



The Attempted Neo-Nazi March in Skokie

In the late 1970s, a small group of neo-Nazis attempted to hold a rally in Skokie. Local residents and officials resisted the group's efforts. This attempt led to legal challenges by both sides. Learn about these events and how they tie to concepts of hate speech versus free speech.

Conversation Questions

1. What did Skokie's civic leaders gain from trying to prevent the neo-Nazi march?
2. How was the community strengthened or weakened by the attempted march?
3. What speech should be protected by our laws?

Read

"Attempted Nazi March of 1977 and 1978 Digital Exhibit" from Skokie Public Library Digital Collections

<http://bit.ly/2Jv0hah>

This online exhibit features a selection of important documents pertaining to the attempted march from the library's collection, including news articles, editorials, and correspondence from 1977 and 1978.

"Birth of a White Supremacist" by Andrew Marantz from *The New Yorker*

<http://bit.ly/2qivjdA>

This profile of Mike Enoch, a Jewish man who leads an anti-Semitic podcast, recounts the impact of Enoch's personal information being made public for the sake of retaliation.

***We Too Sing America: South Asian, Arab, Muslim, and Sikh Immigrants Shape Our Multiracial Future* by Deepa Iyer**

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Activist Iyer explores racism directed toward South Asian, Arab, Muslim, and Sikh people in the wake of 9/11 and the ways in which hate crimes are classified. Iyer pays particular attention to the role of the state in perpetuating racism.





***When the Nazis Came to Skokie: Freedom for Speech We Hate* by Philippa Strum**

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Strum describes the 1977/1978 legal battle between the Village of Skokie and the Illinois chapter of the ACLU, tracing its path to the United States Supreme Court as well as how the ACLU dealt with the leader of the National Socialist Party of America.

“2017: The Year in Hate and Extremism” from the Southern Poverty Law Center

<http://bit.ly/2HbUQP6>

This comprehensive report reviews the rise of various hate groups throughout the U.S., their success in the war of ideas, and their connections to growing white nationalism movements in Europe.

Listen

“The A.C.L.U. and the Alt-Right” from *The Daily*

<https://nyti.ms/2qkJT4c>

In this episode of *The Daily*, we hear how A.C.L.U. employees respond after a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, VA in 2017 turned violent. The episode includes commentary from David A. Goldberger, a former ACLU lawyer who defended neo-Nazis' right to march in Skokie during the 1970s.

Watch

Marquette Park II

<http://bit.ly/2GQSNwx>

While the neo-Nazi group waited for the courts to decide if it could march in Skokie, the group held two marches in Chicago's Marquette Park neighborhood. This video shows the demonstration and counter-demonstration in the south side neighborhood.

