

HATE IN AMERICA:

Newspapers from the rise and fall of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s

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Klan members march down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. in 1925 (Library of Congress)

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From its birth immediately following the Civil War to its re-awakening inspired by the film *Birth of a Nation* in 1915 through today's fractured organizations using the Klan's name, the Ku Klux Klan has occupied a persistent place in American society. To understand today's alt-right driven version of American nationalism, we need to go back to the 1920s when the Klan re-emerged as a slick and successful recruiting and marketing engine that appealed to the fears and aspirations of middle-aged, middle-income, white protestant men in the middle of America. At its peak in 1924, Klan paid membership exceeded 4,000,000 and its national newspaper, the *Imperial Night-Hawk*, had a circulation larger than *the New York Times*.

Project Goals

The goal of this project is to assemble a comprehensive and hopefully complete collection of KKK newspapers into a fully-searchable open access database. The collection features national Klan publications (for example: the *Imperial Night-Hawk* and the *Kourier*) as well as regional and local Klan produced papers (i.e., *Sgt. Dalton's Weekly*, *Jayhawker American*, and the *Minnesota Fiery Cross*). The collection will also include a smaller set of papers sympathetic to the Klan (i.e., *The Good Citizen* and *The Fellowship Forum*) and a few important anti-Klan publications (*Tolerance* and *The Record*).

Platform

The collection will be hosted on the Reveal Digital platform, which will provide controlled access to funding libraries until the collection moves to open access. The platform provides page image-based access with full-text searching, hit-term highlighting, searchable article-level metadata, and browsing by title and issue.

Open Access

This collection is scheduled to be fully funded by January, 2020, at which time it will become open access. Prior to this date, access to the complete collection will be limited to funding libraries. If full funding occurs earlier, the open access date will shift accordingly.

Source Libraries

Source material for the collection is scattered across multiple holding libraries, museums and private collections, including: Atlanta History Center, Bowling Green State University, California State University Northridge, Central Michigan University, Colorado Historical Society, Duke University, Emory University, Indiana Historical Society, Michigan State University, Minnesota Historical Society, Montana Historical Society, New York Public Library, Ohio Historical Society, Oregon Historical Society, Pennsylvania State Library, Princeton University, University of Oklahoma, University of Georgia, University of Oregon, University of Texas, University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Historical Society, and Wichita State University.



The Imperial Night-Hawk was the official organ of the Ku Klux Klan

Project Details

Description: Newspapers published by the Ku Klux Klan, in support of the Klan, or in direct opposition to the Klan

Time period: 1915-1937, bulk of the material between 1921 and 1927

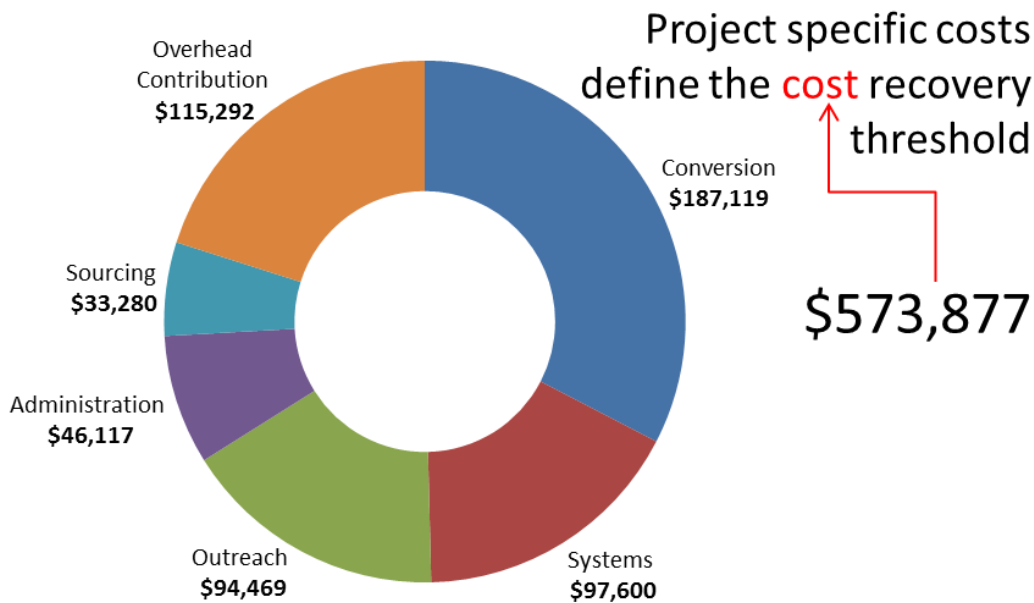
Titles / Issues: 35 / 8,329 (estimate)

