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The Holocaust and Revisionist History

To begin with, it is important to dwell upon such a notion as holocaust denial. It is an attempt to negate the fact that Nazis specifically instigated the genocide of Jewish people. The main reasons why so many people deny the Holocaust of the Jews are as follows:

- to undermine the legitimacy of Israel as a country
- to reduce public sympathy for Jewish people
- to draw more attention to other issues
- to plant seeds that will result in people believing that Holocaust never happened.

Revisionists are Holocaust deniers. They claim they are authentic scholars, which helps them convince some people that their theories are true. However, what they do is manipulate the facts in order to prove their ideological point of view. As a result of that, it becomes obvious that they are trying to hide their anti-Semitic position under the idea of presenting “true” history (Lloyd Sealy Library).

In case you come across a resource the author of which denies the genocide of Jewish people, ask yourself a couple of questions:

- ➔ Is the source credible?
- ➔ Does it reveal a particular ideology?
- ➔ Are there enough facts to support the claim?
- ➔ Does the claim have anything to do with the generally accepted history of the genocide?

→ Is the author trying to convince you to believe a certain ideology?

Even though the Holocaust is one of the most well-documented historical events of all times, there is still a lot of hatred towards the Jews, which is the primary reason why so many people are focused on convincing others that the genocide of the Jews never happened. In fact, revisionists try to spread the idea that Jewish people have invented this genocide in order to advance their interests in the world. Thus, a lot of people speculate that Jews have a desire to dominate the world and create tons of conspiracies which, of course, are not based on any facts.

Taking everything into consideration, revisionists are still trying to deny the genocide of the Jews even though there is lots of evidence that supports the fact that the Holocaust happened. When it comes to defining whether making such claims about the Holocaust is illegal or not, the right to free speech is provided to every citizen of the United States of America, which means that engaging in making such accusations is not illegal unless there is an imminent threat or demonstration of violence (Butz 1991). Speaking about Europe, the Holocaust occurred there, which is the reason why there are laws according to which a person denying it or demonstrating hate speech can get punished for doing so. Thus, it becomes clear why it is important to create a global legal framework according to which it will become possible to punish those deny the genocide of the Jews.

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