

The Holocaust



“Work Shall Set You Free”

Holocaust

- The systematic slaughter of Jews and other groups judged to be inferior by the Nazis. It would result in the deaths of 6 million Jews and 5 million other “non-Aryans.” This included Gypsies, Poles, Russians, homosexuals, Freemasons, Jehovah’s Witnesses, the insane and disabled, and the terminally ill. This is genocide at its worst.

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- <https://www.ushmm.org/confront-antisemitism/european-antisemitism-from-its-origins-to-the-holocaust>

- **1933** - Nazis open Dachau concentration camp near Munich to hold political enemies of Hitler

- **1933** - Nazis stage boycott of Jewish businesses. Isolates Jews economically & socially

- **1933** - Nazis issue a decree defining who is Aryan and non-Aryan

- "anyone descended from non-Aryan, especially Jewish, parents or grandparents. One parent or grandparent classifies the descendant as non-Aryan...especially if one parent or grandparent was of the Jewish faith."

- **1933**- Nazis pass law allowing for forced sterilization of those found by a Hereditary Health Court to have genetic defects.

- **1933** - Nazis pass a Law against Habitual and Dangerous Criminals, which allows beggars, the homeless, alcoholics and the unemployed to be sent to concentration camps.

- **1935** - Nuremberg Race Laws: strip Jews of their citizenship & bans marriage to non-Jews. All Jews are forced to wear a yellow Star of David badge

A Timeline of the Holocaust



Nuremberg Laws

- These laws, passed in 1935, deprived Jews of their German citizenship and forbade marriages between Jews and non-Jews. Later laws would continue to isolate Jews from the rest of society.
- Their businesses were closed, they were moved into ghettos, and they were forced to wear identifying symbols.



„Die Taufe hat aus ihm keinen Nichtjuden gemacht...“

How Jews Torment Animals



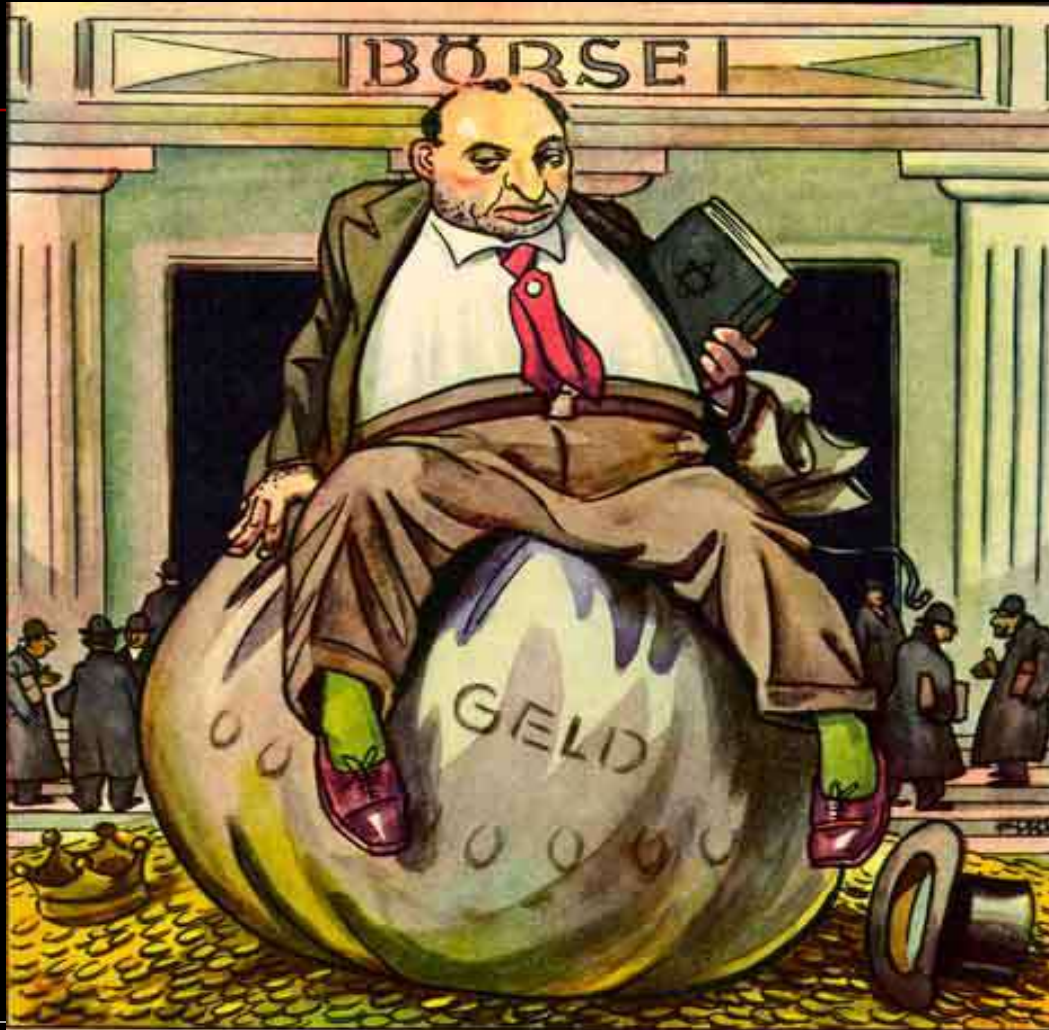
Wieder stürzt das Tier zu Boden. Langsam stirbt es. Die Juden aber stehen herum und lachen dazu.

