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A leather belt with the black sun symbol as belt buckle. The item is from the 2010s.

In the late 20th century, the Black Sun symbol became widely used by neo-fascist, neo-Nazi,[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Sun_(symbol)" \l "cite_note-LUHN-2014-10) the far-right and [white nationalists](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_nationalism). The symbol often appears on extremist flags, t-shirts, posters, websites and in extremist publications associated with such groups. Modern far-right groups often refer to the symbol as the *sun wheel* or *Sonnenrad*.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Sun_(symbol)#cite_note-FOOTNOTEGoodrick-Clarke2002148%E2%80%93150-6)[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Sun_(symbol)#cite_note-FOOTNOTEGrumkeWagner2002219-11)[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Sun_(symbol)#cite_note-NEO-NAZI-USE-12)

The name "Black Sun" came into wider use after the publication of a 1991 occult thriller novel, *Die Schwarze Sonne von Tashi Lhunpo* (*The Black Sun of Tashi Lhunpo*), by the pseudonymous author [Russell McCloud](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russell_McCloud). The book links the Wewelsburg mosaic with the neo-Nazi concept of the "Black Sun", invented by former SS officer [Wilhelm Landig](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wilhelm_Landig) as a substitute for the [Nazi swastika](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nazi_swastika) and a symbol for a mystic energy source that was supposed to renew the [Aryan race](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aryan_race).[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Sun_(symbol)#cite_note-FOOTNOTEGoodrick-Clarke2002148-3)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Sun_(symbol)#cite_note-FOOTNOTEStrube2015339-4)[[11]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Sun_(symbol)#cite_note-FOOTNOTEGoodrick-Clarke20023-13)

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Along with other symbols from the Nazi era such as the [*Wolfsangel*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wolfsangel), the [*Sig*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sowil%C5%8D_(rune)#Armanen_runes) [Armanen rune](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armanen_runes" \o "Armanen runes), and the [*Totenkopf*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Totenkopf), the black sun is employed by some neo-Nazi adherents of [Satanism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Satanism).[[13]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Sun_(symbol)#cite_note-FOOTNOTEMathews2009153-15) Scholar Chris Mathews writes:

The Black Sun motif is even less ambiguous. Though based on medieval German symbols, the Wewelsburg mosaic is a unique design commissioned specifically for Himmler, and its primary contemporary association is [Nazi occultism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nazi_occultism), for which Nazi Satanic groups and [esoteric neo-Nazis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Esoteric_Nazism) adopt it.[[13]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Sun_(symbol)#cite_note-FOOTNOTEMathews2009153-15)

The Ukrainian [Azov Regiment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Azov_Regiment), founded in 2014, used the symbol as part of its logo.[[14]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Sun_(symbol)#cite_note-16)[[15]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Sun_(symbol)#cite_note-Franceinfo_2022-17)