







## WORLDVIEW TRAUMA

“The world is a dangerous place, not because it is full of dangerous people, but because it is full of people who are dangerous to themselves,” said the Greek philosopher Epictetus. In the 1990s, the United States became increasingly aware of the “dangerous people” in its own country. The most prominent of these was the Ku Klux Klan, which had been active since the Civil War. In 1992, the Klan was responsible for the murder of a black man named James Byrd Jr. in Jasper, Texas. This event, along with other Klan-related incidents, led to a national outcry and a renewed focus on civil rights issues. The Klan's influence continued to decline throughout the decade, but it remained a significant factor in some parts of the country.

In addition to the Klan, another group that gained attention in the 1990s was the Aryan Nation. This organization, founded by William Pierce, claimed to be a white nationalist group that sought to protect the “white race.” The Aryan Nation was involved in several incidents of violence, including the bombing of a Jewish community center in Los Angeles and the shooting of a black man in Atlanta. The group's influence was relatively small compared to the Klan, but it did manage to attract some followers.