How Jews Cheat in Business



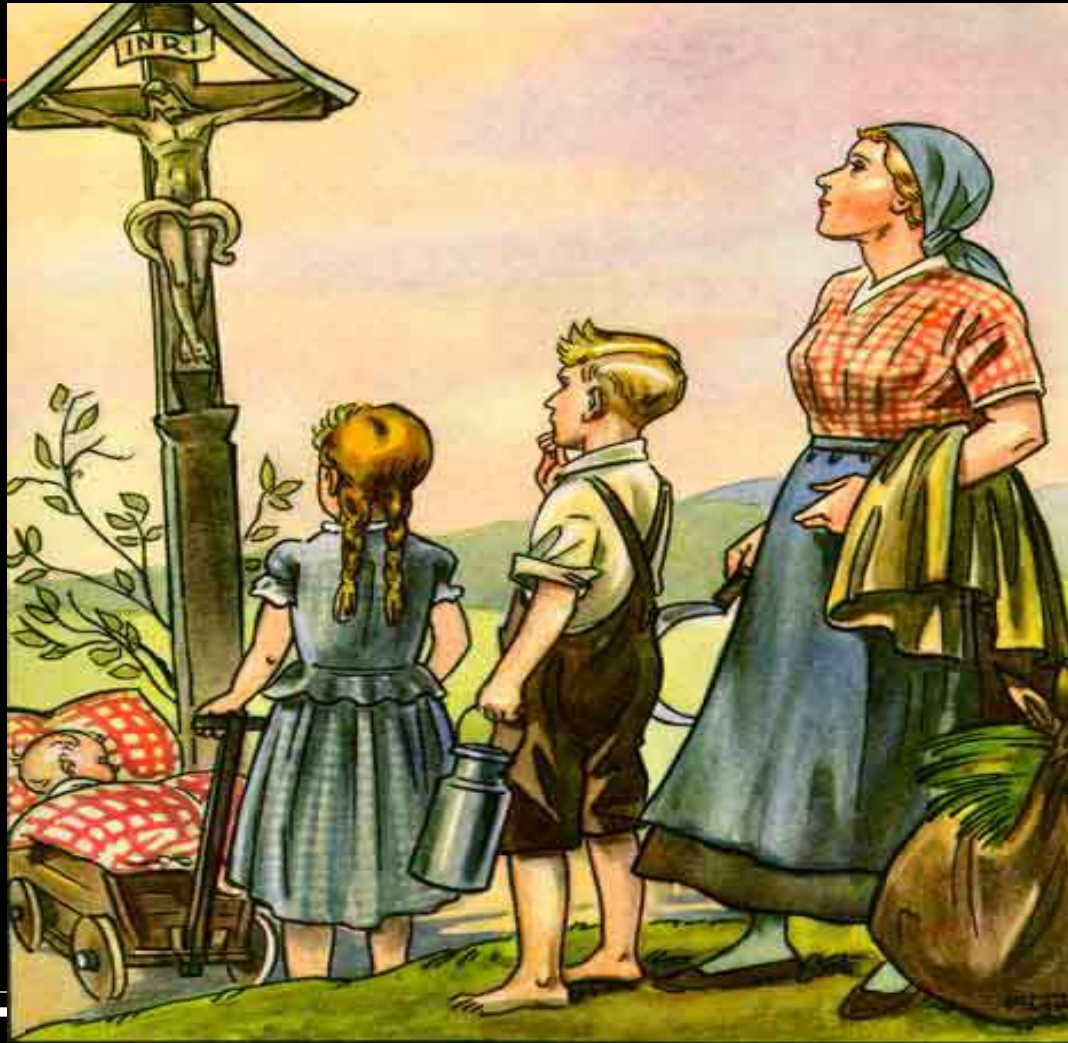
„Hofbäuerin, heut' hab' ich für dich was Besonderes. Schau diesen Stoff an! Das gibt ein Kleid für dich, Hofbäuerin, ein Kleid, du wirst darin aussehen wie eine Baronin, wie eine Fürstin, wie eine Königin...“

