundred years. According to the Anti-Defamation League, white supremacy is a general belief system that revolves around four ideas: the first being that white people⁶ should have dominance over everyone else, especially in places where co-existence with other ethnic supergroups is inevitable; should live by themselves in a whites-only society; should possess a superior culture to others; and exhibit genetic superiority.

White supremacy as an ideology, has, both through action and passive-aggressive cultural conditioning, spread throughout the known world, making its way through a colonized African continent, a bombed-out and depleted Mashriq⁷, the Indian subcontinent, and even as far as East Asia, Oceania, and the distant islands of the Pacific Ocean. This has since given way to white nationalism as a full-blown dark mark on world history.

⁵ Terrorism is the systematic use of violence to create a general climate of fear in a population and thereby to bring about a particular political objective. See Jenkins, J. P. (2018, October 26). Terrorism. Retrieved from <https://www.britannica.com/topic/terrorism>.

⁶ Dee, J. (2003). Black Odysseus, White Caesar: When Did "White People" Become "White"? *The Classical Journal*, 99(2), 157-167. Retrieved from www.jstor.org/stable/3298065

⁷ Otherwise known as the Middle East.

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In this paper, we will attempt to discuss and define the rise of white nationalism, the continued, state-sponsored development of white nationalist ideology as a tool and vehicle for terrorism, and the end result of white nationalism's continued existence around the world as an international terrorist network; we will then conclude with a series of strategies designed to properly combat—and ultimately eradicate—this foolish, poisonous, and devastating ideology from the face of the earth, in the best interest of humankind.

PART I: THE DAWN OF WHITE NATIONALISM

How did white nationalism get its start? Where did this concept of white nationalism receive its marching orders? Before we discover this answer, we must first observe the world as it was before the concept of race as social determinant became a *lingua franca*⁸ among the modern world's greatest civilizations. We must return to the dynasties of Kemet⁹, now known as modern-day Egypt, where many of the world's commonplace practices were born for all of the Mediterranean, the Near East, and ultimately Europe to see.

Exhibit A: Ancient African Perspectives

As we now know today, ancient Kemet pioneered¹⁰ modern medicine, literature, and even the scripts we now use for basic alphabet construction. As such, the inhabitants of the now-legendary African kingdom also left behind ample cultural preservation for her descendants, in the form of multiple mummified remains, stories, and even depictions of people from surrounding

⁸ Any of various languages used as common or commercial tongues among peoples of diverse speech. See *Lingua Franca*. (n.d.). Retrieved from [https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/lingua franca](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/lingua%20franca).

⁹ Antonio Loprieno, "Egyptian and Coptic Phonology", in *Phonologies of Asia and Africa (including the Caucasus)*. Vol 1 of 2. Ed: Alan S Kaye. Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns, 1997: p. 449

¹⁰ Infographic: How Ancient Egypt Shaped the Modern World. (2016, April 28). Retrieved from <https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/79248/infographic-how-ancient-egypt-shaped-modern-world>.

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regions. Modern Egypt, as well as many museums in the western world, are filled with artifacts from those times, essentially serving as spoils of a centuries-long conquest.

As seen¹¹ in the tomb of Pharaoh Seti I, the ancient inhabitants of Kemet depicted four groups of people common to the region: ancient Libyans, Nubians, Levantine, and themselves. In this cave dwelling, there are distinct differences in appearances, with the Libyan and Levantine representatives appearing what would be considered white-skinned today. The Egyptian and Nubian each looked a different shade of what would be considered “Black” today.

But these depictions were merely used as a tool to differentiate the different tribal groups. Since then, however, the very appearance of a person—not the deity they prayed to, language they spoke, or land they specifically came from—would serve as a basis for oppression. The concept of race began in the during the Age of Exploration, when European explorers began to travel the world in search of an easier route to India, as early as the mid-1400s. As such, European culture, trade, and eventually colonization and imperialism, began to spread throughout the previously unknown (to Europe) lands of the Americas, Africa, and Asia.

