

Hooded Christmas Trees in Russia Draw 'KKK' Comparisons

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A row of Christmas trees in St. Petersburg have drawn comparisons to robed Ku-Klux Klansmen for white protective covers resembling hoods with pairs of black eyes painted on.

Photographs [circulated](#) on social media late last week showing the pine trees dressed in traditional white bags used to [protect](#) them from harsh winters.

But these covers also had an untraditional characteristic: black eyes.

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«Ку-клукс-клан» или привидения: у «Приморской» появились «нетолерантные» ёлки <https://t.co/8RzYpofr5d> [pic.twitter.com/DC8hxDOMt2](https://t.co/8RzYpofr5d)

“It feels like these trees are after you,” a voice is heard [saying](#) as a camera pans to show the trees “staring back” at the viewer in the dark.

Online users saw a [resemblance](#) between the hooded trees and the KKK, a comparison that got picked up by news outlets across Russia. Some [described](#) the sighting as “ghost Christmas trees.”

By the weekend, communal service workers were filmed [painting](#) the eyes white.

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