Holocaust Denial and Distortion on Social Media



According to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance "Holocaust denial is discourse and propaganda that deny the historical reality and the extent of the extermination of the Jews by the Nazis and their accomplices during World War II, known as the Holocaust or the Shoah. Holocaust denial refers specifically to any attempt to claim that the Holocaust/Shoah did not take place... Holocaust denial in its various forms is an expression of antisemitism." i For decades Holocaust denial was wrapped in a pseudo-scientific historic narrative, using the label "revisionist history" to try to gain academic credibility. Those campaigns were thoroughly debunked with historical fact. In our time, of 24/7 social media-driven viral opportunities, we are bombarded with new manifestations of Holocaust distortion and denial online. Memes and jokes about the Holocaust are commonplace in platforms such as *4chan*, *8kun*, *Gab* and *Telegram. Moreover*, platforms popular with young people, such as *TikTok* and *iFunny*, have also acted as a digital platforms for this type of content, proliferating the hate and disrespect for 6 million Jewish victims of Genocide at alarming speed.

These new platforms for Holocaust denial and distortion reach a far broader audience than ever before. Mountains of material presenting Holocaust denial as "revisionist history" is accessible at little to no cost online, offering so-called documentaries, books and lectures that would have previously taken individuals years to amass at great expense, both in time and money. In an era in which what constitutes fact and opinion is the center of great debate, coupled with increasing historical distance from the events, victims and victimizers of the Holocaust, we are witness to online content promoting Holocaust denial, distortion and relativization in new and pernicious ways.

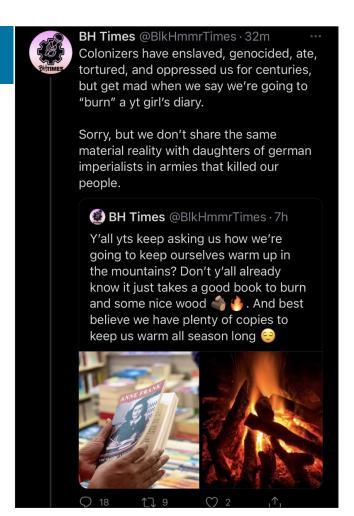
This report introduces how such content is currently presented to targeted audiences across a multitude of platforms, and the manifold methods utilized by those who seek to disrupt, distort and destroy the memory of the victims of the Shoah, to promote anti-Semitism, by assaulting Memory itself.



Isabel Peralta is an 18-year-old Spanish far-right activist who promotes Holocaust denial and anti-Semitism. She made headlines in February 2021 for delivering a speech at a rally in which she gave a Nazi salute, and argued that "the enemy will always be the same, even though wearing different masks: the Jew". In a sardonic March 2021 video, which has been removed by YouTube, she promoted Holocaust denial under the guise of sarcasm. Peralta has been banned by Instagram and Twitter, but remains active on Telegram and has a YouTube channel.



The Institute for Historical Review (IHR) was founded in 1978 and is headquartered in Orange County, California. For decades, it has been at the forefront of peddling pseudo-academic material in an attempt to disprove the historic veracity of the Holocaust. In recent years, they have presented a softer public face to draw more readers to their material. Their Instagram account attempts to draw more mainstream readers to their anti-Semitic rhetoric, and troves of Holocaust denial material archived within their website. In an effort to distort the truth about the Holocaust, this post falsely claims that German civilians were "ethnically cleansed" at the end of World War II (WWII). The caption is juxtaposed with an image of Jewish people being loaded onto cattle cars, insinuating that the Jews were not the real victims of WWII.



In May 2021, Black Hammer Organization (BHO), an extreme leftist group, stated on Twitter they would burn copies of Anne Frank's diary because she was a "colonizer". Another BHO tweet stated, "for the last time, we unite with colonized Jews, not colonizers! Her father was literally involved in the killing of colonized people." Otto Frank served with the German army during World War I.

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In 2014, a BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) activist posted this lurid photoshopped image to Twitter, depicting skeletal Jewish victims of the Nazi Holocaust in a concentration camp holding signs denouncing Israel and supporting Gaza.

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In 2010, the Iran-based Khakriz Instituted published a book of cartoons alleging that Jews fabricated the Holocaust to gain support for Israel. The cartoons were also used to create a series of 10 videos featuring stereotypical caricatures of Jews and portraying them as murderers. Iran has held several Holocaust denial themed cartoon contests since, and images from these continue to be distributed today on platforms including Telegram.