Exhibit B: The Age of Colonialism, Enslavement, Exploration

As European settlements began to litter the Americas and Africa, colonialism began to develop, as European explorers, when not busy raping, pillaging, and enslaving native Americans, would send many new goods back to Europe in exchange for disease¹², the Christian religion, and “civilized living,” which also included epidemics of alcoholism, forced Eurocentric¹³ clothing, and

¹¹ Book of Gates. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://ancientegyptonline.co.uk/bookgates/>.

¹² PriceNov, M., WadeDec, L., CleryNov, D., Waldman, S., NewsNov, E. E., CohenNov, J., ... CohenNov, J. (2017, December 9). European diseases left a genetic mark on Native Americans. Retrieved from <https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2016/11/european-diseases-left-genetic-mark-native-americans>.

¹³ “Eurocentrism is defined as a world-view which, implicitly or explicitly, posits European history and values as “normal” and superior to others, thereby helping to produce and justify Europe's dominant position within the global capitalist world system.” Franzki, Hannah. 2012. “Eurocentrism.” InterAmerican Wiki: Terms - Concepts - Critical Perspectives. www.uni-bielefeld.de/cias/wiki/e_Eurocentrism.html.

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so on. As millions of Native Americans would slowly but surely fade from the lands, European explorers would continue to move further west, seeking out further land to develop and extract valuable resources from. With a dying native population, European explorers would need additional labor to assist with the development of their new settlements. Enter the African people.

Africans, as a result of the Native Americans' inability to withstand a deadly combination of European diseases and advanced weaponry for the time, would then be forcibly coerced into indentured servitude and enslavement. Needing bodies to develop the land, Europeans would then invade the African continent, kidnapping and colonizing millions¹⁴ of native Africans from the western coasts of Africa under the guise of proselyting. They would then transport millions of them to the Americas over the next few hundred years, where they and multiple generations of descendants would live out their days as enslaved peoples.

The justification for this behavior—and why European colonialists would not do this to one another on nearly the same level—would be the social talking point that the African people are essentially *unwashed savages* and barbarians in need of Christ and salvation. By establishing this dehumanizing culture in the western world, this would eventually ingrain itself in the people, to the extent that an entire race of human beings—those with African descent—would be deemed as subhuman, savage, and unequal to the whites in society, doomed to exist as the white man's servant and little else.

Exhibit C: Serving God and Slavery

Western society, at this time still predominantly subject to the Christian faith as taught by much of Western and Southern Europe, would also employ various interpretations of religious

¹⁴ Jr, H. L. G. (2017, January 12). How Many Slaves Landed in the US? Retrieved from <https://www.theroot.com/how-many-slaves-landed-in-the-us-1790873989>.

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texts to justify their horrific treatment of Africans and Amerindians. Old Testament passages involving the Mark of Cain¹⁵, Curse of Canaan¹⁶, commands by God to the Israelites not to intermingle and intermarry with other tribes and groups, and New Testament doctrines of avoiding association with nonbelievers, would be grossly perverted to take on a modern-day racial implication, to the extent that it would be taught such that Blacks in the Americas were destined to exist as servants to the spiritual descendants of the Israelites of old—white people.

As the concept of Eurocentrism continued to grow, a systematic whitewashing¹⁷ of history would begin, to the extent that even Biblical figures, many of whom belonged to ethnic groups that spent a significant time marrying and living in Africa, significantly more resembled Northern Europeans with blonde hair, fair skin, and blue eyes than the dark-skinned¹⁸ Egyptians they were often confused with throughout the ancient world.

Even Jesus of Nazareth Himself, who could not be told apart¹⁹ from His disciples on the night of His betrayal, has since been made to resemble European-descended figures like Cesar Borgia and John Lennon than modern-day Ethiopians and Yemenites. The concept of a supreme white God allowed European colonialists to exert this concept of supremacy over non-white ethnic groups along with their religious imposition.

