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## White supremacists v.s. Civil Rights activists

This film was purely shocking. To conduct further research into my topic, I watched the film, *KKK: The Fight For White Supremacy*. For me, this was the most information I have gotten from any source so far. Although the film was only 52 minutes long which makes it more like a documentary, it was jam packed with shocking information and quotes. I should note that this was produced by BBC or British Broadcasting Channel in 2015.

When I first started the film it contained just what I expected. This being a British reporter reporting on an American crisis. On a real note though, the film was very beneficial educationally. I was about to stop watching due to the lack of facts and quantity of dramatization but then they met with a real KKK chapter out of Alabama called, The Loyal White Knights. They interviewed many of the members including the Grand Cyclops or leader of this chapter. The Grand Cyclops actually claimed to own the biggest and best KKK group although it is known that KKK groups are fighting amongst themselves. What is interesting is how open the group was on camera. I don't know about you but I have always thought of the KKK as a secret group but to see them on camera being very public had me seeing them in a whole different light. Although this did reveal some terrible comments that are now accessible to anyone on Netflix. I also

noticed there may have been some bias due to the fact that the British reporter was questioning and criticizing every comment or answer made by a Klan member.

During this film the reporter did his job I guess and got some pretty horrible and shocking answers and reactions out of the Klan members. One of the most shocking comments I recall is a Klan member saying that the concentration camps in World War II were like summer camps and they were fun. This was just shocking to me and apparently I wasn't the only one as the British reporter freaked out at the intelligence of this person. Although there are comments like those there was one comment that really surprised me in not necessarily a good way but just a very surprising way. The Grand Cyclops when asked about slavery, he said, " No I believe abolishing slavery was the right thing to do, no human should be property or be owned by other humans the way Whites are right now." This comment was very surprising considering the Confederate flags adorning every piece of clothing he wore.

Overall, I believe this was such a good method of information because of the pureness and realness of it. There was no babying or simplifying, it was just the plain hard facts and sometimes that's what you need to get to the heart of a serious topic like this. I am very glad I watched this film for it has proved very beneficial on my knowledge of the Ku Klux Klan.