

# Genocide & The Holocaust

# The Holocaust

Hitler and the Nazi Party  
blamed the Jews for  
Germany's problems

By the end of WWII, about 6  
millions Jews were killed

- Genocide



**What does genocide  
mean?**

# genocide

geno-, gen-  
Race, line of  
descent,

-cide

Act of killing

The deliberate killing of a large group of people, especially a particular ethnic or racial group

## Gen-/Geno

- genocide
- generation
- genesis

## -cide

- suicide
- homicide
- patricide
- matricide
- fratricide
- sororicide
- infanticide
- regicide

**What does massacre  
mean?**

# massacre

An indiscriminate and brutal slaughter of  
people

**What is the difference  
between the two?**



# Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (1948 through United Nations)

Article 2 of the convention defines genocide as  
...any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:

(a) Killing members of the group;

(b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;

(cont.)

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(cont.)

(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.

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# Armenia

(minutes 2:35 -7:45)

<https://www.facinghistory.org/books-borrowing/armenian-genocide>

- Who are the Armenian people?
- What is the Ottoman Empire? Who are the Turks?
- What rights did Armenians have when they lived as subjects of the Ottoman Empire?
- What happened when Armenians began demanding more rights?



# Armenian Massacre or Genocide?

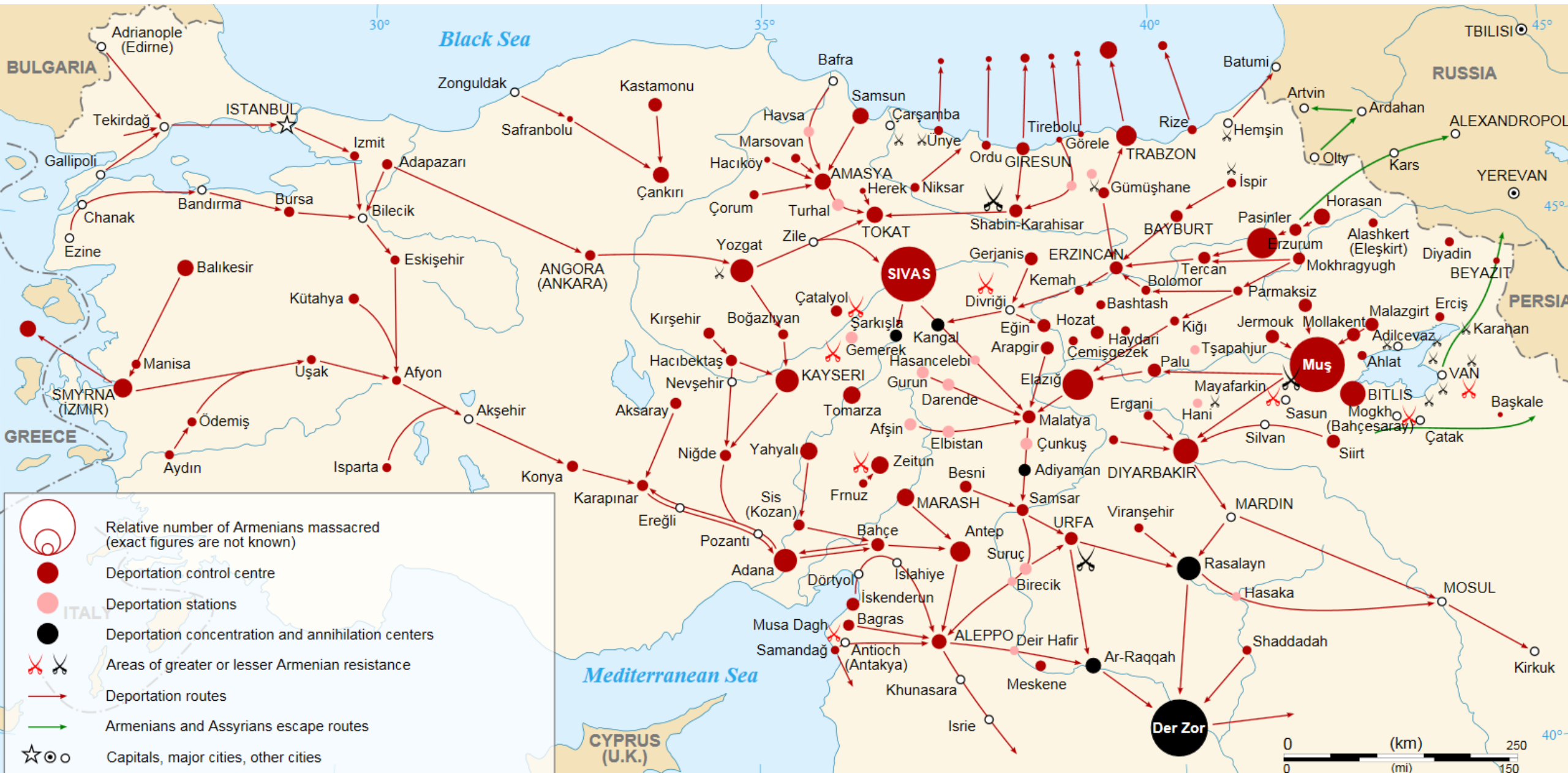
Read pg. 365 in textbook