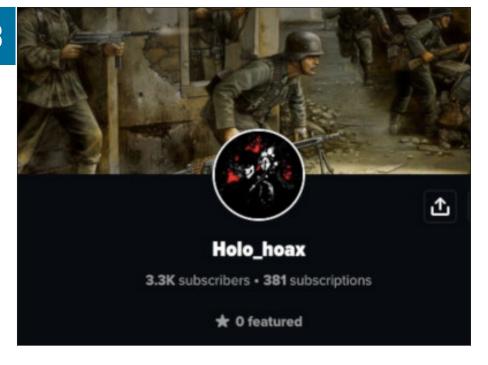


This anti-Semitic tweet by Black Lives Matter activist Katrina Greer misappropriates the Holocaust memorial slogan "Never Again". It was posted following the devastating riots on the heavily Jewish Fairfax district of Los Angeles and the actions taken by the Beverly Hills Police Department to minimize damage to the city.



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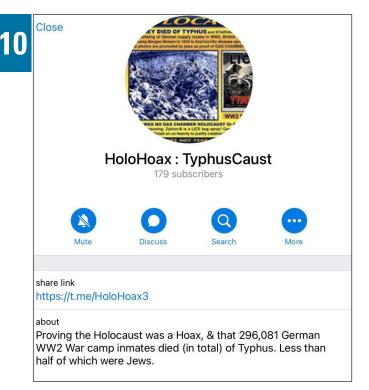
Holocaust Deprogramming Course is an online Holocaust denial guide that urges the user to "Free yourself from a lifetime of Holo-brainwashing about 'Six Million' Jews 'gassed' in 'Gas Chambers Disguised as Shower Rooms'". The site was created in 2014, and provides extensive links to videos, books, reports and "facts" that seek to debunk the "alleged Jewish Holocaust".



Holo_Hoax is an anti-Semitic,
Holocaust-denying profile on the
"meme" site iFunny. Holo_Hoax
exaggerates misconceptions
about the Holocaust and implies
Jews control politics, academia
and finance around the world.
iFunny became popular with
white nationalists in 2018 as they
sought to expand their marketing
to new platforms.



Multiple postings grouped using the hashtag "#joos" on *iFunny* either outright question the veracity of the Holocaust, or attempt to minimize the Shoah, alleging there was no way the numbers of Jews who were murdered, could be six million. Tactics such as alternative spellings of the word "Jews" and use of media from popular movies and culture are often utilized to spread this type of material to a wider audience, especially among young people.



HoloHoax: TyphusCaust is a Holocaust-denying channel on the messaging platform Telegram. The title and description of the channel promote the falsehood that only a few hundred thousand Jews died in concentration camps, and only from Typhus, while denying the existence of gas chambers used to mass murder millions of Jews.



In 2020, <u>Spika Studio</u> released a series of videos denying the Holocaust and promoting anti-Semitism. The videos, created for a Korean audience and posted to *YouTube* and *Bitchute* and are narrated by a young Korean woman named "Clay Sue". *YouTube* removed the Holocaust denial video but those attacking Christian leaders and claiming Ashkenazi Jews are not "real" Jews remain on the platform.

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The "Holocaust" As Tool To Flood America With Third Worlders

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I have repeatedly argued that **the fake Jewish "Holocaust" narrative of WWII** is the lynch pin of the entire New World Order system and White genocide agenda. Certain Jews have admitted as much.

<u>"The Holocaust stands as Western Civilization's greatest failure,"</u> Ian Kagedan, former National Director of Government Relations of B'nai Brith Canada, wrote in a 1991 *Toronto Star* op-ed piece titled "Memory of the Holocaust Central to New World Order." He continued:

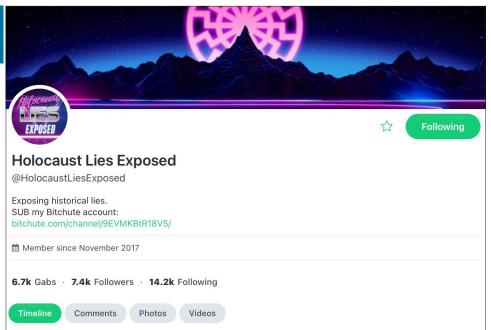
It was a natural outcome of centuries of racism and of anti-Semitism. To deny the Holocaust is to deny racism's capacity to undercut our civilization's basic values and to destroy democracy. Achieving our quest of a "new world order" depends on our learning the Holocaust's lessons.

The false narrative of WWII more generally, and the alleged "Holocaust" specifically, have been used to strengthen Jewish identity and ethnocentrism, while advancing Jewish and Zionist political and financial interests both in the West and in the Jewish ethnostate of Israel. At the same time, the fake "Holocaust" narrative has been effectively used to psychologically disarm Whites across the Western world. Anyone holding pro-White or "racist" perspectives, i.e., caring about White demographics, positively identifying with the history and culture of Whites, concerning oneself with the political interests of Whites, etc., is immediately denounced as a "Neo-Nazi White supremacist bigot" – just like Hitler and the evil Nazis.