Money is the God of the Jews



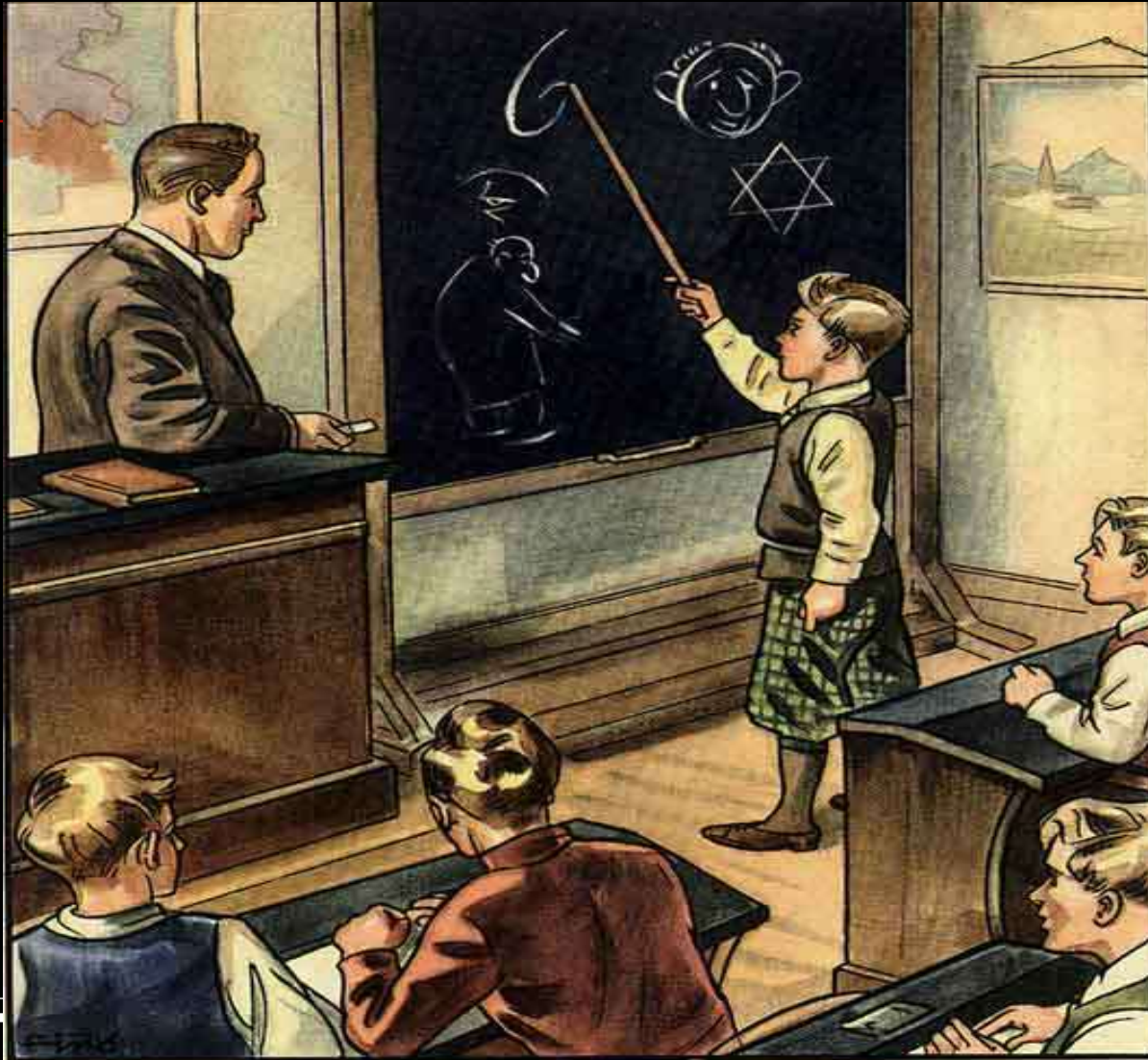
„Der Gott des Juden ist das Geld. Und um Geld zu verdienen, begeht er die größten Verbrechen. Er ruht nicht eher, bis er auf einem großen Geldsack sitzen kann, bis er zum König des Geldes geworden ist.“

