

Sample Source Evaluation Sheet and Outline

Topic Development

Come up with at least 3 topics for your research paper. While you are reading your book, make sure you are annotating to find interesting topics you may want to write about in your paper.

1. Jim Crow Laws
2. Frederick Douglass/Abraham Lincoln/Speeches
3. The Ku Klux Klan ← Selected this one for my topic.

Now choose one topic from above and come up with 4 subtopics for your paper.

1. What was the KKK?
2. What tactics did they practice?
3. What are some specific cases involving the KKK?
4. What is the KKK like today and does it still exist?

Researching: Source Evaluation Sheet

Evaluating the credibility and validity of a resource can be very difficult, particularly when doing research using the Internet. Below are some basic guidelines to help you select reliable resources and use those to learn accurate information about a given subject.

Characteristics of Reliable Sources

Authority: Who is sponsoring the information?

The URL can provide information about the origin of the resource. The following are examples of ways you can determine the type of organization that is sponsoring the content for a specific website

Sites ending in....

.edu are usually educational institutions and generally a good source of information.

.gov are government websites and usually good sources for statistical information

.org are typically non-profit organizations often set up as a public service.

Be on the lookout for political agendas and biases.

Wikipedia is not a credible source because anyone can edit it at any time.

Before you begin, please download the sample paper on the OWL Purdue Website and save it in GoodReader or Notability. This will be helpful when you write your paper.

You must fill in the following sheet for your research paper. You need a total of 6 sources and need to take notes on each as well as find quotes for each source. You need at least 2 quotes from each source!

Source Name, Author, Date, Link & any information for citing	Source Type	Proof of Credibility/Authority/Relevance	Quotes for Use
The Ku Klux Klan Unmasked Rev. W.C. Wright Waco, Texas The Dallas Press Inc	Text Source	This text source is a pamphlet written by the KKK members to set forth the "orders" or rules for being a member of the secret society. As it is a text written by the group, the information within it is therefore credible.	1. The Ku Klux Klan is a Secret, Fraternal, Benevolent and Patriotic Order. In that respect it is similar to the Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks and all other Secret Orders, and is entitled to the same respect and protections. 8. It is strictly a white man's organization-- not to foster racial hatred or harm the negro; but to preserve the purity of the white Caucasian blood, oppose the intermarriage of aces and maintain forever the doctrine of white supremacy.
http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/USAkkk.htm Spartacus Educational John Simkin	Website	This is a website made for educational purposes. It includes primary sources and has many pages that	"The first branch of the Ku Klux Klan was established in Pulaski, Tennessee, in May, 1866. A year later a general organization of local Klans was established in Nashville

<p>1997-2013</p>		<p>lead off of it for additional information.</p>	<p>in April, 1867. Most of the leaders were former members of the Confederate Army and the first Grand Wizard was Nathan Forrest, an outstanding general during the American Civil War. During the next two years Klansmen wearing masks, white cardboard hats and draped in white sheets, tortured and killed black Americans and sympathetic whites also immigrants”</p> <p>“In 1981 the trial of Josephus Andersonan, an African American charged with the murder of a white policeman, took place in Mobile. At the end of the case the jury was unable to reach a verdict. On Saturday 21st March, 1981, Bennie Hays's son, Henry Hays, and James Knowles, decided they would get revenge for the failure of the courts to convict the man for killing a policeman. They travelled around Mobile in their car until they found nineteen year old Michael Donald walking home. After forcing him into the car Donald was taken into the next county where he was lynched.”</p> <p>“On 17th May, 2000, the FBI announced that the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church Bombing had been carried out by the Ku Klux Klan splinter group, the Cahaba Boys. It was claimed that four men, Robert Chambliss, Herman Cash, Thomas Blanton and Bobby Cherry had been responsible for the crime. Cash was dead but Blanton and Cherry were arrested.”</p>
<p>Johnson on KKK Murder of Civil Rights Worker. 2013. The History Channel. Website. Nov 20th,</p>	<p>Audio Source</p>	<p>This information comes from the history channel website. This audio source was a recorded speech given by</p>	<p>March 25, 1965 civil rights activist Viola Gregg Lizzo killed by KKK. Murdered in Selma, Alabama on a lonely road. FBI interferred and worked all night long to arrest KKK members.</p>