This egregious mischaracterization of Biblical text would go so far as to justify the complete exclusion of Blacks²⁰ from the Church of Latter-Day Saints until 1978. Brigham Young,

¹⁵ Gen. 4:11-16 NKJV

¹⁶ Gen 9:18-28 NKJV

¹⁷ Meaning, “to alter something in a way that favors, features, or caters to white people, such as to alter an original story by casting a white performer in a role based on a non-white person or fictional character.” See Whitewash. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/whitewash>.

¹⁸ Amp, M. (2003, June). THE “TABLE OF NATIONS” SCENE IN THE TOMB OF RAMSES III. Retrieved November 20, 2019, from <http://manuampim.com/ramsesIII.htm>.

¹⁹ Matt. 26:47-55 NKJV

²⁰ Graham-Russell, J. (2016, August 29). What Is It Like to Be Black and Mormon in the U.S.? Retrieved from <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2016/08/black-and-mormon/497660/>.

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one of the main founders of the Mormon Church, himself taught and wrote²¹ that efforts to abolish slavery stood against the very commands of God and would ultimately be unsuccessful.

Exhibit D: Haïti

This continued conditioning of western society to believe in white supremacy and nationalism would further serve as a justification for the continued subjugation of the Haïtian people, themselves born out of a successful slave rebellion on the French colony of Saint-Domingue in the Caribbean. Taking place within the context of the French Revolution, the once-enslaved Haïtians, led by revolutionaries such as Toussaint L'Ouverture and Jean-Jacques Dessalines, declared their independence²² in 1804, defeating the French Empire, who were (at the time) the world's most powerful. But this did not result in a happy ending for the Haïtian people. As the first Black republic in the Western Hemisphere, this served as a direct rebuke to the western idea that Africans were inferior and incapable of self-governance without the aid and assistance of a white master. Carnage ensued.

As a result of the Haïtian Revolution, Napoleonic France would demand an indemnity²³ of what is now the equivalent of billions of dollars in exchange for their continued freedom, an act which would cripple the Haïtian economy from the very beginning. Today, Haïti is the poorest²⁴ country in the Western Hemisphere, and this is no accident. As the enslaved Africans living in the United States would not yet receive some form of liberation until the 1860s²⁵, the United States

²¹ Young, B. D., & Watt, G. D. (1854). *Journal of discourses*. Liverpool: F.D. Richards.

²² Haitian independence proclaimed. (2010, February 9). Retrieved from <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/haitian-independence-proclaimed>.

²³ Tharoor, I. (2019, May 2). Is it time for France to pay its real debt to Haiti? Retrieved from <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2015/05/13/does-france-owe-haiti-reparations/>.

²⁴ Overview. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://www.worldbank.org/en/country/haiti/overview>.

²⁵ Corbett, B. (1999). WHY IS HAITI SO POOR? Retrieved from <http://faculty.webster.edu/corbetre/haiti/misc/topic/leftover/whypoor.htm>.

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would refuse to extend diplomatic recognition to the fledgling Republic of Haïti, an act that would further cripple Haïti's ability to engage in international commerce.

In addition to these two blatant acts, which Haïti still has not received the proper reparations²⁶ for on the international stage, it remains evident that foreign interference prevented the island of Hispaniola, which Haïti occupies the western third of, from unifying under a single Haïtian government, another blow to national unity, solidarity, and prosperity. Ultimately, it would be clear here that the idea of a prosperous Black republic²⁷ in the Western Hemisphere would not be tolerated, as such an existence would significantly undermine white nationalism and supremacy. Thus, the Haïtian people have since had to suffer for demonstrating the audacity to demand, fight, and earn a freedom that their humanity entitled them to in the first place.

As history gives way to modernity, it has become clear that white nationalism, with its roots, has since been able to sprout into a tree upon which many Black lives have since been forfeit²⁸. But has this truly taken place, or has this been a social figment of the imagination?

PART II: STATE-SPONSORED SUPREMACY

Exhibit A: Cosmopolitanism and Diversity

With the establishment and expansion of the British, French, Portuguese, and Spanish imperial dominion throughout the Americas, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia becoming as commonplace as subjugated peoples from those lands expressing resentment towards their

²⁶ Alcenat, W., Bruenig, M., Karp, M., Stein, S., Gowan, P., ... Bahru Zewde. (n.d.). The Case for Haitian Reparations. Retrieved from <https://www.jacobinmag.com/2017/01/haiti-reparations-france-slavery-colonialism-debt/>.

