

ANTISEMITISM

Antisemitism is a term coined in 1879, but acts of antisemitism were around long before that. The term 'antisemitism' should be spelled without a hyphen, as a hyphen symbolically distorts the meaning of the word antisemitic. This is because antisemitism is not the hatred of Semitism; it is the hatred of Jews



Terminology

Antisemitism: Term used to describe the discrimination, past and present, of Jewish people.

Holocaust: Genocide of European Jews during World War II

Racial Prejudice: Prejudice against other people based on their race or ethnicity.

Race: A socially constructed idea and an intrinsically empty concept.



CHRISTIANITY & ANTISEMITISM

-Jews, as a whole group, were blamed for the death of Jesus Christ.

-This is **NOT** true.

-Antisemitism began with discrimination and hatred from the Church.

-Judaism is the foundation of Christianity.

-Jesus Christ, along with his disciples were Jewish

-The Holocaust most likely wouldn't have taken place if not for latent Christian Antisemitism and hatred.

(Jacoby, 2008)

THE HOLOCAUST

-Genocide of European Jews in the 20th Century.

-**6,000,000 Jews were murdered** during WWII (approximately).

-The Holocaust was an extreme expression of antisemitism and ethnic hatred against the Jews.

-Many lessons can be learned through the Holocaust

-The Holocaust is modern

-The attempts to ignore this overlooks how the Holocaust is linked to the attacks on Judaism still happening today.

-The ethnic hatred and antisemitism that took place during WWII are not limited to this one event

-The Holocaust is not solely a German affair, it's a global affair.

(Bauman, 2001)

Timeline of Major Events



prior to
1876

Long history of antisemitism prior to 1876. Christians blamed Jews for the death of Jesus Christ

1876

Term 'Antisemitism' is coined by Wilhelm Marr

**1930/
1940's**

Antisemitism on the rise in Germany. Nazi Policies take rights away from Jews.

1933

Canadian fascist groups are on the rise.

**1933-
1945**

Canada takes in a very low number of Jewish refugees. Approximately 5000 were taken in, turning away thousands.

1965

Pope declares that the Jewish people were not to blame for the death of Christ.

1993

Pope issues an apology to the Jewish people for the involvement of Catholics in the slave trade.

1998

Pope issues an apology to the Jewish people for the lack of activity and the silence of Catholics during the Holocaust.

(Jacoby, 2008) (Hill Fletcher, 2017)

RACE IS A SOCIAL CONSTRUCT

-Jews were distinguished by their facial construct, specifically their nose.

-These features were used to demonize and discriminate against them.

-Jewish people were rejected due to their physical appearance.

-Which feature it was that ostracized them changed throughout history.

-Antisemitism really shows how race is a social construct.

-Many Jews are white-skinned, in spite of once being seen as dark-skinned.

-'Whiteness' is used to separate who is and who isn't considered powerful in our society even though it shouldn't be.

(Gilman, 1991) (Jacobsen, 1999)

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