

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Situation in U.S. today echoes the past in Germany



An unidentified boy raises his arms as German soldiers capture Polish Jews during the Warsaw ghetto uprising sometime between April 19 and May 16, 1943. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum via Wikimedia Commons

Philip Iversen, in his letter to the editor (Aug. 8), was perplexed at how the German people could become complicit in the barbaric actions of Adolph Hitler including the segregation and then slaughter of the Jewish people. Having lived in Germany for three years, I also wondered how such fine people could support Hitler. When I inquired I discovered that the process began with anti-Jewish propaganda.

The media subjected the German people to it continuously. The Jewish people were depicted as being totally without virtue, as despicable, unredeemable people. Hitler's Socialists encouraged the Germans to blame everything that was wrong in their lives on the Jewish people. The next stage in the process was to control the speech of the Germans.

The German people were only allowed to say what was politically correct.

They were not allowed to criticize the Socialist government. They were at first only shunned for breaching this speech restriction. After the Socialist government of Hitler gained more control, the punishments became more severe.

Hitler's Socialists even enlisted the youth to spy on their families. This spying created a sense of isolation for all who dared to oppose the group think of the Socialists. Essential for the success of the control of the German people by Hitler and his Socialist party was the propensity of the German people to trust their government. This continues to the present.

The German people tend to go along with whatever their government dictates without question. The present situation today in America does echo the past in Germany. Today in America, President Trump and his supporters are being depicted by the media and the Democrats as being despicable, unredeemable people: sexists, racists, homophobes, etc.

Trump and his supporters are blamed for mass shootings. Politically correct speech today in America does not allow the questioning of anything proposed by a minority person, including women (who are actually a majority) and homosexuals. To do so results in being labeled a racist, sexist or homophobe. Unfortunately, too many American's, like the Germans, are willing to believe without question all the propaganda delivered to them by the media and the Democrats.

Democracy dies in the dark.

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