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Anti-MLK Day leaflets that littered Portland came from white separatists

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A white separatist group acknowledged Tuesday that it leafleted much of east-side Portland during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend with fliers calling the civil rights leader a "fraud."

"We don't see him as the great hero that everyone else sees him as," said Corrina Burt, the 31-year-old Northern Oregon Unit leader of the National Socialist Movement. King, she said, is not worthy of a holiday in his name.

Burt said her group posted 1,000 fliers under windshield wipers in Hawthorne, Sellwood and other neighborhoods on Friday, Saturday and Monday as a protest against the holiday.

Some who found the handbills weren't amused by language describing King as a communist, plagiarist, subversive and sexual deviant.

"The fact that, 42 years after his assassination, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. must endure the same slander and brutish treatment he suffered in life, is demoralizing," one reader wrote to The Oregonian.

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