²⁷ Félix, D. S. (2018, January 13). Trump's Fixation on Haiti, and the Abiding Fear of Black Self-Determination. Retrieved from <https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/trumps-fixation-on-haiti-and-the-abiding-fear-of-black-self-determination>.

²⁸ Equal Justice Initiative. (2017). LYNCHING IN AMERICA: CONFRONTING THE LEGACY OF RACIAL TERROR. Retrieved November 1, 2019, from <https://lynchinginamerica.eji.org/report/>.

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oppressors, it would become clear that the world would forever change. With various colonies being formed in these subjugated lands, it would be inevitable that residents of these colonies would wind up back in the origin of colonial influence—the “mother” land.

For example, certain residents, most likely of mixed race²⁹, from French colonies like Saint-Domingue would find their way to Paris to receive an education. As the transfer of human life would continue throughout the ages, and even beyond emancipation and the abolition of enslavement, countries like France and Great Britain would begin to diversify. These European countries would, soon enough, begin to witness an influx of indigenous African, American, Arab, and South Asian people, leading to a diverse society. As these societies would move more into the modern age, many citizens of these states would look around and realize that the definition of citizenship would no longer apply to just ethnic Europeans.

This would give rise to the concept of cosmopolitanism. Cosmopolitanism is defined by the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy³⁰ as the concept that all human beings, regardless of political affiliation, are (or can and should be) citizens in a single community. On a grander scale, cosmopolitanism speaks to a universal community of world citizens, beyond the concept of borders or specific nationalities. But with diversity comes movement; with movement comes change; with change comes the end of the old and the beginning of the new. And for a society that has been conditioned to believe that its way—now rhetorically defined as *traditional*—this means war.

As white citizens of European origin began to witness the changing of their neighborhoods and workplaces, it became clear that the old order of society would not be what it used to. A simple

²⁹ More than likely born as the result of a sexual assault between a white French slaveowner and a Black female slave. Enslaved Africans, as state-sponsored prisoners, had no means by which they could consent to a sexual encounter between a slaveowner and themselves. See Gloria J. Browne-Marshall, *Failing Our Black Children: Statutory Rape Laws, Moral Reform and the Hypocrisy of Denial* (2002)

³⁰ Kleingeld, P., & Brown, E. (2019, October 17). Cosmopolitanism. Retrieved from <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/cosmopolitanism/>.

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recitation of history—in which Europeans arrived in new lands as conquering, eradicating forces—would lead some to wonder if these foreign newcomers from other lands have arrived to perform some sort of retribution. Thus, confusion and discomfort will give rise to fear, and fear, once coupled with power (that the more privileged white members of society inherently have due to a higher collection of wealth and power) and the means to execute it, becomes the oppression and subjugation of the newcomer. This, in turn, has become an *us vs. the other guy* situation in society, and this is a dynamic that has been essentially monopolized by right-wing ideologues.

Exhibit B: An Aryan America

In the wee hours of 09 November 2016, it became clear that Republican nominee for president, Donald J. Trump, would cross the threshold needed to secure 270 electoral votes and become President-elect of the United States, securing close wins in the U.S. states of Wisconsin, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. A sense of shock³¹ radiated throughout the country, as well as the world. Not long after his inauguration, Trump would follow through on his campaign promises with a series of Muslim entry bans³² and family separation³³ directives along the Mexico-U.S. border.

A controversial real estate tycoon-turned-presidential candidate, Trump began his presidential campaign on 05 December 2015 with a direct attack on Muslims, proposing an immediate ban³⁴ on them from entering the United States, “until we can figure out what the hell is

³¹ Goya, C. (2019, December 1). Donald Trump shocks world, wins presidential election in biggest upset in political history. Retrieved from <https://www.businessinsider.fr/us/donald-trump-wins-election-results-2016-11>.