<p>2013. A&E Television Networks</p>		<p>Johnson in the '60's during the time period.</p>	<p>President Johnson addressed the county. Hoover was standing by. Identities were given Eugene Thomas, William Eaton, Gary Row, Colly Wilkins a bunch of 40 year olds and Colly was a 20 year old. Praised Hoover and FBI for handling the investigation. Thanked Attorney General. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan arraigned immediately and then will stand trial. Woman was trying to serve the country. They struck by night as they generally do. For their purpose cannot stand the night of day. Their loyalty is not to the USA but to a hooded society of bigots. It is an act of courage to stand against KKK. If Klansmen hear me today, get out of the KKK now and return to a decent society before it is too late.</p>
<p>The KKK 2013 History Channel Website November 20th 2013</p>	<p>Video Source</p>	<p>This information comes from the history channel website and has been researched by various professionals.</p>	<p>slave owners built a system to sustain slavery. returning confed soldiers returned and made groups. some wealthier whites started agricultural and police groups as a systematic plan for regulating black population. KKK=extension of slave patrols, white men on horseback terrorizing blacks. continued from one generation to the next. patrols are very much like clans. small groups. arbitrary curfews for blacks, blacks must carry passes. use violence to control blacks. forces freedmen back onto plantations. all social classes participated. klan rides outside the law. tactics are brutal. terror was key. new generation controls south population.</p>
<p>http://kkkknights.com/main_page.html</p>	<p>Other Source Website-- KKK Member site</p>	<p>This website although it may not have credible historical information shows what the KKK is</p>	<p>The Klan has saved America once before during the Reconstruction era; so shall the Ku Klux Klan do it again.</p>

		<p>like today.</p>	<p>We are out there every day in the American streets reaching more and more people everyday. We are every where at all times spreading the truth of God and fighting for our race & nation. We are fighting to be free in this America that our forefathers fought and died for. We are taking a stand to make sure that our children have a chance in this world. Our children have no chance to make it now if we don't stick together and fight for WHITE PEOPLES RIGHTS. The Blacks have the NAACP the Mexicans La Raza and the Jews have the ADL. We whites all across America have the Ku Klux Klan; fighting for a Brighter Whiter America.</p> <p>Beware of these two have been banished from the loyal white knights. It has come to our attention they have a half breed black teen. Also for unklannish behavior toward many officers in the LWK. Brad is a sexual pervert. That has non white fetish. Michelle has a problem being married and sending naked photos to members. Both of them are race traitors. They have been caught red handed taking money from 4 states. which was to go to the Christmas Stocking drive for the klan kids.</p> <p>Brad Brown and Linda Michelle Brogdon Brown 2106 Maple Ave , Waco , TX 76707</p>
<p>Ku Klux Klan A History of Racism and Violence</p>	<p>Other Source- Pamphlet (Text)</p>	<p>This is an research packet made by a task</p>	<p>The mounted patrols, or regulators, as they were called, prowled Southern</p>

<p>Klanwatch and Militia Task Force Projects of the Southern Poverty Law Center Montgomery, AL 2011</p>		<p>force working against the KKK.</p>	<p>roads, enforcing the curfew for slaves, looking for run-aways, and guarding rural areas against the threat of black uprisings. They were authorized by law to give a specific number of lashes to any violators they caught. The memory of these legal night riders and their whips was still fresh in the minds of both defeated Southerners and liberated blacks when the first Klansmen took to those same roads in 1866. Anyone could put on a sheet and a mask and ride into the night to commit assault, robbery, rape, arson or murder. The Klan was increasingly used as a cover for common crime or for personal revenge. The ugly side of the Ku Klux Klan, the mutilations and floggings, lynchings and shootings, began to spread across the South in 1868, and any words of caution that may have been expressed at the Nashville meeting were submerged beneath a stream of bloody deeds. Lynchings, shootings and whippings were the methods employed by the Klan. Blacks, Jews, catholics, Mexicans and various immigrants were usually the victims. But not infrequently, the Klan's targets were whites, Protestants and females who were considered "immoral" or "traitors" to their race or gender. In Alabama, for example, a divorcee with two children was flogged for the "crime" of remarrying and then given a jar of Vaseline for her wounds. In Georgia, a woman was given 60 lashes for a vague charge of "immorality and failure to go to church"; when her 15-year-old son ran to her rescue, he received the same treatment. In both cases, ministers led the Klansmen responsible for the violence.</p>
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Works Cited Page

You need 6 Sources for your research paper. You need to make a works cited page before writing your outline for your paper. Use the MLA Formatting and Citations sheet to complete your citations. Also see the section “Parenthetical Citations”.

