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Whoopi's denial of Holocaust racism is anti-Semitic—and anti-Israel

Dear Friend of FLAME:

When Whoopi Goldberg last week proclaimed that the Holocaust was not a <u>racial assault on Jews</u>, she denied Jewish peoplehood—managing not only to express anti-Semitism, but also to lend support to haters of Israel.

Whoopi said on ABC's influential *The View*, "The Holocaust isn't about race. It's about man's inhumanity to man."

After a tepid apology on Twitter for the outrage her comment unleashed, she appeared on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert to say, "Most of the Nazis were white people and most of the people they were attacking were white people. How can you say it's about race if you are fighting each other? This wasn't racial. This was about white on white."

Goldberg's ignorance and superficiality are mind-boggling. Just like today's woke intersectionalists, she believes Jews are indistinguishable from "white" people—despite the fact that Jews are somehow the single most likely victims of hate-crimes in the U.S.

To Adolf Hitler, it was *all* about race—defending the purity of his German *Volk* (pure-blooded German Aryans) from contamination by "Jewish vermin."

The first steps leading to the Holocaust were the 1935 <u>Nuremberg Laws</u>. That legislation codified the exclusion of Jews from most aspects of public life in Nazi Germany, including marriages or sexual relationships between Jews and the German *Volk*.

One irony of Goldberg's ignorance is that the Nazis used the anti-Black <u>Jim</u> <u>Crow laws</u> in the south of the United States as a model for the text of the Nuremberg Laws.

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Heinrich Krieger, the most important Nazi scholar of American law, admired

that—despite America's stated "commitment to equality"—so many states had cleverly passed racial laws against minorities. Thus did the legal underpinnings of the Holocaust rely on <u>America's own racist laws</u> targeting its African-American population.

Herbert Kier, a leading light of German academia, wrote in the 1934 *National Socialist Handbook for Law and Legislation*, that America was "liberal and democratic," but Kier was happily surprised at "how extensive race legislation is in the USA." He delighted in carefully worded laws that "forbid mixed marriages between white and colored races" that precisely defined what constituted "colored." And he was favorably impressed that, in America, races were segregated "even in prisons," using detailed genealogical charts to classify multi-racial individuals.

Goldberg's ludicrous position on racism and the Holocaust is much indebted to the nature of our times, where racism has been simplistically vectored into a context of "white privilege."

"As a black person, I think of race as being something that I can see. So I see you and I know what race you are," she said.

Despite this parodic observation that all white people look alike, anyone with normal vision can visually differentiate most Icelanders from Arabs, and Swedes from Sicilians. For centuries, racist anti-Semites have managed to discern Jews with stunning ease—and Nazis were especially adept at it.

Ironically, Goldberg would no doubt be baffled trying to use her primitive standard to pick out the Jews in Israel, where more than half are brown-skinned, with roots in Africa and the Middle East—and where 20% of the population is Arab and similarly brown-skinned.

Yet Goldberg's ignorant denial of Jewish peoplehood poses a deeper, more troubling problem: If Jews are just another group of white folks, what does that mean about the Jewish homeland, Israel? Rather than an indigenous people reclaiming their ancestral homeland, Israelis can be characterized as undifferentiated white European colonists stealing land from Arabs.

Jewish peoplehood originated in the Middle East and is defined by its remarkable combination of history, culture, values, language, and religion, developed over many millennia and in many places. Today, it again finds its national expression in Israel.

Ultimately, the German doctrine of *Volk* and the American idea of "Race" are pseudo-scientific mumbo-jumbo. This bankruptcy of the language of race was accidentally clarified by Anti-Defamation League (ADL) CEO, <u>Jonathan</u> Greenblatt.

Greenblatt, of course, condemned Goldberg. But he attacked from a <u>pathetic</u> position of weakness.

The definition of racism on the ADI's progressive website? "The

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marginalization and/or oppression of people of color based on a socially

constructed racial hierarchy that <u>privileges white people</u>."

It seems that, using its own politically correct language, the ADL—siding with Whoopi—would absolve even the most committed Nazis of "racism," since they targeted mostly white Jews!

Embarrassed, the ADL, in <u>Orwellian fashion</u>, has ditched its definition of racism into the memory-hole, replacing it online with one that would indeed identify Hitler as a racist.

Please point out to friends, family, colleagues and your elected representatives that Whoopi Goldberg's denial of the anti-Semitic horror of the Holocaust ignores the Nazi regime's own stated racist motives, and desecrates its victims.

Emphasize that Whoopi's dismissal of the Holocaust as "white-on-white inhumanity" ignores Jews' rich and singular history as a people—and as a group that has now <u>rightfully reclaimed its ancestral homeland</u>.

I hope you'll also take a minute, while you have this material front and center, to forward this message to friends, visit FLAME's lively Facebook page and review the P.S. immediately below. It describes FLAME's new *hasbarah* campaign —which exposes "The Israel Genocide Slander." and the anti-Semites who make this false accusation.

Best regards,

Ken Cohen

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P.S. Whoopi Goldberg's comments recently about the Holocaust underscored perhaps the greatest "public relations" problem Israel faces: Lies, slander and misinformation. One of the greatest of these falsehoods is the accusation of genocide against the Jewish state. Last May, actor Mark Ruffalo tweeted that Israel commits genocide. A college student in a public forum told Vice President Harris that Israel commits "ethnic genocide." I think you'll agree that the only antidote to these lies is the truth. To clarify the outrageous accusation of genocide by Israel, FLAME has created a new hasbarah message called "The Israel Genocide Slander." I hope you'll review this convincing, factbased paid editorial, which is slated to run soon in the New York Times, Washington Post, New York Post, Chicago Tribune, Houston Chronicle, Orlando Sentinel and other media nationwide. It spells out why the State of Israel does not and has never committed genocide and why accusers should be branded anti-Semites. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, Vice President Harris and President Biden. If you agree that this kind of public relations effort on Israel's behalf is critical, I urge you to support us. Remember: FLAME's powerful ability to influence public opinion—and U.S. support of Israel —comes from individuals like you, one by one. I hope you'll consider

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