³² Trump's executive order: Who does travel ban affect? (2017, February 10). Retrieved from <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-38781302>.

³³ John Kruzel. (2018, June 19). Trump's separation of immigrant families wasn't Obama policy. Retrieved from <https://www.politifact.com/punditfact/statements/2018/jun/19/matt-schlapp/no-donald-trumps-separation-immigrant-families-was/>.

³⁴ Diamond, J. (2015, December 8). Donald Trump: Ban all Muslim travel to U.S. - CNNPolitics. Retrieved from <https://edition.cnn.com/2015/12/07/politics/donald-trump-muslim-ban-immigration/index.html>.

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going on” with regards to the ongoing immigration crisis and threat of the Islamic State terrorist organization.

Enlisting the likes of Steve Bannon³⁵ and Stephen Miller³⁶ to help frame his anti-immigrant, anti-Muslim platform, each with respective ties to white nationalist organizations and theory, Trump was able to appeal to many white working class voters that had spent the previous decade being convinced by right-wing news networks like Fox News³⁷, Breitbart³⁸, and Drudge Report, that the then-incumbent President Barack Obama, the first African-American elected President of the United States, was focused on waging war against “traditional American family values,” coded language for a primarily white-oriented society.

Dating back to the 2008 U.S. election, a rapidly expanding internet and media industry gave rise to a plethora of anti-Obama voices, rooted not in public policy, but in an unprecedented amount of falsehoods and smears, ranging from a secret allegiance to Islam to the origins of the Birther Movement, a movement revolving around the conspiracy theory claiming the then-Senator Obama was not truly born in the United States and therefore ineligible to be President.

But this sort of white nationalist political opposition was not born overnight. The United States of America has known racism and white supremacy even after the post-Civil War Reconstruction Era, when Democrat Woodrow Wilson, who served as President of the United

³⁵ Smith, D. (2016, November 15). Steve Bannon: appointment of 'white nationalist' must be reversed, critics declare. Retrieved from <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/nov/14/steve-bannon-white-house-racism-fear>.

³⁶ Hayden, M. E. (2019, November 12). Stephen Miller's Affinity for White Nationalism Revealed in Leaked Emails. Retrieved from <https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2019/11/12/stephen-millers-affinity-white-nationalism-revealed-leaked-emails>.

³⁷ Obama, B., & FactCheck.org. (2018, September 13). Obama, Fox News and the Free Press. Retrieved from <https://www.factcheck.org/2018/09/obama-fox-news-and-the-free-press/>.

³⁸ Stone, G. R. (2019, May 11). Obama faces vile insults like no other president has. Retrieved from <https://www.chicagotribune.com/opinion/commentary/ct-obama-lincoln-bin-laden-muslim-perspec-1212-jm-20141211-story.html>.

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States from 1913-1921, proudly demonstrated his hostilities³⁹ to Black America in the form of screening the legendarily-racist Birth of a Nation film at The White House⁴⁰, expelling a civil rights activist from The White House, and further exacerbating public service segregation⁴¹, among other things. Wilson, in spite of whatever other accomplishments he might have performed (not including the failed League of Nations), was without a doubt a racist, and this racism bled through to his public policy.

For the sake of clarity and relative fairness, it should be noted that the Democratic Party, at this time, was still the party that was a generation removed from the Civil War, and still espoused many pro-slavery⁴² and segregation policies. While that mantle of social conservatism would eventually shift over to the Republican Party as a result of a combination of Richard Nixon's introduction of the Southern Strategy⁴³ and John F. Kennedy's fortuitous rendering of assistance⁴⁴ to an incarcerated Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it does not mean that prominent Democratic figures did not have a hand in the continued separation of the races. A good amount of that credit belongs to a legendary progressive icon and leader of America through the Great Depression and subsequent Second World War—President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Elected in November 1932 and sworn into office the following March 1933, President Roosevelt is widely remembered as one of America's greatest presidents, having presided over the

³⁹ Lehr, D. (2015, November 27). The Racist Legacy of Woodrow Wilson. Retrieved from <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2015/11/wilson-legacy-racism/417549/>.