Requirements: Your works cited page should have a centered title “Works Cited”. It should also be formatted as double spaced and sources should be in alphabetical order. Write your citations below and then copy them into a works cited page when you are finished with your paper.

1. Wright, Rev. W.C., *The Ku Klux Klan Unmasked*. Waco, Texas: The Dallas Press Inc, 1924. Text.

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3. “Johnson on KKK Murder of Civil Rights Worker.” The History Channel. March 25, 1965. jk. Web. 20 November 2013.

4. *The KKK*. History Channel Website, 2013. Video.

5. *Loyal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan*. Website. 20 November 2013.

6. *Ku Klux Klan: A History of Racism and Violence*. Montgomery, Alabama: Klanwatch and Militia Task Force Projects of the Southern Poverty Law Center, 2011. Text.

Specific Requirements: Paper should be written in 12 point font Times New Roman and double spaced. Please use GoogleDocs to write your paper and share it with me. You will print your paper before handing it in for edits to avoid any technology issues. Please see me if you need me to print your paper for you. You must have 6 sources in all and at least 2 quotes with explanation per subtopic. You must have 4 subtopics in all.

Research Paper Outline

Please fill out the outline below with as much detail as possible. Cite your quotes as you put them into your outline. This way, you can simply type up your outline as your first draft.

Header:

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Title:

Masked Devils: A Never-Ending Terror

I. Introduction

A. Hook: Americans have their very own terrorists to fear!

B. Thesis: The Ku Klux Klan, one of the most terrifying racist groups in American history, petrified the world with its malicious actions in the era of slavery and civil rights and still does today.

C. Introduce Subtopics 1,2,3,4 (Separate sentences): A detailed definition of what the Ku Klux Klan entails is necessary to understand the evil institution. It is also necessary to take a look at the violent tactics this racist group used throughout its reign. In turn, there are many famous murder cases that portray the true evilness of the group. Shockingly enough, this group still exists in today's society embodying the same beliefs held in history.

D. Leading Sentence into next paragraph: With some research and education surrounding the group, one may discover many devastating details.

II. Subtopic 1

A. Transition Word: To begin,

B. Introduce Subtopic (2 Sentences): The Ku Klux Klan is known around the world as a violent racist group with roots in slavery that still exists in today's society. Unfortunately, blacks, Jews, Catholics, Mexicans and many types of immigrants were the usual victims of this treterous group.

C. Quote for Subtopic: "The first branch of the Ku Klux Klan was established in Pulaski, Tennessee, in

May, 1866.. Most of the leaders were former members of the Confederate Army and the first Grand Wizard was Nathan Forrest, an outstanding general during the American Civil War. During the next two years Klansmen wearing masks, white cardboard hats and draped in white sheets, tortured and killed black Americans and sympathetic whites...and also immigrants” (Simkin p.4).

D. Analyze/Explain Quote: Although the Klan had roots in Tennessee, it quickly moved to other Southern states including Georgia, Texas, and Alabama. This violent organization became a nation wide fear among many groups of people. A History Channel video states that the KKK organization was started by groups called slave patrols.

E. Quote for Subtopic: A publication by Klan member Reverend W.C. Wright entitled The Ku Klux Klan Unmasked offers an explanation of how the members defined their group, “The Ku Klux Klan is a Secret, Fraternal, Benevolent and Patriotic Order. In that respect it is similar to the Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks and all other Secret Orders, and is entitled to the same respect and protections...It is strictly a white man’s organization-- not to foster racial hatred or harm the negro; but to preserve the purity of the white Caucasian blood, oppose the intermarriage of races and maintain forever the doctrine of white supremacy” (Wright 2).

