

Oregon was founded as a white utopia and most people don't know that. Many move here thinking that Oregon is a progressive, liberal, welcoming state. They don't know the history of the state, how the KKK thrived for decades and used to march, proudly, in Fourth of July Parades. I live in Ashland, OR, we have boxes of photographs documenting the KKK and their power over the city, the county, the region and the state. We have to look at this history and know it and work daily to overcome it. If we don't know where we came from then how can we know where we're going. We will never be able to undo systemic racism until we understand it's roots, it's power and it's hold on people. Please vote yes to teach the true history of Oregon in our schools.

Signed,

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