When you see a cross remember how the Jews brutally murdered Christ



„Wenn ihr ein Kreuz seht, dann denkt an den grauenhaften Mord
der Juden auf Golgatha...“

How to recognize Jews?



„Die Judennase ist an ihrer Spitze gebogen. Sie sieht aus wie ein Sechser...“



Der Jude ist unser
größter Feind!
Hütet euch vor den Juden!

■ **November 1938** – Kristallnacht (Night of the Broken Glass)
Jewish businesses and synagogues are destroyed. Jews killed, beaten and arrested

■ **May 1939** - The St. Louis, a ship crowded with 930 Jewish refugees, is turned away by Cuba, the United States and other countries and returns to Europe.

■ **Beginning in September 1939** – Jews are victimized as the Nazis march across Europe

■ **1939** – Jewish Ghettos established in occupied Eastern Europe. Jews are forced to leave their homes and live in ghettos.

■ **Oct 1939**- Nazis begin euthanasia on sick and disabled in Germany.

■ **March 1941** - Jews ordered into forced labor concentration camps

Kristallnacht

“The Night of Broken Glass”

- In November 1938, after the assassination of a Nazi diplomat in Paris, the SS attacked Jewish homes, businesses, and synagogues across Germany. Over 100 Jews were killed, and thousands more were arrested.
- Many more fled to nearby countries and the U.S.
- A German minister said “We all want to get rid of our Jews. The difficulty is that no country wishes to receive them.”



Maps showing where synagogues were destroyed





■ January 1942 – Wannsee Conference

- Meeting of 15 top Nazi officials to find the “Final Solution to the Jewish Question”
- The group decided on extermination of the entire Jewish population of Europe

■ 1942- 45

- Death Camps built to eliminate the “undesirable” populations
- Zyklon B, a pesticide, used in gas chambers, as well as crematoriums
- Ghettos were eliminated, all inhabitants sent to death camps
- Tattoos used as identification for prisoners



The “Final Solution”

- As Nazi Germany expanded, they carried their racist ideology with them and Jews in conquered territories were moved into ghettos.
- The ghettos were walled in, and the Nazis waited for them to die of disease and starvation.
- Hitler grew impatient waiting, and decided to implement a more drastic solution that he called the “Final Solution.”

GHETTOS IN OCCUPIED EUROPE 1939-1944



ATLANTIC OCEAN



- Ghettos Established 1939-May 1941
- Ghettos Established June 1941-1943
- Ghettos Established 1944
- German-Occupied
- German Ally
- Liberated/Allies

1944 INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES





The “Final Solution”

- The first step involved moving all healthy, able-bodied men and women to labor camps to help the Nazi war effort.
- Those that could not work were either slaughtered or moved to death camps. The worst of these death camps was Auschwitz in Western Poland.