F. Analyze/Explain Quote: Clearly, the Klan’s explanation of their motives is vastly different from the world’s interpretation of their actions. Even today, the group denies causing harm to other races and instead prides itself on promoting white supremacy.

G. Concluding Sentence: A closer look into the tactics of the KKK proves to be both interesting and terrifying.

III. Subtopic 2:

A. Transition Word: In addition,

B. Introduce Subtopic (2 Sentences): The specific tactics used by the KKK proved to be both wicked and effective and varied in terms of maliciousness. As previously stated, the KKK began as slave patrols with non-violent tactics used to control blacks.

C. Quote for Subtopic: “The mounted patrols, or regulators... prowled Southern roads, enforcing the curfew for slaves, looking for runaways, and guarding rural areas against the threat of black uprisings. They were authorized by law to give a specific number of lashes to any violators they caught...Anyone could put on a sheet and a mask and ride into the night to commit assault, robbery, rape, arson or murder” (KKK: A History of Racism and Violence).

D. Analyze/Explain Quote: Establishing curfews for blacks and requiring blacks to have passes were only some of the tactics used by these patrols. These non-violent tactics were mainly used to control the black population and the intent was the eventual re enslavement of black people. From these less threatening tactics grew new violent assaults on blacks and other groups of people.

E. Quote for Subtopic: “The ugly side of the Ku Klux Klan, the mutilations and floggings, lynchings and shootings, began to spread across the South in 1868, and any words of caution that may have been expressed at the Nashville meeting were submerged beneath a stream of bloody deeds. Lynchings, shootings and whippings were the methods employed by the Klan” (KKK: A History of Racism and Violence).

F. Analyze/Explain Quote: The KKK mutilated victims by cutting and burning their bodies. The group also flogged or whipped the victims sometimes until death. In many cases, the victims were lynched, or hung or even shot by members of the KKK.

G. Concluding Sentence: The KKK had various passive and violent strategies for hurting various groups they despised.

IV: Subtopic 3:

A. Transition Word: In continuation,

B. Introduce Subtopic (2 Sentences): There are many murder cases which can be blamed on the dangerous group, the Ku Klux Klan. The KKK members did not discriminate in terms of race, gender or ethnicity when it came to their violent attacks. There was the case of Josephus Andersonan, a black person accused of murdering a white policeman who was later killed by KKK members which was a common occurrence.

C. Quote for Subtopic: More surprisingly, the KKK also attacked women victims just as violently as they did men and black people. “In Alabama, for example, a divorcee with two children was flogged for the “crime” of remarrying and then given a jar of Vaseline for her wounds. In Georgia, a woman was given 60 lashes for a vague charge of “immorality and failure to go to church”; when her 15-year-old son ran to her rescue, he received the same treatment. In both cases, ministers led the Klansmen responsible for the violence” (KKK: A History of Racism and Violence).

D. Analyze/Explain Quote: These were only a few examples of the violence of the KKK members. The KKK even bombed a church, killing four young black girls not expecting the blast. Most shockingly, the KKK even killed white supporters of equality, even women.

E. Quote for Subtopic: According to an audio recording of Lyndon Johnson’s address to the country, on March 25th, 1965 the KKK killed civil rights activist Viola Gregg Liuzzo, a white woman. Johnson explained, “Their loyalty is not to the USA but to a hooded society of bigots. It is an act of courage to stand against the KKK. If Klansmen hear me today, get out of the KKK now and return to a decent society before it is too late” (History Channel).

F. Analyze/Explain Quote: It is very evident that the entire country, even political leaders were against this hateful group of people. Their extreme violence shocked the nation multiple times throughout history and continues to do so, although in a more passive manner.

G. Concluding Sentence: With such a shocking history, it is not a surprise that this racist group still exists today, although now more controlled and subtle.

V: Subtopic 4:

A. Transition Word: Moving on,

B. Introduce Subtopic (2 Sentences): The KKK still exists as a semipopular group mainly in the Southern parts of the USA. Their influence is not as vast as it was in the past, but many people are still involved in its mischief.

