

**Handout**

# Anti-Black, Anti-Jewish Ideology of National States Rights Party

**Directions:** Read the following passages and answer the discussion questions with your “expert” groups.

The following passages are from a 1977 report, entitled “White Extremist Organizations,” written by the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation. They describe the beliefs of a small political party called the National States Rights Party. In 1960, the party’s presidential candidate, Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus, received about 44,000 votes (about 0.1% of all votes cast).

*The National States Rights Party (NSRP) was created in July, 1958, in Knoxville, Tennessee, from remnants of such segregationist and/or anti-Semitic organizations as the United White Party, the Christian Anti-Jewish Party, the Columbians, several Klan groups, and representatives of the States Rights Party. At the time the NSRP was organized, one of its founders, Jesse Stoner, observed: “The name of the National States Rights Party will sound so mild that a man belonging to it will not worry about his job.”*

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*The tenets and purpose of the NSRP are strikingly similar to those of Klan organizations. Like the Klan, the NSRP is based on racism and bigotry and promotes the concept of “white supremacy,” with blacks and Jews as its main hate targets...the NSRP is the last hope for saving “our white Christian civilization.”*

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*The NSRP is as viciously anti-Jewish as it is antiblack. Equating Jews with communists, it maintains that an “international Communist-Jewish conspiracy” is undermining the Government and is behind the black liberation movement in this country. The NSRP would send all Jews to Israel.<sup>1</sup>*

<sup>1</sup> Federal Bureau of Investigation, Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts Section, *White Extremist Organizations: Part II National States Rights Parties*, May 1979, 1.

## Discussion Questions

1. What does the FBI say that this group believes? What is its ideology? Why is that important?
2. To what other groups in American history does this report compare the National States Rights Party?
3. What group did the party believe should have the most power in the United States? What groups does the party believe should be excluded from power, if not from the country altogether?
4. What questions do you have after analyzing this document?