- Based on the book, what happened?
- 2.5 million Armenians demanded freedom
- Turkish group killed tens of thousands of Armenians
- Deported 2 million Armenians
- 600,000 died from starvation or were killed
- Does it use the word “massacre” or “genocide?”





- Ottoman Empire passed a law in 1915, deporting and relocating Armenians in the empire
- Killed able-bodied males through various means
  - Drowning
  - Burning
  - Death marches to the Syrian desert
  - Poison
  - Concentration camps/Forced labor camps
- Deported women, children, elderly, etc.
  - Death marches
- Deaths: 800,000 – 1.5 million (1915 – 1917)







## ***TURKISH STATESMAN DENOUNCES ATROCITIES***

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***Cherif Pasha Says Young Turks  
Long Planned to Extermi-  
nate the Armenians.***

# MILLION ARMENIANS KILLED OR IN EXILE

American Committee on Relief  
Says Victims of Turks Are  
Steadily Increasing.

## POLICY OF EXTERMINATION

More Atrocities Detailed In Support  
of Charge That Turkey Is  
Acting Deliberately.



**"THEY SHALL NOT PERISH"**

CAMPAIGN for \$30,000,000

AMERICAN COMMITTEE  
FOR RELIEF IN THE NEAR EAST

ARMENIA - GREECE - SYRIA - PERSIA







What happened in the Ottoman Empire  
is it a massacre or a genocide?

## Journal Activity:

Turkey, successor state/country to Ottoman Empire, denies using the word, “genocide.”

Why do you think Turkey and the textbook choose to use the word “massacre” or “killing” instead of “genocide?”

We know genocide is a bad thing.  
Does it still happen?

Why does it still happen?