C. Quote for Subtopic: Even today, there are many websites dedicated to the continuation of the KKK's influence. According to one of the websites, the Klan states, "The Klan has saved America once before during the Reconstruction era; so shall the Ku Klux Klan do it again. We are out there every day in the American streets reaching more and more people everyday...Our children have no chance to make it now if we don't stick together and fight for WHITE PEOPLES RIGHTS. The Blacks have the NAACP the Mexicans La Raza and the Jews have the ADL. We whites all across America have the Ku Klux Klan; fighting for a Brighter Whiter America" (KKK Knights).

D. Analyze/Explain Quote: The KKK clearly thinks that it is making a difference in the world for white people. They believe that their violence and hate creates a society in which white people are the most significant and powerful people in the world.

E. Quote for Subtopic: On the same current website, the KKK openly advertises violence toward a white woman and a white man. "Beware of these two have been banished from the loyal white knights. It has come to our attention they have a half breed black teen. Also for unklannish behavior toward many officers in the LWK.. Both of them are race traitors. They have been caught red handed taking money from 4 states. which was to go to the Christmas Stocking drive for the klan kids. Brad Brown and Linda Michelle Brogdon Brown 2106 Maple Ave , Waco , TX 76707" (KKK Knights).

F. Analyze/Explain Quote: It is hard to believe that the KKK is still openly exploiting and endangering people, even its own members. Although there is more police and political control over groups such as the KKK now, it is questionable how powerful the Klan still may be.

G. Concluding Sentence: Continuing to watch over and police groups like the KKK is important to maintaining the equality established by the civil rights act and other legal actions made to stop such violent behaviors.

VI: Conclusion

A. Transition word: All in all,

B. Restate Thesis: The Ku Klux Klan is and for years has been a powerful group of people dedicated to

the cause of empowering white people.

C. Restate Subtopics (Separate Sentences): Previously, a detailed definition of the Ku Klux Klan has been discussed. Information regarding the nonviolent and violent tactics of the KKK show the group to be a dangerous institution. Specific examples of murder cases prove the group to have a powerful influence. Lastly, racist websites validate that the group is still existent in today's society.

D. Concluding Thoughts: In conclusion, the KKK is and always has been a shockingly influential group in our society.

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Masked Devils: A Never-Ending Terror

Beware! Americans have their very own terrorists to fear! The Ku Klux Klan, one of the most terrifying racist groups in American history, petrified the world with its malicious actions during the era of slavery and civil rights and still does today. A detailed definition of what the Ku Klux Klan entails is necessary to understand this evil institution. It is also necessary to take a look at the violent tactics this racist group used throughout its reign. In turn, there are many famous murder cases that portray the true evil of the group. Shockingly enough, this group still exists in today's society embodying the same beliefs it held in the past. With some research and education surrounding the group, one may discover many devastating details.

To begin, the Ku Klux Klan is known around the world as a violent racist group with roots in slavery that still exists in today's society. Unfortunately, blacks, Jews, Catholics, Mexicans and many types of immigrants were the usual victims of this treacherous group. "The first branch of the Ku Klux Klan was established in Pulaski, Tennessee, in May, 1866... Most of the leaders were former members of the Confederate Army and the first Grand Wizard was Nathan Forrest, an outstanding general during the American Civil War. During the next two years Klansmen wearing masks, white cardboard hats and draped in white sheets, tortured and killed black Americans and sympathetic whites...and also immigrants" (Simkin p.4). Although the Klan had roots in Tennessee, it quickly moved to other Southern states including Georgia, Texas, and Alabama. This violent organization became a nation wide fear among many groups of people. A History Channel video states that the KKK organization sprouted from groups called

slave patrols. These slave patrols were originally less violent than the future Klans turned out to be. A publication by Klan member Reverend W.C. Wright entitled *The Ku Klux Klan Unmasked* offers an explanation of how the members defined their group, “The Ku Klux Klan is a Secret, Fraternal, Benevolent and Patriotic Order. In that respect it is similar to the Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks and all other Secret Orders, and is entitled to the same respect and protections...It is strictly a white man’s organization-- not to foster racial hatred or harm the negro; but to preserve the purity of the white Caucasian blood, oppose the intermarriage of races and maintain forever the doctrine of white supremacy” (Wright 2). Clearly, the Klan’s explanation of their motives is vastly different from the world’s interpretation of their actions. Even today, the group denies causing harm to other races and instead prides itself on promoting white supremacy. A closer look into the tactics of the KKK proves to be both interesting and terrifying.