⁴⁰ Clark, A. (2018, August 14). How 'The Birth of a Nation' Revived the Ku Klux Klan. Retrieved from <https://www.history.com/news/kkk-birth-of-a-nation-film>.

⁴¹ Meier, A., & Rudwick, E. (1967). The Rise of Segregation in the Federal Bureaucracy, 1900-1930. *Phylon* (1960-), 28(2), 178. doi: 10.2307/273560

⁴² Zeitz, J., Glover, J., Greenfield, J., & Glorioso, A. (2018, July 14). Never Trumpers Will Want to Read This History Lesson. Retrieved from <https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2018/07/14/never-trumpers-will-want-to-read-this-history-lesson-219006>.

⁴³ Yglesias, M. (2010, May 3). Origins of the Southern Strategy. Retrieved from <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2007/11/origins-of-the-southern-strategy/47093/>.

⁴⁴ Livingston, S. (2017, June 20). John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Call Changed History. Retrieved from <https://time.com/4817240/martin-luther-king-john-kennedy-phone-call/>.

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United States throughout the Great Depression. President Roosevelt's New Deal legislation is credited with having stimulated the U.S. economy back into motion, further restoring the country's economic standing as Germany itself began to rebuild in Europe after the First World War. While President Roosevelt remains fondly remembered as the first of two presidents post-1900 to lead the U.S. out of the throes of an economic collapse (the second being the aforementioned President Obama), the celebrated 32nd President of the United States is also responsible for the very policy practice that furthered the wealth gap between whites and Blacks in America—redlining.

During the Great Depression, when not just the United States, but much of the western world experienced a catastrophic economic downturn, struck, Blacks, who as a result of their simply being Black, straddled the bottom of the economic ladder in the country as sharecroppers, sustained a significant blow to what little fortunes they had. As President Roosevelt began implementing his laundry list of economic reforms to boost the American economy, Blacks would find themselves on the outside-looking-in of the American recovery.

Under President Roosevelt's homeownership reforms developed by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA)⁴⁵, the "federal government sought to encourage homeownership by giving middle and working-class families access to long term loans...typically [lending] only to white people in certain neighborhoods," according to The News Tribune's Kate Martin⁴⁶. As a result of these redlining practices, "Immigrants and people of color, as well as many who lived near them, were largely excluded from the housing market and denied the equity, financial security and generational wealth..."⁴⁷ To make matters worse, "U.S. Census data show people living in

⁴⁵ 1934–1968: FHA Mortgage Insurance Requirements Utilize Redlining. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://www.bostonfairhousing.org/timeline/1934-1968-FHA-Redlining.html>.

⁴⁶ Martin, K. (2018, August 10). How racism kept black Tacomans from buying houses for decades. Retrieved from <https://www-1.thenewstribune.com/news/business/real-estate-news/article216269965.html>.

⁴⁷ Ibid.

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formerly redlined neighborhoods earn far less, are less likely to have college degrees and are far less likely to own homes...[with] white families [having] nearly 10 times the net worth of black families.”⁴⁸ As Ta-Nehsi Coates explained in “The Case for Reparations,” “Redlining destroyed the possibility of investment wherever black people lived.”⁴⁹

He goes on to explain further: Having been enslaved for 250 years, Black people were not left to their own devices. They were terrorized. In the Deep South, a second slavery ruled. In the North, legislatures, mayors, civic associations, banks, and citizens all colluded to pin black people into ghettos, where they were overcrowded, overcharged, and undereducated. Businesses discriminated against them, awarding them the worst jobs and the worst wages.⁵⁰ Redlining essentially set the stage for the blight currently ravaging millions of African Americans today, allowing for later administrations to continue the state’s white nationalist domestic policy against Blacks, proudly embraced by right-wing commanders-in-chief.