Pages: 130,000 (estimate)

Project complete: Q2 2018

Open access: Q4 2018 (based on achieving full funding)

Cost Details



Funding Tiers

Library Type	One-Time Contribution
2 yr. colleges and smallest publics	\$2,960
Bachelors	\$3,700
Masters and medium large publics	\$4,440
Other doctorate and large publics	\$5,920
ARL libraries	\$7,400

Benefits

Funding libraries receive the following benefits:

- Early exclusive access – three years minimum
- Unlimited support for text mining
- Priority as a source library
- Usage reports
- Local loading of content

APPENDIX
Target Title List

City	State	Title	Start	End	Frequency
???	LOUISIANA	American 100% Citizen	???	???	???
New York	NEW YORK	American Standard	1924	1925	Monthly
Milwaukee	WISCONSIN	Badger American, The	1923	1924	Monthly
St. Paul	MINNESOTA	Call of the North, The	1923	1924	Weekly
Winnfield	LOUISIANA	Sgt. Dalton's Weekly	1922	1924	Weekly
Chicago	ILLINOIS	Dawn	1922	1924	Weekly
Indianapolis	INDIANA	Fiery Cross, The (including state editions)	1922	1924	Weekly
Indianapolis	INDIANA	Fiery Cross, The (Ohio State ed.)	1923	1924	Weekly
???	ILLINOIS	Firefly	???	???	???
Des Moines	IOWA	Hawkeye Independent	1923	1924	Weekly
Atlanta	GEORGIA	Imperial Night-Hawk, The	1923	1924	Weekly
Washington	D.C.	Indiana Kourier, The	1925	1925	Weekly
Newton	KANSAS	Jayhawker American	1922	1923	Weekly
Phoenix	ARIZONA	Arizona Klankraft	???	???	???
Chicago	ILLINOIS	Klan Kourier	1924	1924	Weekly
???	TENNESSEE	Klan Krusader	???	???	???
Dayton	OHIO	Kluxer, The	1923	1924	Weekly
Atlanta	GEORGIA	Kourier Magazine, The	1924	1936	Monthly
Atlanta	GEORGIA	Kourier, The	1924	1936	Weekly
Houston	TEXAS	"firery	1921	1924	Weekly
Washington	D.C.	National Kourier, The (North Central ed.)	1925	1927	Weekly
Washington	D.C.	National Kourier, The (South Atlantic ed.)	1925	1927	Weekly
Washington	D.C.	National Kourier, The (Western & Pacific ed.)	1925	1927	Weekly
Washington	D.C.	National Kourier, The (Southwestern ed.)	1925	1927	Weekly
Bay City	MICHIGAN	Bay City Night-Hawk	???	???	???
St. Paul	MINNESOTA	Minnesota Fiery Cross	1924	1925	Weekly
St. Louis	MISSOURI	Patriot, The	???	???	???
Pekin	ILLINOIS	Penkin Daily Times	1923	1927	Daily
Denver	COLORADO	Protestant Herald	1925	1927	Weekly
Atlanta	GEORGIA	Searchlight, The	1921	1923	Weekly
Dallas	TEXAS	Southwest Klansman	???	???	???
Dallas	TEXAS	Texas 100% American	1922	1924	Weekly
Birmingham	ALABAMA	T.W.K. Monthly	1923	1925	Monthly
Seattle	WASHINGTON	Watcher on the Tower, The	1923	1923	Weekly
Pro-Klan newspapers					
Zarephath	NEW JERSEY	Good Citizen, The	1915	1933	Monthly
Washington	D.C.	Fellowship Forum, The	1921	1937	Weekly
Anti-Klan newspapers					
Chicago	ILLINOIS	Tolerance	1922	1925	Weekly
Oklahoma City	OKLAHOMA	Record, The	1923	1924	Weekly