

Daryl Davis: Using Communication as a  
Weapon to Disassemble the KKK

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## Primary:

Author. "Daryl Davis on Reaching out to the KKK." Harvard Political Review, February 3, 2015.  
<https://harvardpolitics.com/daryl-davis-reaching-kkk/>.

This website and interview helped me with details about Davis' childhood and his initial experiences with racism in his life. I got many details about how he moved around the world, forming an idea of race in America compared to other countries and how he handled different situations regarding race. It was helpful because it was an interview of Davis himself.

Breslow, Jason, Evan Wexler, and Robert Collins. "The Return of School Segregation in Eight Charts." PBS. Public Broadcasting Service. Accessed February 24, 2021.

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/the-return-of-school-segregation-in-eight-charts/>.

I used this photograph of a segregated classroom from the 1960's in order to demonstrate the racial segregation occurring in the US when Davis was growing up as an African American. It portrays the divide between the blacks and the whites in an important aspect of life.

Brown, Dwane. "How One Man CONVINCED 200 Ku Klux Klan Members to Give up Their Robes," August 20, 2017.

<https://www.npr.org/2017/08/20/544861933/how-one-man-convinced-200-ku-klux-klan-members-to-give-up-their-robos>.

This interview helped me learn about Davis' story of meeting KKK members and how he met them. It also took me through his thought processes when he speaks about racism and hatred in the world. I was able to better understand his perspective.

Cain, Brooke. "What's the History of Ku Klux Klan Billboards near Smithfield? CuriousNC Finds out." TheNews&Observer, July 23, 2019.

<https://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/article232986152.html>.

I used this image from the website in order to better understand the purpose of the KKK and the party's goals. I placed it on the History of the KKK image slider in order to help the viewer gain perspective on the purpose of the KKK.

Chow, Kat. "What The Ebbs And Flows Of The KKK Can Tell Us About White Supremacy Today." NPR. NPR, December 8, 2018.

<https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2018/12/08/671999530/what-the-ebbs-and-flows-of-the-klux-klan-can-tell-us-about-white-supremacy-today>.

This photograph of a KKK initiation rally was used to give additional perspective on the History of the KKK page. I used it so the viewer would see what Davis would attend at the KKK rallies. I also used the article to learn more about the customs of the KKK.

CNN “African-American, KKK Wizard Forge Unlikely Friendship.” Cable News Network. Accessed February 24, 2021. <http://www.cnn.com/US/9606/30/kkk.friend/>.

I included this interview because I was able to witness Daryl Davis at a real KKK rally and observe the conversations he had between the KKK members and Roger Kelly. It was also interesting to see Roger Kelly speak his points on respect and why he respects and talks with Davis even though they seem like they would oppose each other.

CNN. Cable News Network, December 11, 2019.  
<http://www.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/1912/11/ampr.01.html>.

I used a quote from this interview that tells about his story as a cub scout in the parade and how he was targeted by white spectators. It is important to the topic because it caused him to think about why some people hated others when they didn't even know them. It helped me to understand his perspective as a young child.

“Collection: Digital Archive: Fiery Cross.” Collection: Digital Archive: Fiery Cross | Indiana University, August 30, 2006. <https://libraries.indiana.edu/collection-digital-archive-fiery-cross>.

I used a newspaper from this collection to give perspective on the KKK and the size of the party. The newspaper also demonstrated the goals of the KKK and promoted its rallies, which were very large and well attended by members. It helps to better the viewer's understanding of the KKK's size and influence.

Davis, Daryl. "I Wanted to Understand Why Racists Hated Me. So I Befriended Klansmen." The Washington Post. WP Company, September 29, 2017.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/i-wanted-to-understand-why-racists-hated-me-so-i-befriended-klansmen/2017/09/29/c2f46cb8-a3af-11e7-b14f-f41773cd5a14\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/i-wanted-to-understand-why-racists-hated-me-so-i-befriended-klansmen/2017/09/29/c2f46cb8-a3af-11e7-b14f-f41773cd5a14_story.html).

This newspaper article by Davis helped me to further understand the circumstances regarding his first experience meeting with a KKK member. I also used the photograph of him behind the KKK robe and mask on my home page to introduce Davis to the viewer and create a better understanding of who he is.

Davis, Daryl. *Klan-Destine Relationships: A Black Man's Odyssey in the Ku Klux Klan*. Vol. 1, New Horizon Press, 1998.