**Who is responsible for protecting  
minorities when they are  
mistreated?**



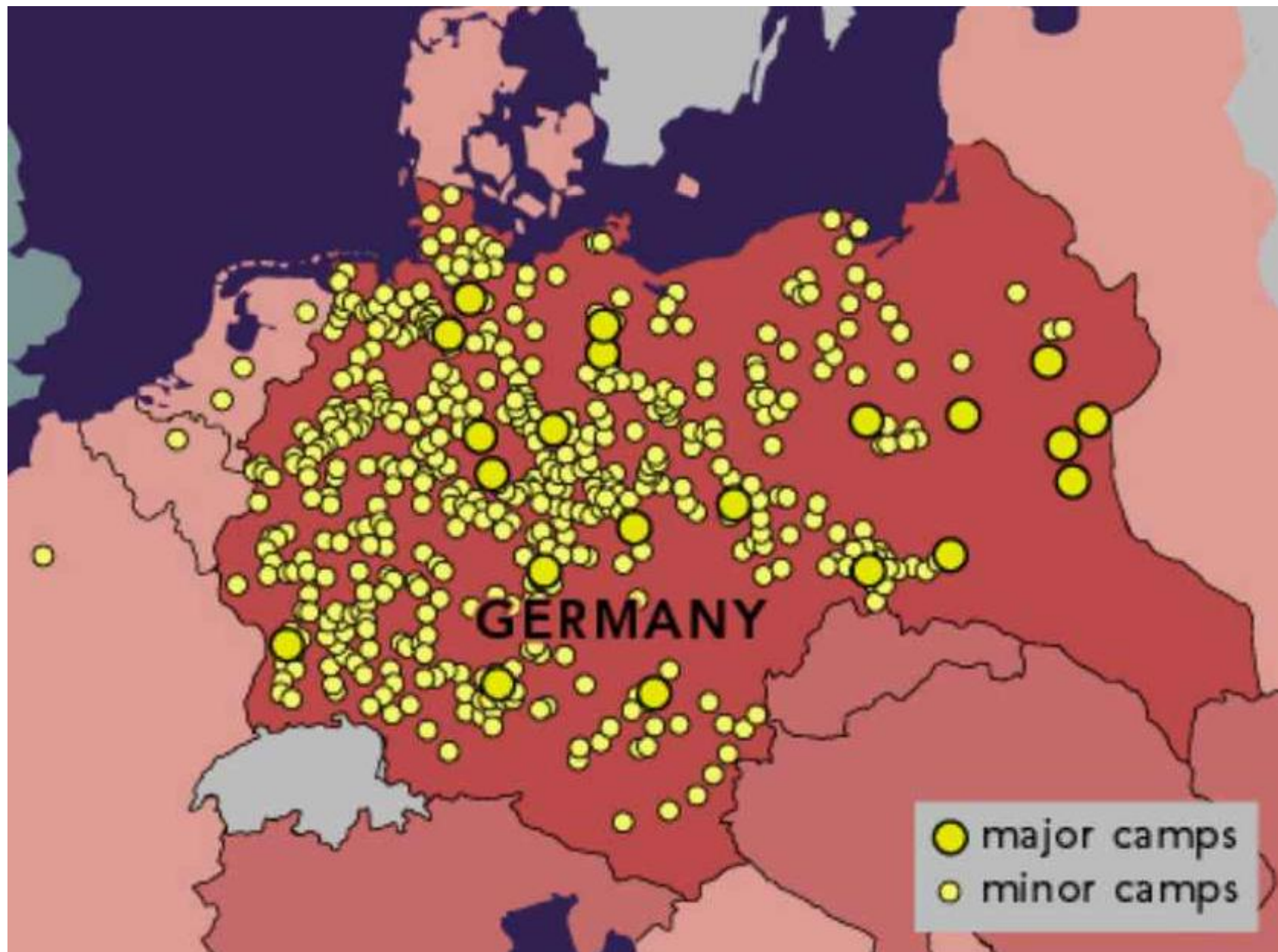
# The Holocaust

Starting 1939, Jews forced to live in **ghettos**, a part of a city where a particular minority group lives, before moving them to **concentration camps**, forced-labor camps

- About 20,000 camps established!
- Maybe even 40,000 camps!