The “Final Solution”

- These death camps were the site of inhuman torture and death. Gas chambers disguised as showers were used for mass executions.
- Crematoriums were used to destroy the bodies.
- Many prisoners were subjected to nightmarish experiments.



Medical Experiments of Dr. Mengele



- Doctor @ Auschwitz in charge of selection of prisoners
- Ran cruel medical experiments to solve his own sick medical questions
- Areas of fascination: twins, gypsies, dwarves, & infants
- Many experiments focused on solving issues faced by soldiers at the front
- Other doctors at other camps also experimented w/ prisoners



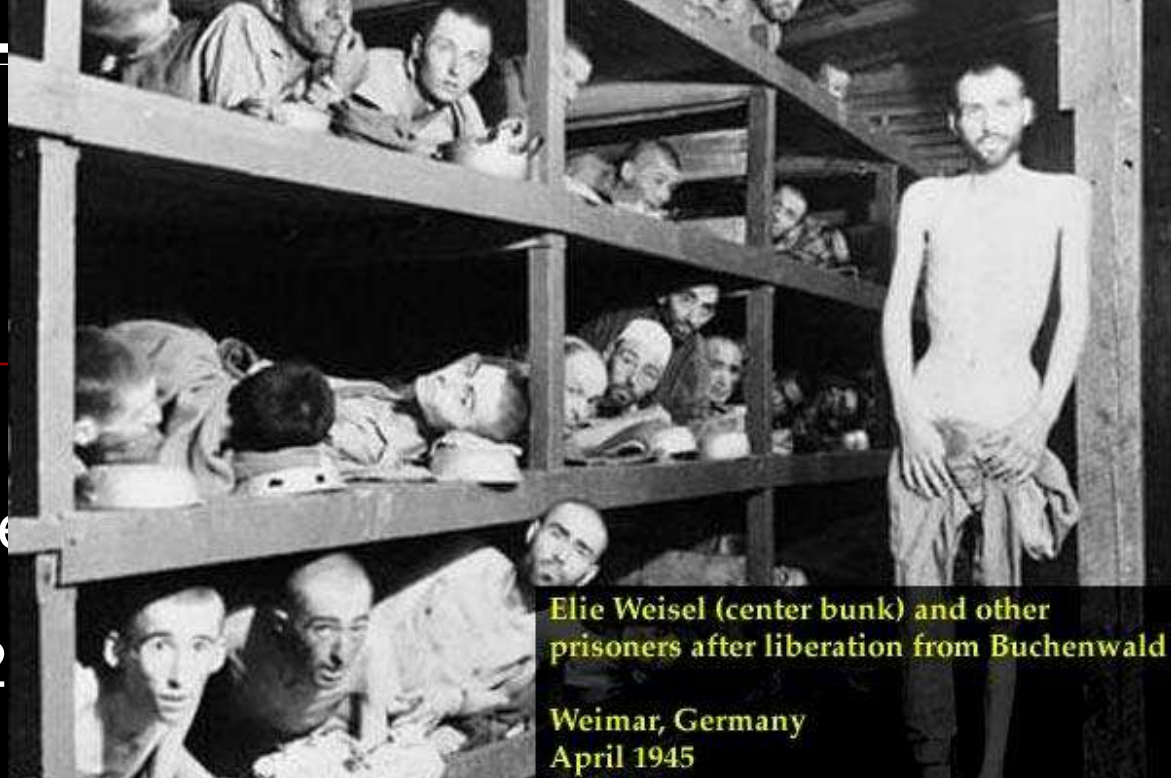
The Nazis made souvenirs out of the bodies of their victims. From left to right, human organs, shrunken heads, tanned and stretched tattoos, and a lamp made of human skin

Buchenwald Concentration Camp
Weimar, Germany
April 1945



1944-1945: Liberation

- Approximately 300k Jews left alive
- Jan 27, 1945 - Soviet troops liberate Auschwitz. By this time, an estimated 2 million persons, including 1.5 mil Jews, had been murdered there.
- April 29, 1945 - U.S. 7th Army liberates Dachau.



