

= The Daily Stormer =

The Daily Stormer is an American Neo @-@ Nazi and white supremacist news and commentary website . Its editor is Andrew Anglin , who founded it on July 4 , 2013 , as a faster @-@ paced replacement for his previous website Total Fascism , which he launched the year before .

The site has been noted for its use of humor and Internet memes , which have been likened to the imageboard 4chan and cited as attractions for a younger and more ideologically diverse audience . The website supports Russia and endorses Donald Trump for president . Guest writers have included black hat hacker weev and 8chan founder Fredrick Brennan . While some white nationalist authors have praised The Daily Stormer 's reach , others have taken issue with its content and tone .

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= = Background = =

Anglin told media and technology company Vocativ that he was liberal as a youth , and as a teenager he read works by Noam Chomsky and " all that Communist , Jewish stuff " . He later studied Buddhism , Islam and 20th @-@ century French philosophers before aligning himself with Neo @-@ Nazism . In 2014 , he stated that although he agreed with the central tenets of Nazism , he had reservations over reintroducing all aspects of Adolf Hitler 's regime .

In 2012 , he launched his first blog , Total Fascism . Feeling that it was not appealing to a younger demographic and had articles that were too long , Anglin launched The Daily Stormer on July 4 , 2013 , with shorter articles and a more provocative style . The website , named for the Nazi Party 's newspaper Der Stürmer , is registered in the name of Anglin 's father Greg , who runs a Christian @-@ inspired counseling service in Worthington , Ohio . Anglin said in March 2014 he spends 70 hours a week writing for the website , which is primarily funded through donations which he solicits regularly from site visitors .

= = Content and reception = =

Anglin asserts that the purpose of The Daily Stormer is to provide " a means to propagandize people ? to get them to look at the world in a certain way " . Headlines include " All Intelligent People in History Disliked Jews " and " Adolf Hitler : The Most Lied About Man of All Time " . According to The Jewish Chronicle , The Daily Stormer " posts hundreds of racist articles targeting black people , Muslims and Jews " . The website offers pro @-@ separatist coverage of the conflict in Eastern Ukraine , which Anglin considers " the correct moral position " . The SPLC described the site as " the newest up and comer in the heated competition to rule the hate web " , which " has in the last six months [up to March 2015] often topped the oldest and largest hate site on the web , Stormfront , in terms of reach and page views , based on Alexa data " . Anglin claimed in May 2016 that the website 's traffic had doubled over the last six months , peaking at 120 @,@ 000 daily visitors .

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) stated that The Daily Stormer owed its success to the online imageboard 4chan becoming popular among racists , as both websites use similar memes and rhetorical styles . One meme the website has used is to overlay photographs of Taylor Swift with anti @-@ Semitic quotations , including those by Hitler . The website puts triple parentheses around the names of Jews , a far @-@ right meme created by fellow website The Right Stuff . Jacob Siegel of The Daily Beast wrote that the website was growing in popularity amongst a younger audience due to its use of humor , and was attracting activists of other anti @-@ political correctness ideologies ? such as Gamergaters , men 's rights activists and opponents of Social Justice Warriors ? who would not usually identify with fascism . The SPLC has also documented Anglin 's involvement in and encouragement of culture jamming by making hyperbolic statements in fake online accounts as women and minorities . He has also said that " ridiculous " statements such as " gas the kikes " , if repeated in media coverage , can work to desensitize the public to the

Holocaust . In late 2015 , during protests chiefly by African Americans at the University of Missouri , Anglin began a hoax of a campus Ku Klux Klan rally and claimed victory when the rumor spread .

Hacker and Internet troll weev wrote an article on the website after his release from prison , espousing his recent conversion to Neo @-@ Nazism and his opposition to Jews who had " abused our compassion to build an empire of wickedness the likes the world has never seen " . Fredrick Brennan , founder of the online community 8chan , wrote an article on The Daily Stormer encouraging eugenics , based on his own experiences of having brittle bone disease . Florida @-@ based Jewish troll Joshua Ryne Goldberg , who encouraged an Islamist attack on a free speech exhibition in Garland , Texas , under the alias of a religious extremist , wrote white supremacist articles for The Daily Stormer under the pseudonym Michael Slay .

The Daily Stormer attracted media coverage when the SPLC stated that white supremacist spree killer Dylann Roof ? who on June 17 , 2015 , shot nine African Americans to death in the Charleston church shooting ? may have made several comments on the site . The SPLC found similarities between one user 's comments and Roof 's manifesto . The Daily Beast stated that Anglin " repudiated Roof 's crime and publicly disavowed violence , while endorsing many of Roof 's views " . In October of that year , Anglin gave a positive reaction to an attempted assassination on Henriette Reker , a pro @-@ immigration candidate to be mayor of the German city of Cologne , decrying her as a " feminist hag " .

= = = Support of Donald Trump = = =

Anglin officially endorsed Donald Trump for president in 2015 after the candidate said that many illegal immigrants from Mexico were criminals and rapists . Anglin encouraged the website 's readers to " vote for the first time in our lives for the one man who actually represents our interests " . The website also received national and international coverage for its endorsement of Trump 's proposal of a temporary moratorium on admitting foreign Muslims into the country ; it proclaimed " Heil Donald Trump ? The Ultimate Savior " . According to the SPLC , white supremacist endorsement of Trump is unprecedented , as the movement is generally skeptical of all politicians . In July 2016 , Andrew Anglin and The Daily Stormer were mentioned by Lacy Clay , Democratic Representative from Missouri , as he asked in a congressional hearing whether FBI director James Comey was aware of Trump sharing Twitter posts by white supremacists .