The Realist Report is a white supremacist, anti-Semitic blog that frequently uses Holocaust denial to promote bigotry. An article from July 2019 claims "the fake Jewish Holocaust" is used as a tool to flood America with "Third Worlders". Realist Report maintains a *Twitter* feed with over 3,300 followers and regularly features anti-Semitic caricatures.





Holocaust Lies Exposed (HLE) is a page on the alternative social media site *Gab*. HLE refers to the Holocaust as "The biggest hoax of the Century" and "A psychological and political weapon Jewish supremacists use to blackmail Westerners into self-guilt to justify wars in the Middle East." They also operate a *BitChute* channel with close to 10,000 followers to share videos promoting Holocaust denial and distortion. *Gab* came into existence in mid-2016 and quickly became a home for white nationalists and extreme alt-Righters kicked off more mainstream sites.





Holocaust deniers frequently use cartoons and misinformation to promote their claims. This image states there were 2.4 million Jews in Europe at the start of World War II while reliable estimates put the number at over 9 million, including 3.5 million in Poland alone.

This meme, posted to Telegram, portrays Jews laughing about weaponizing the Holocaust. Telegram is a messaging system that allows users to create "channels" to reach followers on an almost daily basis. <u>Holohoax Memes and Info</u> has over 1,700 subscribers (January 2021).

The pseudo-scientific work of Holocaust deniers such as Fred Leuchter are available for download for free from the digital library Internet Archive. Leuchter's "report" on the existence of gas chambers at Auschwitz-Birkenau was debunked as a scientific farce. This Internet Archive page also features tags for other topics including "Holohoax", which takes viewers to numerous other pages within Internet Archive promoting Holocaust denial, including videos alleging that Holocaust Survivors make false claims about their experiences under Nazi rule.



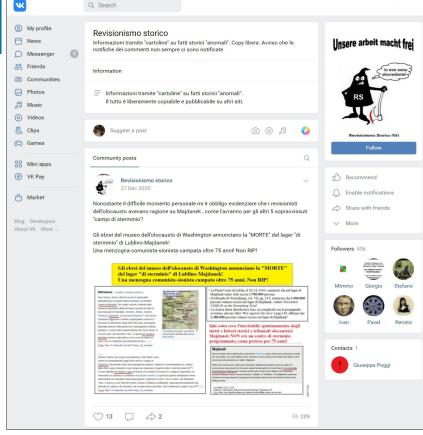
"What is the Truth Behind the Holocaust and How Did the Zionist Movement
Benefit from It?" is a Holocaust denial video posted to the social network AJ+ in 2019. The video was presented by Muna Hawwa and posted to AJ+ an online platform run by the Al-Jazeera Network. Once exposed by MEMRI (Middle East Media Research Institute), AJ+ removed the video and suspended two journalists involved with its production.



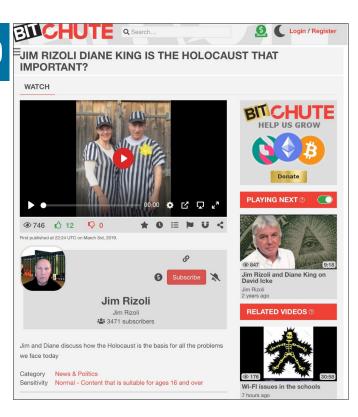
Holocaust Skeptic is a Russian-language blog that both denies the Holocaust and attempts to portray other events surrounding Nazi Germany in a positive light.







Revisionismo storico (Historical Revisionism) is a Spanish-language Holocaust denial page on the Russian social media site *vk.com. VK.com* is consistently the 20th ranked site for global traffic and has an estimated 600 Million users.



Diane King and Jim Rizoli are deniers who frequently make videos mocking the Holocaust, such as this, "Is The Holocaust That Important?" In the video both dressed in striped outfits similar to those worn by camp inmates and sported yellow Stars of David like those Jews were forced to wear by the Nazis. Rizoli's *Bitchute* channel is filled with additional Holocaust denial videos, anti- Semitism and white supremacy.

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This inappropriate use of Nazi imagery to allege that the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) would be setting up checkpoints to check for COVID-19 vaccine papers, was posted to the social media site *Clouthub*. The platform became a popular site for **QAnon** followers and other conspiracy theorists in 2021.





Susan Standfield posted these images to her Instagram page, referring to the Corona Virus vaccine rollout as "CovidCaust" and creating shirts with yellow Stars of David in an inappropriate comparison to the Holocaust. Standfield, an anti-mask and anti-vaxxer from Vancouver, Canada, has claimed she is being persecuted, much like the Jewish victims of the Holocaust. She stated "We are the 'official yellow' star class in Canada, so that's why I made that design." She has also accused health officials of knowingly giving people injections that are killing them.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center continues to meet regularly with the social media giants and urge them to remain vigilant in removing Holocaust denial and related material. The Center's Digital Terrorism and Hate Project monitors the Internet and its ever-growing list of new social media platforms, producing an annual report each Spring.

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