

The Montreal Holocaust Museum's Statement About Dangerous Nazi Comparisons

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Since the onset of the pandemic, we have witnessed a disturbing increase of inaccurate, dangerous, and deplorable comparisons made between genocidal Nazi policies and contemporary government measures designed to keep people safe.

In a democracy, one reserves the right to be critical of policies, but it is unacceptable to trivialize the history of Holocaust while doing so.

The Nazis and their collaborators systematically dehumanized, persecuted, and murdered six million Jews during the Holocaust. In addition to committing genocide against the Jews, the Nazis committed genocide against the Roma and the Sinti. Other marginalized groups were also persecuted during this period: people with disabilities, homosexuals, Slavic people, Black people, political opponents, and Jehovah's Witnesses.

Trivializing Nazism encourages Holocaust distortion and denial, and risks minimizing the guilt and responsibility of genocidal perpetrators.

As an organization dedicated to honouring the memory of the six million and the legacies of the survivors, our role is to educate Canadians about the Holocaust and its human rights legacy. To better understand why these comparisons are wrong and to learn more about the Holocaust, read more about its history: https://museeholocauste.ca/en/history-holocaust/

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