UCSB Hist 133D 2010, L 4:
The Armenian Genocide, 1915-1918

- Enrollment; textbooks; Fritzsche; (survey)
- 1. Namibia conclusion & photos
- 2. Context: The Ottoman Empire
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Ottoman Empire

- 1299 – 1923/24: 600 years
- 1520-1566: Suleyman the Magnificent
- 1699- : lost to Austria, Egypt, Algeria
- 1789-1807: Selim III's military reform
- Janissary revolt; Serb & Greek uprisings
- 1876: Young Ottoman constitution
- 1877-78: Russo-Turkish War; Treaty of Berlin
- 1895-6: Hamidian massacres, 1-300,000 Arm.
- 1908, July: Young Turk coup; 1909, Apr.: counter-coup
- 1911 & 1913: Balkan wars

Punch, June 17, 1876: Russia ready to unleash Balkan "dogs of war" on Ottoman Empire.
John Bull: "Take care my man! It might be awkward if you let 'em loose!"

Contemporary French cartoon: '(Sultan) Abdul Hamid II, Butcher First Class'

Minister of War Enver Pasha (1881-1922)

- 1908 Military leader
- 1911 vs. Italy in Libya
- 1914: "3 Pashas" rule

Timeline 1914

- Feb.: Ittihadists declare boycott of A. businesses
- Aug.: Germany declares war; Turkey concludes secret treaty
- Sept: Turkey revokes rights of Europeans
- 11: Armenian Nat'l Assembly: Stay Calm
- Oct: Looting; arrest of Armenian notables
- Nov. 2: Russia declares war on Turkey
- 18: Jihad proclamation read
- 19: mass executions of Armenian soldiers
- Dec.: Lootings,lynchings, forced labor
**Timeline 1915**

- **Jan.:** Execution of all soldiers in Van prov.
- **Mar. 3:** Ittihad Cen'l Cmte orders extermination. Mass arrests begin
  12: Enver leaves for Berlin to meet Kaiser
  30: mass deportations from Zeitun begin
  \(\rightarrow\) war is going poorly for Turks
- **Apr. 15:** Refugees tell Van of massacres
  80 villages obliterated, 20,000 dead: 3 days
  17-May 23: Van holds out till Russians come
  20: Deportation of 25,000 from Zeitun complete
  24: 250 Armenian intell.s in Const. arrested
- **May:** 3,000 British & French arrested in Const.

**1915 Deportation Routes**

- **Apr. 1915:** armed Armenian forces hold out at Van

**Timeline 1915**

- **May 2:** 3,000 British & French arrested in Const.
  9: Lord Grey to Enver: personally responsible
  27: Promulgation of "Temp. Law of Deportation"
- **June 13:** Kemakh massacre of 25,000
- **July:** murders of laboring Armenian soldiers
- **Aug. 1:** 20,000 refugees arrive in Aleppo
  3: 15,000 arrive in Der el-Zor, 60,000 Aleppo
  3: circular telegram in response to German warnings: no attacks on highways
  7: Gov't requests list of seized Arm. properties