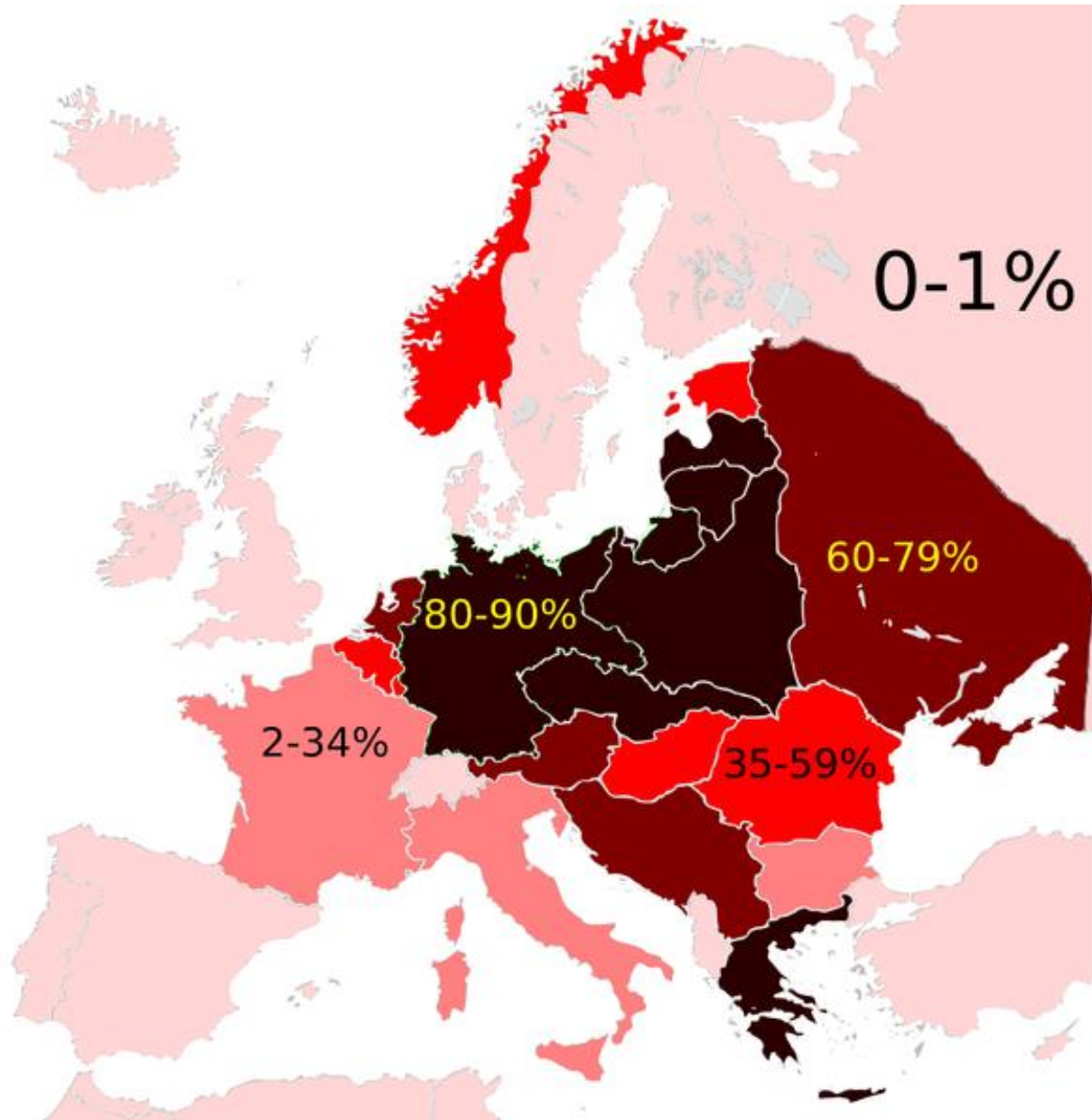












# Final Solution

Starting in 1942, Hitler initiated the “**Final Solution**”

- Systematically exterminating Jews in German-occupied Europe
- Many concentration camps converted to **extermination camps** or **death camps**
  - Gassing











# Nazi Human Experimentation

Many camps carried out medical experiments on involuntary prisoners, including children

- Freezing experiments
- “Curing” homosexuality
- Body transplants
- Poison
- Twins



Josef Mengele

Physician and SS officer at  
Auschwitz



**Who is responsible for protecting  
minorities when they are  
mistreated?**

- ✔ Were the German people as a whole guilty for the Holocaust, or just those actively supporting the Nazis?
- ✔ If someone does nothing to stop a crime, is he guilty of a crime himself?
- ✔ Can someone who commits war crimes or crimes against humanity be forgiven by claiming he was just following orders?