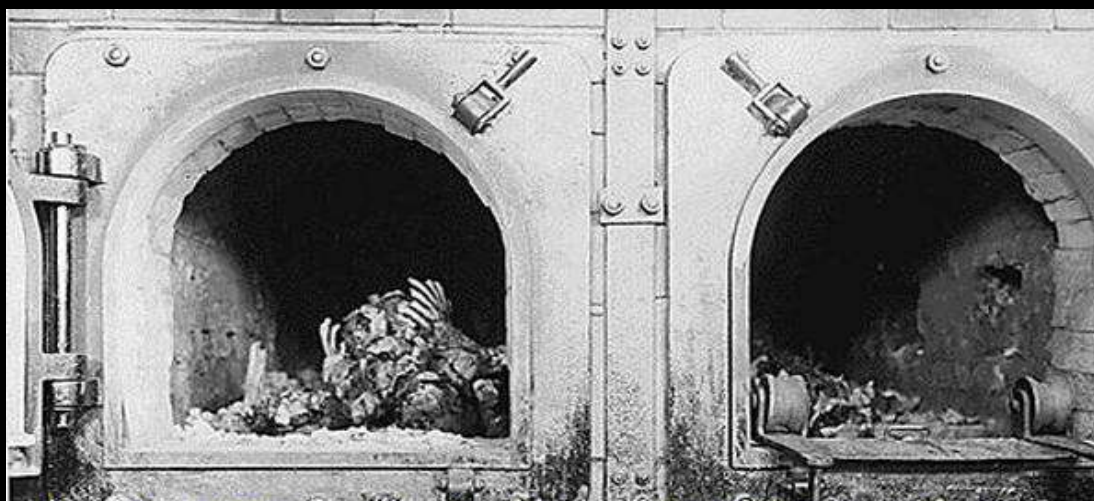
Elie Weisel (center bunk) and other prisoners after liberation from Buchenwald

Weimar, Germany
April 1945



Inmates, Dachau





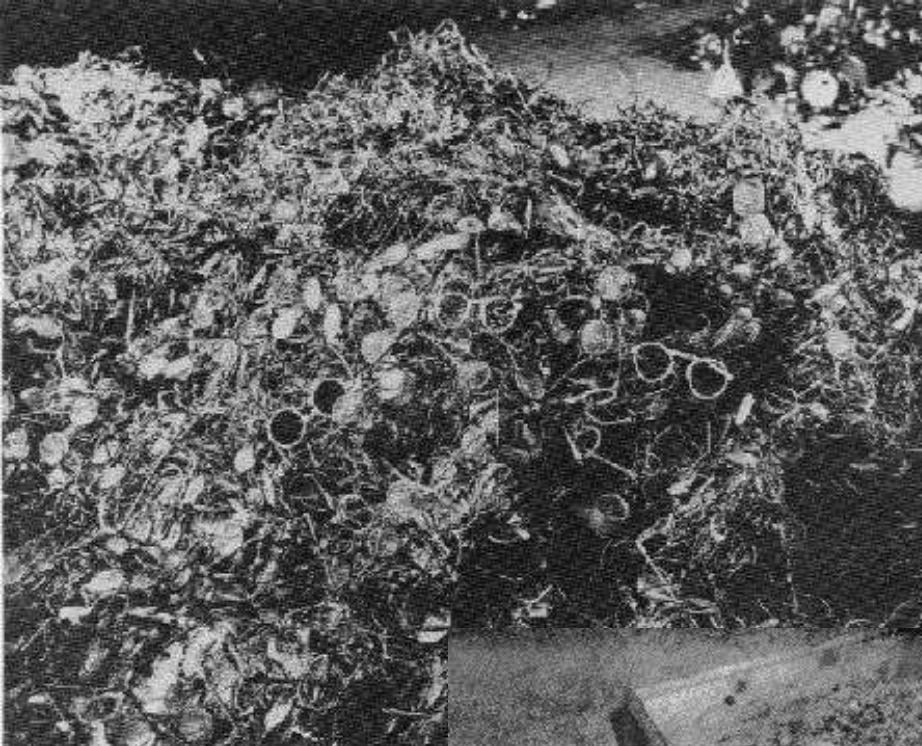
These charred bodies were found by US troops of the 80th Division in the furnace