I used this book by Davis himself to better understand his experiences when going to rallies or how he faced many instances of racism that he encountered. I could see his perspective on many race issues and how he handles them during and after they occur.

*Davis, Daryl. "Klan We Talk?" TED, October 2017.*

[https://www.ted.com/talks/daryl\\_davis\\_klan\\_we\\_talk](https://www.ted.com/talks/daryl_davis_klan_we_talk).

I used this Ted Talk to learn more about Davis' perspective and life story through racism and the experiences he personally went through. I also used a clip from this talk to add to the initial experiences page which was important because it propelled him through his journey to understanding racism and allowed him to get in touch with high-ranking officials of the KKK.

Davis, Daryl (2017, November). *Why I, as a black man, attend KKK rallies*{Video}. TED Conferences, from [https://www.ted.com/talks/daryl\\_davis\\_why\\_i\\_as\\_a\\_black\\_man\\_attend\\_kkk\\_rallies?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/daryl_davis_why_i_as_a_black_man_attend_kkk_rallies?language=en)

This Ted Talk was helpful because it was done by Daryl Davis himself and I understood more about his perspectives on race and his story of meeting with KKK members and the imperial wizard. I learned about how he respects and discusses with others who have different viewpoints as him and how he communicates respectfully so both parties can learn.

Fleishman, Jeffrey. "A Black Man's Quixotic Quest to Quell the Racism of the KKK, One Robe at a Time." Los Angeles Times. Los Angeles Times, December 8, 2016. <https://www.latimes.com/entertainment/movies/la-ca-film-accidental-courtesy-20161205-story.html>.

This newspaper article about the documentary based on Davis was helpful because it gave me information about Davis that I didn't know about before and offered me a new perspective. I used the image on the Impact page to demonstrate the agreement between Davis and Klan members after respectful communication.

Friedersdorf, Conor. "Talking About Race with the KKK." *The Atlantic*, Atlantic Media Company, 5 Jan. 2018, [www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2015/03/the-audacity-of-talking-about-race-with-the-klu-klux-klan/388733/](http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2015/03/the-audacity-of-talking-about-race-with-the-klu-klux-klan/388733/).

This website and interview with Davis helped me to thoroughly understand how every event in his life impacted him and how he learned from everything he has gone through. It was also a source of quotes that I was able to use.

Gilder Lehrman. A Spotlight on a Primary Source by Ku Klux Klan. "The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History." A Ku Klux Klan threat, 1868 | Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Accessed February 25, 2021.

<https://www.gilderlehrman.org/history-resources/spotlight-primary-source/ku-klux-klan-threat-1868>.

I used this letter to a Republican sheriff from the KKK to better understand the goals of the KKK. The letter describes a threat to a Republican sheriff, which is important because the original purpose of the KKK was to threaten and slow down reconstruction, primarily by Republicans. The letter adds a threatening feeling, which characterizes the KKK.

Moore, Kimberly C. "Polk Was Hotbed for the Ku Klux Klan for More than 100 Years; Last KKK Appearance in 1995." Polk was hotbed for the Ku Klux Klan, last publicly seen in county in '95. The Ledger, September 17, 2020.

<https://www.theledger.com/in-depth/news/special-reports/2020/09/16/black-polk-polk-county-hotbed-klan/5676825002/>.

I used this image from this website to demonstrate the divide between the blacks and the KKK, who were for the most part enemies in the 1900s. I chose it because it perfectly encapsulates the high tensions between the two sides and illustrates that they oppose each other. I placed it on the History of the KKK slide to give perspective on the KKK.

“Musician Biography.” DarylDavis.com. Accessed February 24, 2021.

<https://www.daryldavis.com/musician-biography/>.

I used Davis’ website and his musician biography section to learn more about his musical experiences, which is significant because that is the way he met the members of the KKK who later went to his gigs to listen to his music. This source helped me to learn about his background and how he became a great musician.

Newshub. “The Black Doco Star Who 'Accidentally' Befriends KKK Members.” Newshub, December 22, 2016.

<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/entertainment/2016/12/the-black-doco-star-who-accidentally-befriends-klk-members.html>.

I used a quote from this website to illustrate that Davis thinks that communication is more effective than violence when persuading other people to change their thoughts, especially on racism and injustice. I added it to his impact page because it summarizes his whole message that he wants everybody to know, that communication is the most effective weapon.

Ornstein, Matt. “Accidental Courtesy.” PBS. Public Broadcasting Service, February 13, 2017.