We can fast-forward to the administration of Richard M. Nixon, a unique political figure that presided over U.S. domestic and foreign affairs from 1969 to his resignation in disgrace in 1974. Besides the fact that there is ample evidence of President Nixon’s private racism, as reflected in the very since-unearthed tapes⁵¹ that would bring down his administration, the Nixon Campaign employed what is now remembered as the Southern Strategy, which (according to The Nation’s William Greider)⁵² was “the Republican coalition Richard Nixon put together in 1968—welcoming the segregationist white South into” the Republican Party, no doubt a reactionary measure to the Civil Rights Movement’s gains in the 1960s.

⁴⁸ Ibid.

⁴⁹ Coates, S. by T.-N. (2019, September 24). The Case for Reparations. Retrieved from <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/06/the-case-for-reparations/361631/>.

⁵⁰ Ibid.

⁵¹ Nagourney, A. (2010, December 10). On Nixon Tapes, Disparaging Remarks About Ethnic Groups. Retrieved from http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/11/us/politics/11nixon.html?_r=1&partner=rss&emc=rss.

⁵² <https://www.thenation.com/article/why-todays-gop-crackup-is-the-final-unraveling-of-nixons-southern-strategy/>

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Republican Ronald Reagan, himself an apparent racist⁵³ long before his ascension to the presidency in 1981, only pushed through gun control measures as Governor of California in response to a report of the Black Panther Party's decision to patrol Black neighborhoods with armed weapons. According to Professor Jocelyn Simonson, "organized copwatching groups emerged as early as the 1960s in urban areas in the United States when the Black Panthers famously patrolled city streets with firearms and cameras, and other civil rights organizations conducted unarmed patrols in groups."⁵⁴

A few decades later, then-President Reagan's eventual successor, Vice President George H.W. Bush, who opposed the 1964 Civil Rights Act, would capitalize on the fears of white voters by running a controversial Willie Horton ad "that hyped the scare-story of an African-American criminal, released on furlough from a Massachusetts prison, who raped a woman and assaulted her husband."⁵⁵ This took place during his campaign for the presidency in 1988, and would ultimately allow him to defeat the Democratic Party's nominee, Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis, later that November. But Bush would only last in office for one term until 1992, when Arkansas governor Bill Clinton would defeat him, later adding his own chapter to America's white nationalist legacy with the signing of the 1994 Crime Bill⁵⁶ into law, a piece of legislation which significantly increased Black incarceration and criminality.

⁵³ Cummings, W. (2019, July 31). Recording reveals Ronald Reagan making racist remarks to President Richard Nixon. Retrieved from <https://eu.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2019/07/31/ronald-reagan-racist-conversation-richard-nixon/1876134001/>.

⁵⁴ Jocelyn Simonson, *Copwatching*, 104 Calif. L. Rev. 391 (2016)

⁵⁵ Greenberg, D., Glover, J., Greenfield, J., & Glorioso, A. (2018, December 1). Is History Being Too Kind to George H.W. Bush? Retrieved from <https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2018/12/01/george-hw-bush-legacy-222730>.

⁵⁶ Norton, B. (2016, May 14). Bill Clinton continues to defend 1994 crime bill that fueled racist mass incarceration. Retrieved from https://www.salon.com/2016/05/13/bill_clinton_continues_to_defend_1994_crime_bill_that_fueled_racist_mass_incarceration/.

PART III: A MODERN TERROR THREAT

On 03 August 2019, a white man named Patrick Crusius legally purchased “a WASR-10...a "civilian version" of an AK-47, and possibly an AR-15,”⁵⁷ drove about 650 miles (1,050 km) to a Wal-Mart in El Paso, Texas from his hometown of Allen, Texas. When he arrived, he lifted his gun and opened fire with a specific target in mind. “Authorities say the El Paso gunman targeted Mexican and Mexican American workers and shoppers — most of the dead had Hispanic last names and eight were Mexican nationals.”⁵⁸ Today, the ideology of white nationalism serves as a tool for coordinated international terrorist acts, linked together by common manifestos capable of being shared and duplicated throughout the world, beginning with many diverse pockets of white-dominated worlds, namely Anglo-dominated spaces such as North America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and so on.

