UCSB Hist 133D 2010, L 2: Causes of Genocide

• Roll call & Enrollment questions
• course websites: Prof’s & GauchoSpace
  1. Survey & Defining genocide
  2. What was/is "the Holocaust"?
  3. Causality in history: a model
  4. Jews as a/the target group

Intro Survey

• What is genocide?
  Define it and name some examples
  (quick: 3 things that come to your mind)
• What is "the Holocaust"?
  – Define it and list some images that come to mind
  – Name some people, places, events (3 each)
• What do you want to learn in this course?
  – Questions, keywords
  (I’ll send a link to a survey that I’d like you to fill out)

Defining Genocide

• What do you need to define it?
  – Who: agents and objects
  – What: an act or actions (size?)
  – When: dates
  – Where: location
  – Why: reasons, causes, motivations
  – Significance / use of definition?

Genocide Definitions I

• American Heritage Dictionary: “The systematic, planned annihilation of a racial, political or cultural group.”
• USHMM: “violent crimes committed against groups with the intent to destroy the existence of the group.”
• Wikipedia: “the deliberate and systematic destruction, in whole or in part, of an ethnic, racial, religious, or national group.”

Genocide Definition: UN

1948 UN CPPCG: “any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious [or political] group, as such:
  (a) Killing members of the group;
  (b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;
  (c) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life, calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;
  (d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;
  (e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.”

Defining Holocaust

• Who
• What
• When
• Where
• Why
Images
Holocaust: Definitions

• **USHMM**: “The Holocaust was the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of approximately six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators.”

• **Wikipedia**: “…the term generally used to describe the genocide of approximately six million European Jews during World War II, a program of systematic state-sponsored extermination by Nazi Germany.”

• **Landau**, 3: “The Holocaust involved the deliberate, systematic murder of approximately 6 million Jews in Nazi-dominated Europe between 1941 and 1945.”

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Genocide on google images

Armenia (Winds of Jihad blog)

Armenia (warcrimes.info)

Rwanda (scrapetv.com)

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Holocaust on google images, 1/2010

Liberation of Buchenwald (also 2008)

Individual murder (also 2008)

romanroots webs.com

Mass Grave (Belsen?)
(new photo, same place)

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Auschwitz on google images, 1/2010

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Jews (as a/the target group)

• Definition / criteria (Landau p. 26):
  – Religious group (monotheism, ch. 2)
  – Racial group: “Hist. & biolog. nonsense”
  – Nation (vs. citizenship: French rev.)
  – Cultural group: “having a sense of continuity with the Jewish past.”