In The Daily Telegraph , Black Trump supporter Crystal Wright wrote that the candidate needed to separate himself from white nationalists such as The Daily Stormer , who were endorsing him ahead of other politicians they deemed " cuckservatives " for holding more liberal positions . Writing for The Atlantic , Conor Friedersdorf theorized that modern academia 's focus on race rather than " color @-@ blind " individualism was causing divisions and allowing white nationalist sites such as The Daily Stormer to gain an audience , and therefore become a " tiny but nevertheless alarming portion " of Trump 's support . Al Jazeera writer Malcolm Harris analyzed the endorsement and predicted that a Trump presidency would strengthen organized racist groups and lead to civil war .

Huffington Post journalist Jessica Schulberg compared how white nationalists like Anglin and former KKK leader David Duke believed Trump to be representative of their ethnic interests , while at the same time several Jews believed him to be representative of theirs . In July 2016 , Trump tweeted an image originating from the far @-@ right , showing his rival Hillary Clinton , a background of money and a balloon in the shape of a six @-@ pointed star calling her the " Most Corrupt Candidate Ever ! " ; he deleted the image and reposted it with a circular balloon . Anglin believed Trump had posted the first image in full knowledge that the balloon was a Star of David , and that this was evidence of Trump being a pragmatic anti @-@ Semite : " The evangelicals will listen to his pro @-@ Israel statements , while we will listen to his signals . By pushing this into the media , the Jews bring to the public the fact that yes , the majority of Hilary 's [sic] donors are filthy Jew terrorists . "

= = = Reaction from white nationalists = = =

The SPLC has stated that white nationalist websites have taken issue with what they see as low @-@ brow coverage on The Daily Stormer , as well as Anglin 's defense of Christianity and denouncement of the white supremacist sect Christian Identity . Others , such as the Traditionalist Youth Network , have praised The Daily Stormer for its reach and influence .

Colin Liddell of AlternativeRight.com has criticized Anglin 's beliefs and tone . Liddell , who believes that stopping migration and encouraging higher birthrates is more important for preserving the white race , condemned Anglin for writing that it was impossible for the race to survive without adopting his views on Jews , Hitler and the Holocaust . Liddell considered that Anglin was attracting poor whites with his provocative online persona in the same manner as monster trucks and professional wrestling , writing that " it is hard not to conclude that Anglin is a paid shill and agent provocateur , whose purpose is simply to infest and discredit White nationalism " . Jared Taylor of American Renaissance criticized The Daily Stormer 's " extremely harsh , dismissive and insulting tone toward blacks " , which he called unhelpful .

= = Activities = =

= = = " Troll Army " = = =

The Daily Stormer orchestrates what it calls a " Troll Army " , involved in Internet trolling . It came to attention in October 2014 in a campaign against British Labour politician Luciana Berger , a Jewish Member of Parliament . A man had been sent to prison for sending her abusive messages over Twitter and The Daily Stormer encouraged its readers to send her antisemitic messages , as long as they did not promote violence . It also gave out guidelines on how to limit traceability and create anonymous e @-@ mail and Twitter accounts . Berger said she received 400 abusive messages in one week . The abuse was brought up in the British Parliament , where Speaker John Bercow deemed it " beneath contempt " .

The Troll Army launched a campaign in February 2015 against Mariam Veiszadeh , an Afghan Australian Muslim activist who demanded that a T @-@ shirt bearing the Australian flag reading " If you don 't love it , leave " be withdrawn from sale at Woolworths . A woman was arrested for sending her abusive messages , and Anglin interpreted Veiszadeh 's actions as curbing freedom of speech , which he believed " should be responded to with the most ridiculous conceivable hateful speech " , claiming that " the vast majority of White people do not think name @-@ calling should be an imprisonable offense " . Around 3 @,@ 000 people defended her with the hashtag # IStandWithMariam .

In 2016 , The Daily Stormer took part in a Gamergate @-@ related attempt to have Nintendo marketing officer Alison Rapp fired . Rapp had angered gamers by allegedly removing " provocative content " from localizations of Japanese games , and activists including The Daily Stormer circulated her 2012 essay in which she argued for foreign bodies not to impose laws against child pornography in Japan . She was dismissed soon afterward , with Nintendo stating that it was unrelated to the controversy . Later that year , the site encouraged racially abusing Julia Ioffe , a Jewish Russian journalist who had written a piece on Trump 's wife , Melania in GQ ; Melania Trump and The Daily Stormer both found the piece too critical . Ioffe said that the abuse was unparalleled in her lifetime since leaving Russia to escape such prejudices 26 years earlier . In June , users of the website revealed the personal details of Erin Schrote , a Jewish woman running for Congress in California , and sent her Holocaust @-@ related messages .

= = = Printer stunt = = =

In 2016 , The Daily Stormer took credit for sending numerous racist , anti @-@ Semitic fliers to thousands of publicly accessible , Internet @-@ connected printers throughout the country , many of them at universities . The fliers urged the reader to visit the website and accompany it " in the struggle for global white supremacy " ; Anglin credited weev for the stunt . On April 20 that year ,

Hitler 's birthday , university printers in Germany were hacked to publish Nazi propaganda tracts including the website 's name .