<https://www.pbs.org/independentlens/films/accidental-courtesy/>.

I used this image that depicts Davis and a KKK member comfortably around each other to demonstrate the impact that Davis had on Klan members by using communication. I placed it on the Impact page to show the viewer that Davis transformed many member’s thoughts on race to become more inclusive.



Rodriguez, Ken. "Daryl Davis: Fulfilling MLK's Dream by Engaging the Most Hateful." San Antonio Report, September 4, 2018.

<https://sanantonioreport.org/daryl-davis-fulfilling-mlks-dream-engaging-hateful/>.

This is a photograph of Davis that I placed on the home screen as an introduction image to the viewer. I placed it on the very first page to demonstrate the impact that Davis has by collecting former member's uniforms after they leave the KKK.

Stewart, Jessica. "Interview: Black Man Convinces 200+ Members to Leave the KKK by Befriending Them." My Modern Met, January 11, 2019.

<https://mymodernmet.com/daryl-davis-klk-klan/>.

I used this image and interview to better understand Davis' life and background as both a musician and speaking out against racism. I used the image on Continued Communication to display that Davis attended KKK rallies and was welcomed by the members there. I learned his sentiments towards the Klan and his approach on communicating with the members.

"The KKK and UD in the 1920s." The KKK and UD in the 1920s : University of Dayton, Ohio, January 16, 2021. <https://udayton.edu/blogs/artssciences/17-09-08-ku-klux-klan.php>.

I used this photograph of a large KKK march in Dayton to show the magnitude of the KKK and the far-reaching effects that its ideas had. It was used to give perspective on the size of the KKK in the early 1900s.

“The Union as It Was The Lost Cause, Worse than Slavery // Th. Nast.” The Library of Congress. Accessed February 25, 2021. <https://www.loc.gov/resource/cph.3c28619/>.

This illustration depicts a member of The White League and the KKK shaking hands over a shield with grieving African-Americans on it. I used it on the History of the KKK page to demonstrate the cruelty, attitude, and perspective of the KKK towards African Americans.

Thomsen, Ian. “How Do TODAY'S Black Lives Matter Protests Compare to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s?,” June 4, 2020.

<https://news.northeastern.edu/2020/06/04/how-do-todays-black-lives-matter-protests-compare-to-the-civil-rights-movement-of-the-1960s/>.

From this website, I used an image that shows peaceful protestors from 2020 protesting against police violence. I placed it on the impact page to show the type of people that Davis has inspired to protest against injustice and racial issues. It demonstrates the impact that Davis has had on the younger generation to speak up peacefully to protest issues.

**Secondary:**

History.com Editors. "Ku Klux Klan." History.com. A&E Television Networks, October 29, 2009. <https://www.history.com/topics/reconstruction/ku-klux-klan>.

This website helped me to gain context on the founding of the KKK and its goals. It also gave me important dates and events, as well as specific events that the KKK took part in. It was important for a historical perspective and the purpose of the KKK.

"Ku Klux Act Passed by Congress." History.com. A&E Television Networks, February 9, 2010. <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/ku-klux-act-passed-by-congress>.

This website helped to give me a better understanding of the KKK act and why it was enforced and created. It also helped me gain context of who the KKK was, why they were established, and what they did to achieve their goals.

"Ku Klux Klan." Southern Poverty Law Center, n.d. <http://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/ideology/ku-klux-klan>.

This source helped me understand the purposes and goals of the Ku Klux Klan and also offered me a detailed timeline of the major events that occurred because of them. It offered me an objective view of the KKK and related information.

Sidner, Sara. "Klansman Gets 4 Years in Prison for Firing Gun at 'Unite the Right' Rally." CNN. Cable News Network, August 22, 2018. <https://www.cnn.com/2018/08/22/us/kkk-unite-the-right-richard-preston-sentence/index.html>.

I used this source to learn more about Davis' impact now and how he continues to use communication with white supremacists and KKK members in order to clear racist thoughts from their minds. It helped me to understand how Davis interacted with others to try and achieve his goals.

Simon, Mallory, and Sara Sidner. "What Happened When a Klansman Met a Black Man in Charlottesville." CNN, July 16, 2020.

<https://www.cnn.com/2017/12/15/us/charlottesville-klansman-black-man-meeting/index.html>.

I used this website to learn more about Davis' impact in the Charlottesville protests and how he handled protestors who were angry at him. I also used the photo on the Impact page so the viewer could see the results of Davis' approach when meeting high ranking KKK officials.