

# Why is the Confederate Battle Flag perceived differently from the US in Europe/Germany?

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The Research Question:  
“Wait...what?!”

Mass gathering at the Berlin Wall,  
1988.



# The Confederate Flag in the US

Where this...



...usually  

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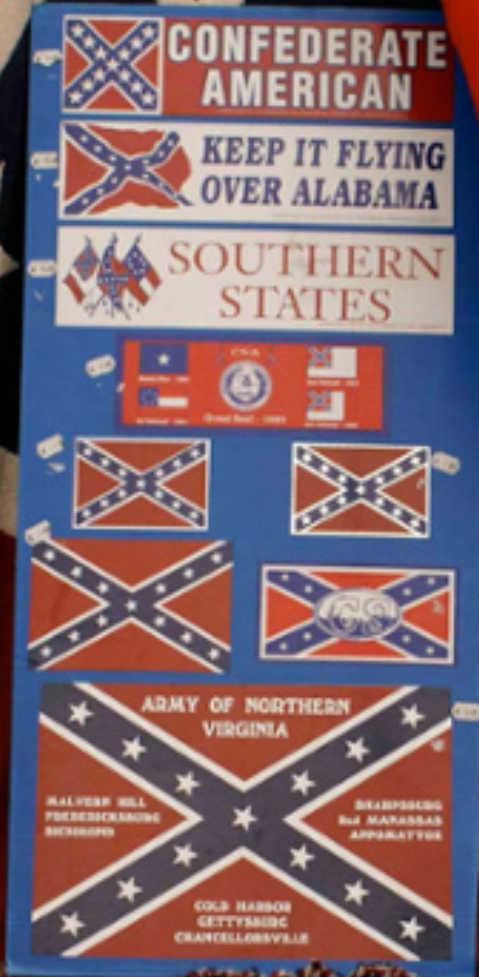
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# The Confederate Flag in Europe

Country Music Fair in  
Geiselwind, Germany

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# Western Games, Italy

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Irish soccer fan from Cork flying the Confederate flag, 2015.



The Red Hand Defenders, a Loyalist Ulster paramilitary group, march with Confederate flags in Newtownstewart in Northern Ireland, 2011.



Equiblues Rodeo & Country Music festival, St. Agreve, France, 2004 Photo © Ruth Ellen Gruber.

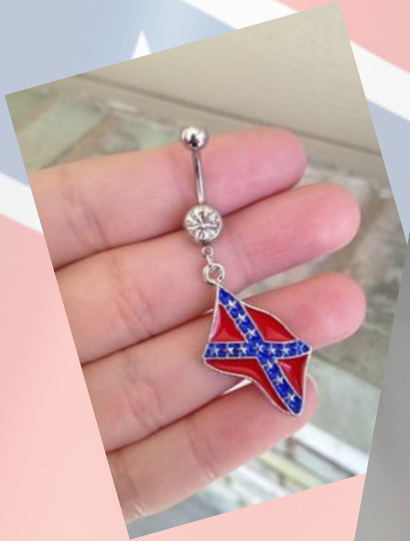


Nashestvie, a rock music festival in the vicinity of Moscow, Russia, 2008.



Italian soccer fans from Napoli, Series A, UEFA Champion League Game, 2012.

# Pop Culture & Americana



Fashion



Music



Dukes of Hazard

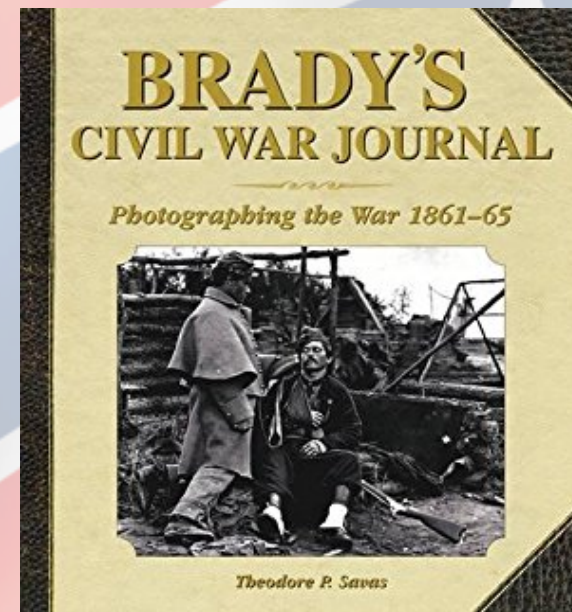
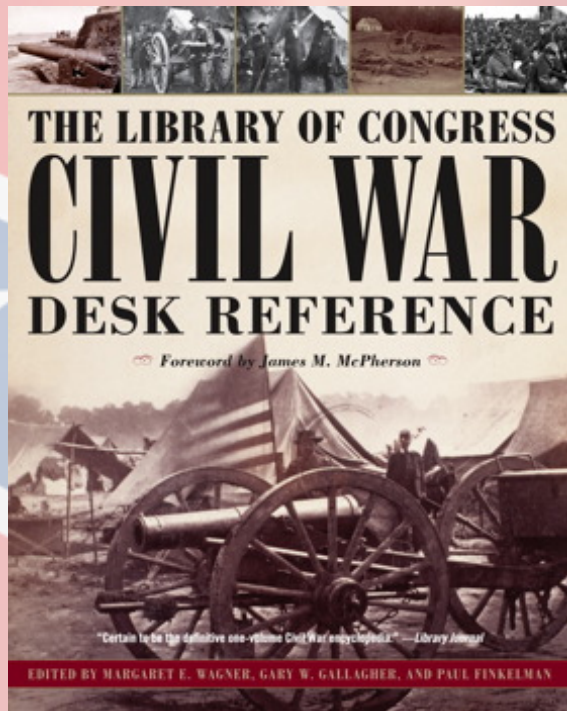


Smoky and the Bandit



Film/TV





Education



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