In addition, the specific tactics used by the KKK proved to be both wicked and effective and varied in terms of maliciousness. As previously stated, the KKK began as slave patrols with non-violent tactics used to control blacks. “The mounted patrols, or regulators... prowled Southern roads, enforcing the curfew for slaves, looking for runaways, and guarding rural areas against the threat of black uprisings. They were authorized by law to give a specific number of lashes to any violators they caught...Anyone could put on a sheet and a mask and ride into the night to commit assault, robbery, rape, arson or murder” (KKK: A History of Racism and Violence). Establishing curfews for blacks and requiring blacks to have passes were only some of the tactics used by these patrols. These non-violent tactics were mainly used to control the black population and the intent was the eventual re enslavement of black people. From these less threatening tactics grew new violent assaults on blacks and other groups of people. “The ugly

side of the Ku Klux Klan, the mutilations and floggings, lynchings and shootings, began to spread across the South in 1868, and any words of caution that may have been expressed at the Nashville meeting were submerged beneath a stream of bloody deeds. Lynchings, shootings and whippings were the methods employed by the Klan” (KKK: A History of Racism and Violence). The KKK mutilated victims by cutting and burning their bodies. The group also flogged or whipped the victims brutally sometimes even until death. In many cases, the victims were lynched, or hung or even shot by members of the KKK. The KKK had various passive and violent strategies for hurting various groups they despised.

In continuation, there are many murder cases which can be blamed on the dangerous group, the Ku Klux Klan. The KKK members did not discriminate in terms of race, gender or ethnicity when it came to their violent attacks. There was the case of Josephus Andersonan, a black person accused of murdering a white policeman who was later killed by KKK members which was a common occurrence. More surprisingly, the KKK also attacked women victims just as violently as they did men and black people. “In Alabama, for example, a divorcee with two children was flogged for the “crime” of remarrying and then given a jar of Vaseline for her wounds. In Georgia, a woman was given 60 lashes for a vague charge of “immorality and failure to go to church”; when her 15-year-old son ran to her rescue, he received the same treatment. In both cases, ministers led the Klansmen responsible for the violence” (KKK: A History of Racism and Violence). These were only a few examples of the violence of the KKK members. The KKK even bombed a church, killing four young black girls not expecting the blast. Most shockingly, the KKK even killed white supporters of equality, even women. According to an audio recording of Lyndon Johnson’s address to the country, on March 25th, 1965 the KKK killed civil rights

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Moving on, the KKK still exists as a semi popular group mainly in the Southern parts of the USA. Their influence is not as vast as it was in the past, but many people are still involved in its mischief. Even today, there are many websites dedicated to the continuation of the KKK’s influence. According to one of the websites, the Klan states, “The Klan has saved America once before during the Reconstruction era; so shall the Ku Klux Klan do it again. We are out there every day in the American streets reaching more and more people everyday...Our children have no chance to make it now if we don't stick together and fight for WHITE PEOPLES RIGHTS. The Blacks have the NAACP the Mexicans La Raza and the Jews have the ADL. We whites all across America have the Ku Klux Klan; fighting for a Brighter Whiter America” (KKK Knights). The KKK clearly thinks that it is making a difference in the world for white people. They believe that their violence and hate creates a society in which white people are the most significant and powerful people in the world. On the same current website, the KKK openly advertises violence toward a white woman and a white man. “Beware of these two have been banished from the loyal white knights. It has come to our attention they have a half breed black

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All in all, The Ku Klux Klan is and for years has been a powerful group of people dedicated to the cause of empowering white people. Previously, a detailed definition of the Ku Klux Klan has been discussed. Information regarding the nonviolent and violent tactics of the KKK show the group to be a dangerous institution. Specific examples of murder cases prove the group to have a powerful influence. Lastly, racist websites validate that the group is still existent in today’s society. In conclusion, the KKK is and always has been a shockingly influential group in our society.

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