Buchenwald Concentration Camp
Jena, Germany
April 16, 1945

A few of the thousands of wedding rings the Germans removed from their victims to salvage the gold. U.S. troops found rings, watches, precious stones, eyeglasses, and gold fillings

Buchenwald Concentration Camp
Weimar, Germany
May 5, 1945





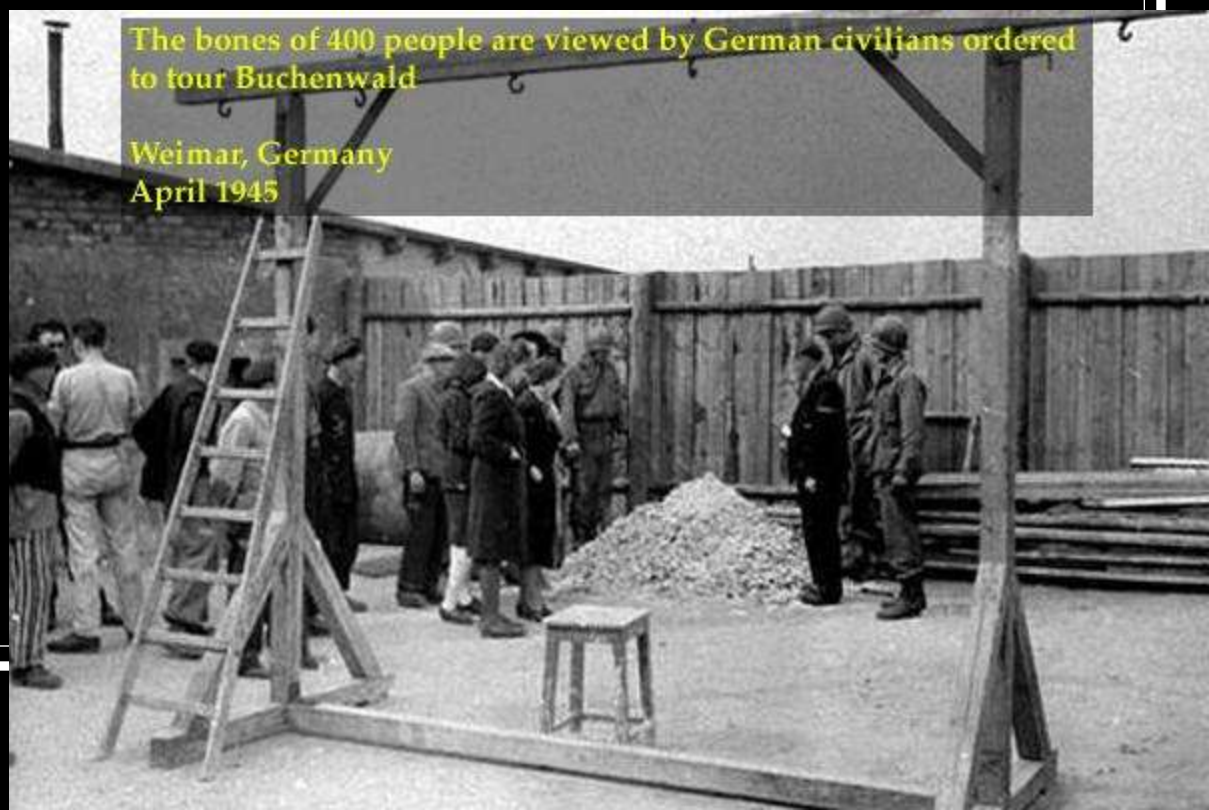


These Russian, Polish, and Dutch slave laborers averaged 160 pounds each prior to entering camp 11 months ago. Their average weight is now 70 pounds

Buchenwald concentration camp
Weimar, Germany
April 16, 1945

The bones of 400 people are viewed by German civilians ordered to tour Buchenwald

