

The Holocaust Historiography Project

Remarkable Nonsense about the Holocaust

'Auschwitz: Inside the Nazi State'

"Auschwitz is unique," explains series producer and writer Lawrence Rees. "It has a physical beginning in May 1940 and physical ending in January 1945, and is the site of the single largest mass murder in the history of humanity."

This gem comes from Laurence Rees, writer/producer of "[Auschwitz: Inside the Nazi State](#)". He even [repeats this sentiment](#) in an interview promoting his show:

Auschwitz is a physical place -- the site of the single largest mass murder in the history of humanity. More people died on that one single spot than the British and the Americans lost militarily in the course of the entire war. It is unique.

This type of hyperbole is all-too-common amongst Holocaust hucksters. But in only three words, "[Auschwitz is unique](#)," Rees not only makes an invidiously discounting reference to all the British and Americans who died fighting the Axis, he also attempts to propagate the falsehood that the imaginary Nazi gas chambers were at Auschwitz ("that one single spot"), when in fact, he is probably talking about Birkenau camp, where these magically efficient rooms are said to have existed.

Even if the number of those claimed to have been killed at Auschwitz/Birkenau is accurate, to say this is "unique" is to ignore and belittle the three million dead of the Kolyma camp system, the millions of Stalin's dead, the millions of victims of Mao, and those of the Cambodia Communist regime. In fact it "denies" part of the accepted Holocaust extermination myth, specifically that there were 800,000 to 1.2 million deaths at Treblinka.

Rees is making inaccurate claims to promote his television show, claims which ignore facts and demean non-Jews.

The PBS website for background about Rees' television show [claims](#) there was an "evolution" of killing ending with "massive gas chambers and crematoria."

By the early spring of 1943, four huge crematoria became fully operational at Auschwitz II (Birkenau). They housed eight gas chambers and forty-six ovens that could dispose of some 4,400 corpses per day.

This view, which was pushed at the International Military Tribunal after the war, has been totally discredited both by revisionist historians and by anti-revisionist historian Jean-Claude Pressac.

While you are at PBS' site, take a couple minutes to read the call for censorship at [Task of Justice & Danger of Holocaust Deniers](#). Also on this page, David Marwell (a hack from the Office of Special Investigations), who tries to justify an expensive and pointless witch hunt, is joined by fellow Holocaust hacks Doris Bergen and Deborah Lipstadt.

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