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Teacher Note: While this lesson deals with sensitive topics (specifically words and symbols typically considered hate speech), it is important for students to explore such controversial issues to ensure they learn exactly what is considered hate speech and why it can be hurtful. Likewise, learning to discuss controversial issues in a respectful and mature manner is a key life skill for students to master. In order to lead this lesson effectively and safely, teachers must have established a safe classroom with clear expectations of respect, open-mindedness, and civil conversation. Students should be prepared in advance that offensive words and concepts will be directly addressed within the lesson. They should likewise be reminded of the point of the lesson: to examine the hateful material out in the open so that they can all learn why it is detrimental to a society.

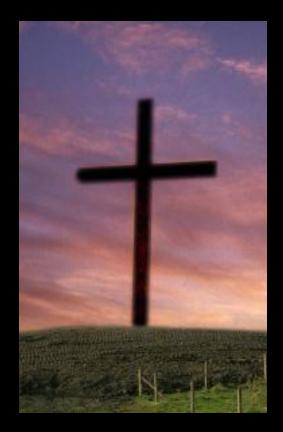




 Hate crime - a crime motivated solely because of race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.)





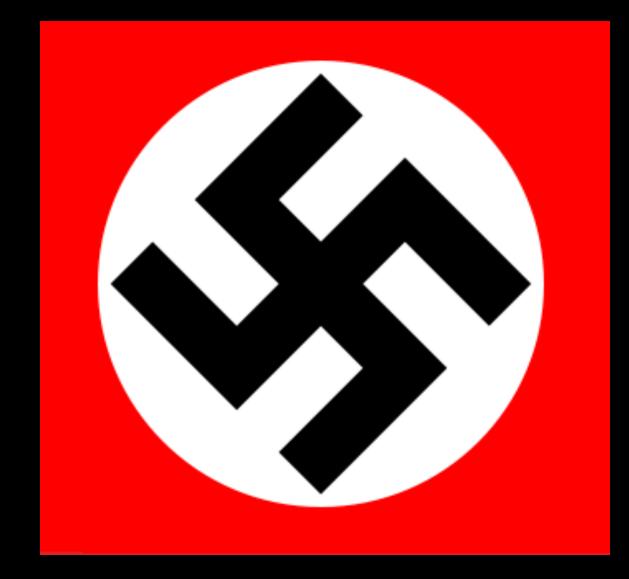


 Why does the same symbol take on such different meanings in these two images?









 Hate speech - any communication that disparages a person or a group on the basis of some characteristic such as race, gender, ethnicity, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, or other characteristic

• Hate site - a website that uses hate speech

First Amendment

Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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