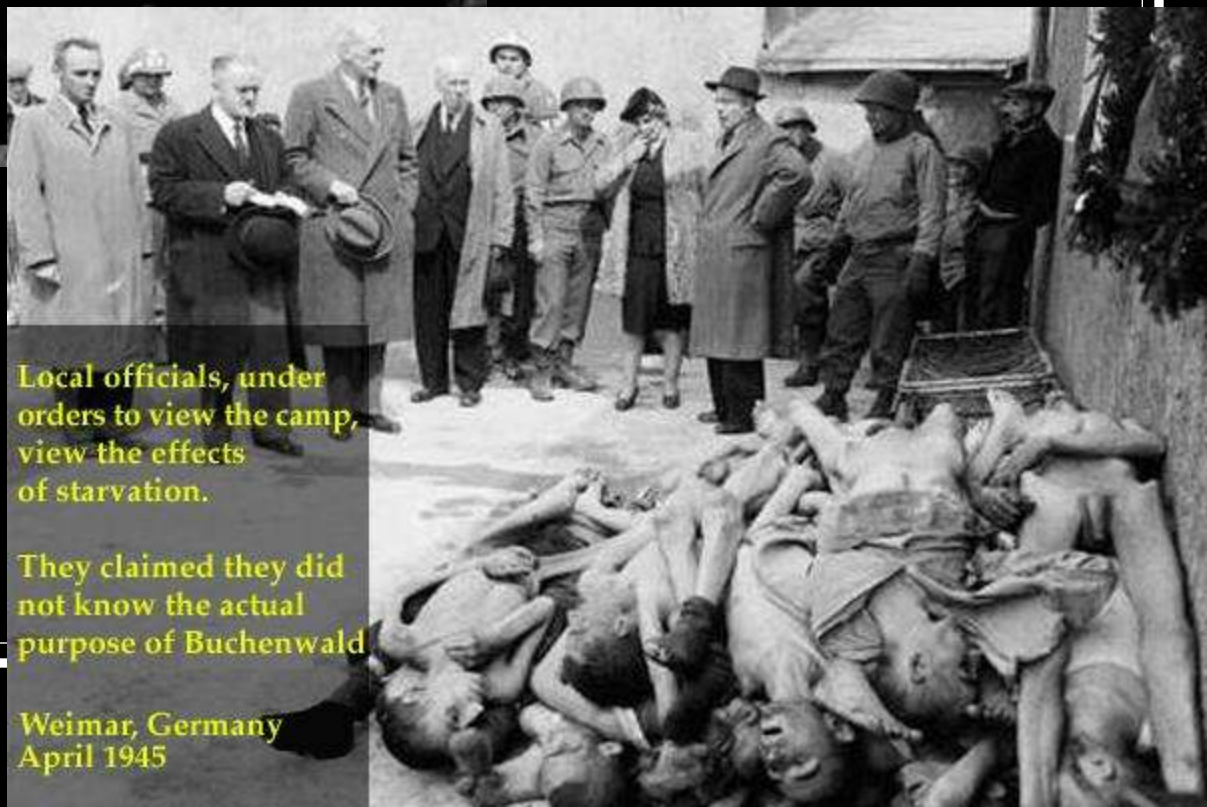
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Shock, anger, denial and indifference are evident on the faces of German women forced to witness the camp by US officials

Buchenwald Concentration Camp
Weimar, Germany
April 1945



Local officials, under orders to view the camp, view the effects of starvation.

They claimed they did not know the actual purpose of Buchenwald

Weimar, Germany
April 1945

The Nuremberg Trials

- After the concentration camps were liberated by the Allies, and the war in Europe ended, Nazis were rounded up and put on trial.
- Hundreds were found guilty and sentenced to death or life in prison.
- Still, thousands more escaped and fled into hiding. Nazi war criminals are still being discovered to this day.

How could this happen?

- The Holocaust happened less than 70 years ago. Many of those who survived, as well as the perpetrators, are still alive today
- Despite all the evidence, there are those who deny that the Holocaust even happened.
- Knowledge of the Holocaust did not bring an end to genocide... mass killings based on religion, ethnicity, and race are still occurring in the world today.