More examples, such as Anders Brevik, who killed 77 people in 2011 and Brenton Tarrant, an Australian terrorist who slaughtered 51 Muslims at two New Zealand mosques, as well as dozens more, continue to abound throughout modern history. “Crusius studied Tarrant’s manifesto and embraced many of his ideas, adapting them to the American Southwest. The “invaders” Crusius targeted were Latinos, not Muslims.”⁵⁹

It gets worse: “Racist terrorists who have left behind manifestos or other writings—Dylann Roof (Charleston, 2015), Robert Bowers (Pittsburgh, 2018), John Earnest (Poway, California, 2019), and others—generally regard whites as victims. That’s their standard excuse for murder:

⁵⁷ Branham, D. (2019, August 20). El Paso massacre suspect wrote an anti-immigrant 'manifesto' before the attack, authorities say. Retrieved from <https://www.dallasnews.com/news/texas/2019/08/04/el-paso-massacre-suspect-wrote-an-anti-immigrant-manifesto-before-the-attack-authorities-say/>.

⁵⁸ Contreras, A. H. V. A., Hall, A., & Contreras, V. A. (2019, August 14). 'An Attack on All of Us': El Paso Shooting Targeting Latinos Stirs Fear in California Communities. Retrieved from <https://www.kqed.org/news/11766631/an-attack-on-all-of-us-el-paso-shooting-targeting-latinos-stirs-fear-in-california-communities>.

⁵⁹ Saletan, W. (2019, August 7). White Nationalists Are Debunking White Supremacy. Retrieved from <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2019/08/white-nationalists-debunking-white-supremacy.html>.

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that they were acting in self-defense. They've fretted about 'ethnic replacement,' 'demographic annihilation,' and 'white genocide.'"⁶⁰ The internet has served as a medium through which people with likeminded beliefs could share and adopt these extremist views.

This is what we've come to in society; with hundreds of years of white nationalism, combined with a call to action by right-wing demagogues and the means by which violence can be perpetuated, non-whites are arguably even less safe today than they've been, and common manifestos of white supremacy and ethnic cleansing are what link these various acts together. The Ku Klux Klan, replacing the violence of slaveowners and slavecatchers, pioneered these acts of white nationalist violence against Blacks and other ethnic non-whites.

CONCLUSION

In a world where Islamic extremism is tightly monitored by various international organizations as a part of the ongoing War on Terror, white nationalist terrorism appears to continue to fall through the cracks, and it is clear that the current occupant of The White House, Donald Trump, who referred to similar terrorists in Charlottesville as "very fine people," has no interest in combatting this very real specter of terrorism.

We have seen how white nationalism as a supremacist ideology first existed as a justification for the horrific enslavement, subjugation, and murder of millions of Africans, how this ideology refused to go extinct as society evolved to perfectly integrate racial segregation into a normal way of life⁶¹, and the eventual onslaught of state-sponsored acts of violence spread ought

⁶⁰ Ibid.

⁶¹ Abramovitch, S. (2016, February 22). Oscar's First Black Winner Accepted Her Honor in a Segregated 'No Blacks' Hotel in L.A. Retrieved from <https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/features/oscars-first-black-winner-accepted-774335>.

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across decades in the 20th century, setting the stage for a modern-day explosion of right-wing white nationalist demagoguery.

There is no doubt that manifestos of white nationalism, preaching that white people are superior to others and must take precedence over, as they continue to be shared across the internet and through the bully pulpits of right-wing politicians around the world, remain a serious threat to the general peace and prosperity of this world. White nationalism continues to exist as an organization of terrorism around the world, and there is no other way to defeat it than through an educational reckoning of the races as we know them.

White people are superior to no one. On the basis of their ethnicity, skin color, or hair type alone, they have absolutely no right to the lands of others unless legally and ethically sold and/or exchanged. The idea of Eurocentrism has continued to oppress the world for far too long, and it continues to remain a dark mark on modern society for as long as the human race is not treated as it truly should be—equal.