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Remarkable Nonsense about the Holocaust

'Bush equals Hitler' adds up to Holocaust denial

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We may be living in the worst period of Holocaust denial since the Nuremberg trials.[...]

In America today -- never mind Europe and the Middle East -- ostensibly sophisticated and enlightened people see nothing particularly controversial about comparing George Bush to Adolph Hitler and the United States of America to Nazi Germany.

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But no one seems willing to name this grotesquery plainly. **It is**, simply, **Holocaust denial** (not to mention slander against Bush and America).

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The Nazis murdered millions of men, women and children. Their victims weren't "collateral damage" in a war, and they were not executed after a long and fair trial. The Nazis sent their victims to gas chambers and ovens in boxcars. Nazi scientists injected dyes into the living eyes of small children to see if they could be made "Aryan." **They made soap out of people.**

[...]

My favorite example of this moral myopia comes from a few years ago. Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said of the Contract With America: "Hitler wasn't even talking about doing these things." And his colleague, Rep. Major Owens declared of the new Republican leadership in the House, "These are people who are practicing genocide with a smile; they're worse than Hitler."

If you believe such nonsense, just get it over with and say the Holocaust never happened at all. Because at least that form of Holocaust denial admits that if it "had happened," it would have been a really bad thing.[...]

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