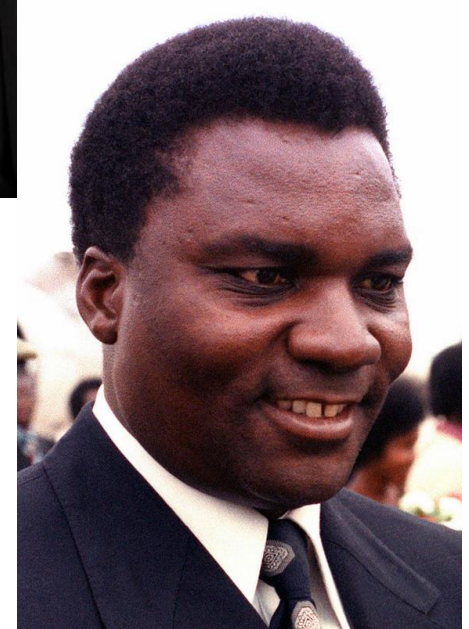
What is another genocide we learned about?



# Rwandan Genocide

- Three major ethnic groups: Tutsi, Hutu, Twa
  - Made Tutsi administrators because they looked more Caucasian – more racially superior
  - 1935, identity cards were issued
- Gained independence in 1962 after revolution
- Ethnic tensions remained high and Hutu “took revenge” in 1994 → 500,000 to 1 million people died in about 100 days
  - Known as the Rwandan Genocide
  - Most of the world did nothing to stop it

That’s about 12% to 25% of LA’s population



**Do we, as human beings,  
have a duty to stop  
atrocities, such as  
genocides?**

# Genocides in the 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Century

## Armenian Genocide (1915 - 1917)

800,000 – 1.5 million deaths

Ottoman Empire against Armenians

## Cambodian Genocide (1975 – 1979)

1.7 – 3 million deaths

Cambodian dictatorship (Pol Pot) against political dissidents and minority groups

## The Holocaust (1933 – 1945)

About 6 million deaths

Nazi Party against Jews

## Rwandan Genocide (1994)

500,000 – 1 million deaths

Hutu group against Tutsi group

# Genocides in the 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Century

## Bosnian War (1992 - 1995)

8,000 deaths in Srebrenica

25,000 – 30,000 displaced

Serbian Bosnian army against Bosniaks

## Genocide of Yazidi (Iraq 2014)

At least 5,000 deaths

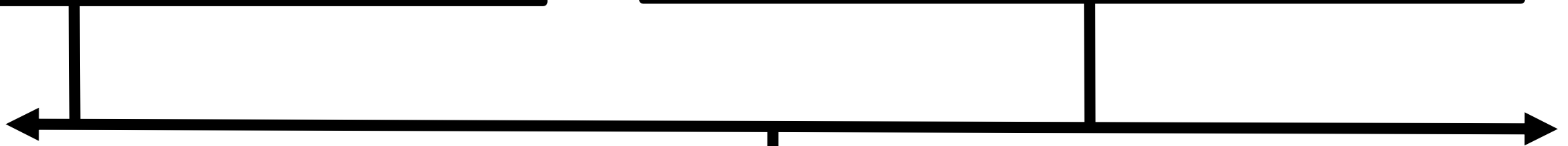
ISIL/ISIS against Yazidi minority group

## Darfur, Sudan (2003 to present)

300,000 deaths

Over 2 million displaced

Government against non-Arab groups



On your Post-It Note, come up with at least 10 things about you.

*Suggested categories:*

- Languages
- Activities
- Hobbies
- Favorite things
- Interests
- Religion
- Music
- Favorite Food
- Things you have done before
- Something else



**Regardless of differences, we are  
still human beings.**

**Communication and dialogue are  
key to mutual understanding.**

**Are there certain issues that everyone should take responsibility for? If so, what?**