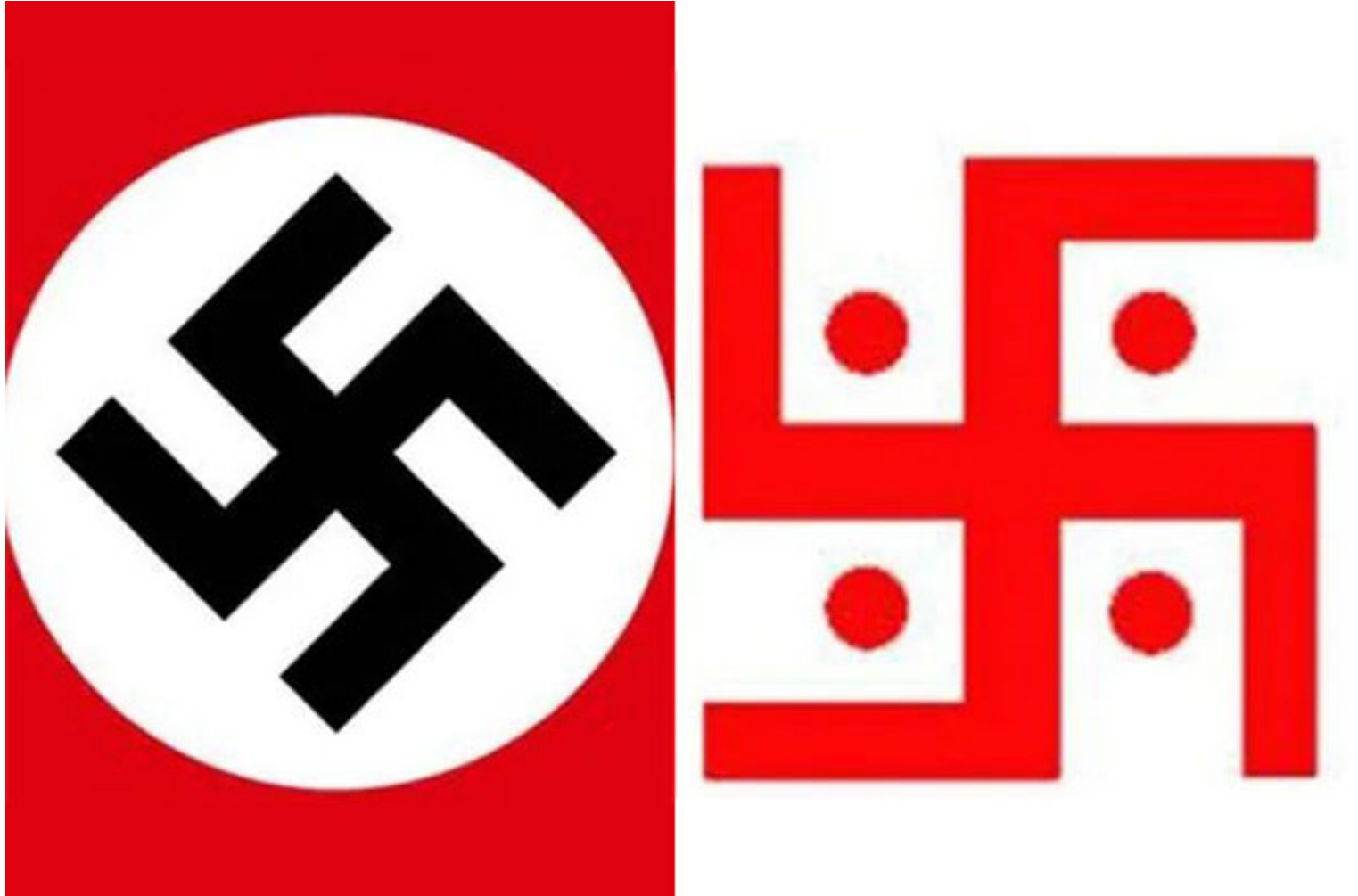


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Recently, the California State Senate unanimously passed a bill to criminalise the placement or display of the Nazi Hakenkreuz, which resembles the swastika.



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### Hakenkreuz

- The **Hakenkreuz** – used by the Nazi party on their flags, badges and armbands – is oriented differently from the swastika, as it is **rotated 45° clockwise**.
- It **represents racial purity** of the ‘Aryan race’ and is often **used by Neo-Nazi** groups as a symbol of hate.

### Swastika

- **Swastika** is an ancient symbol that was **used by cultures** across the world.
- It continues to hold **religious significance** for Buddhists, Jains and Hindus, connoting good fortune and auspiciousness.
- Unlike black Hakenkreuz, **swastika used by Indians is usually red or yellow in colour**.
- Swastika is also **not tilted to the right**, and has dots at each corner, which are believed to **represent the four Vedas**.
- The **earliest known swastika**, on an **ivory mammoth tusk** located in present-day Ukraine, has been dated to **10,000 BC**.
- The ancient symbol has also been found in **Mesopotamia, the Americas, Algeria, and the Far East**.

