

WHOOPI GOLDBERG IS INNOCENT — BUT SOME OF HER CRITICS ARE SHAMELESS HYPOCRITES

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Award-winning actress/comedian/author Whoopi Goldberg, co-host of ABC-TV's *The View*, has been suspended for two weeks for a minor, though understandable, slip-up (Monday, January 31) regarding the Holocaust.

Meanwhile, some of her Jewish accusers have been guilty of far worse — including genocide denial/diminishment — although mainstream corporate media have rarely reported that fact.

Born Caryn Elaine Johnson in NY City in 1955 to Black parents, Goldberg has no Jewish ancestors but merely *feels* Jewish. She invented her name.

While *The View* was discussing the Holocaust, Goldberg interjected that *it wasn't about "race" since both Germans and Jews were "White."* It was "about man's inhumanity to man."

Co-host Joy Behar — an Italian Catholic with two Jewish husbands and a Hadassah Woman of the Year award — [justifiably disagreed](#): Nazis considered Jews a "different race." Added co-host Ana Navarro, the Holocaust was "White supremacy ... going after Jews."

American Jews and non-Jews, plus organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and American Jewish Committee (AJC), swiftly, and sometimes harshly, criticized Goldberg. Some want her [fired](#).

Goldberg Acknowledges and Apologizes

On Stephen Colbert's *Late Show* on Monday (taped in the *daytime*), Goldberg [explained](#) herself. "Being Black ... race a very different thing to me so ... I thought the Holocaust wasn't about race."

Indeed, like Goldberg, mainstream media discourse and most Americans see race as mainly about skin color: Blacks and Whites. Think of Black Lives Matter.

Similarly, most Americans regard Jews as a religious or ethnic group (and White) and Germans as a White ethnic group.

Thus, Goldberg's reasoning was understandable, even if historically incomplete.

On the freewheeling *The View*, is the liberal, Black Goldberg obliged to know and explicate 1930s Hitlerian racial ideology?

After the Colbert *taping*, Goldberg tweeted that the Holocaust is about [both](#) "race" and "man's inhumanity to man ... The Jewish people ... have always had my support ... I'm sorry for the hurt I have caused."

On Tuesday's *The View*, she [again](#) acknowledged that the Holocaust "is indeed about race because Hitler and the Nazis considered Jews to be an inferior race ... I regret my comments."

Nevertheless, fellow Black and ABC News President Kimberly Godwin gave Whoopi a whippin': "Take time to reflect and learn ... The entire ABC News organization stands in solidarity with our Jewish colleagues, friends, family, and communities." Translation: You and I must yield to ABC's power hierarchy.

Who led the stampede against Goldberg? Jonathan Greenblatt (ADL's CEO/National Director) and David Harris (AJC's longtime CEO).

Holocaust Hypocrisy

Nazis saw Jews as an "inferior race," tweeted Greenblatt. "Holocaust distortion is dangerous." He also guested on Tuesday's (Feb. 1) The View.

Harris tweeted, "Goldberg absurdly claims the #Holocaust 'isn't about race'." Jews were considered a "subhuman race." "Please rethink & apologize."

Yet for decades the ADL and AJC colluded with [Turkey and Israel](#) to deny or diminish the Armenian Genocide [committed](#) by Turkey (1915-1923) and to defeat Congressional resolutions on that Genocide. No one disputes that.

[William Parsons](#), the [late](#) U.S. Holocaust Museum's Chief of Staff, personally told me that the ADL stealthily opposed Armenian Genocide recognition.

[Showdown Set in 'Genocide' Debate](#) by Rebecca Spence (Jewish Daily Forward, September 1, 2006) contains this damning boast:

Some Jewish groups claim credit for ensuring that such a resolution never passes.

Jewish advocacy groups, including the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, B'nai Brith and American Jewish Committee "have been working with the Turks on this issue" for more than 15 years, said Yola Habif Johnston, director for foundations and community outreach at Jinsa.

"The Jewish lobby has quite actively supported Turkey in their efforts to prevent the so-called Armenian genocide resolution from passing."

In early 2007, veteran Los Angeles Times writer [Mark Arax](#), an Armenian American, penned an article documenting the ADL's anti-Armenian policies.

However, Managing Editor Douglas Frantz decided that an Armenian couldn't be objective about the ADL. So he assigned the task to Jewish writer Richard Simon.

[Simon gutted](#) Arax's research and deleted [incriminating](#) statements by the ADL's then National Director Abe Foxman, including:

- "Was it genocide? It was wartime. Things get messy."

- "If helping Turkey helps Israel, then that's what we're in the business of doing."

Had Goldberg made analogous statements about the Holocaust, her career would now be over.

Imagine Armenian American organizations' fate had they opposed the scores — if not hundreds — of Holocaust legislative initiatives in America.

The Times later forced Arax out.

Inspired by Arax and others, I initiated a campaign in Massachusetts against the ADL in 2007.

Human rights activists, Armenian American organizations, and principled Jews later joined in. The campaign grew quickly. National and international media couldn't ignore it.

A diplomatic uproar between Turkey and Israel ensued.

In 2007-2008, a dozen Massachusetts cities and the umbrella Massachusetts Municipal Association [kicked out](#) the ADL's so-called No Place for Hate program.

They realized that the ADL was unfit to lecture anyone about civil/human rights.

The campaign [hasn't ended](#).

The AJC is Worse than the ADL

The AJC has been even more [hostile](#) to Armenians than has the ADL.

In the Turkish propaganda film *Blonde Bride*, AJC Strategic Affairs Director Barry Jacobs (now deceased) claimed that the Armenian massacres couldn't be genocide since the Holocaust was "unique."

On another occasion he crudely boasted that the AJC's stance on the Armenian Genocide was "B.S."

The AJC, said Jacobs, "will be Turkey's friends *officially* in Congress." And it was.

AJC board member/[superstar](#) Cheryl C. Kagan, a Maryland State Senator, said that an Armenian Genocide resolution was like [designating a state cat](#). And what happened to Armenians was "an alleged massacre."

Imagine if Whoopi Goldberg had uttered similar things about the Holocaust.

The AJC is also the greatest Jewish friend of the [utterly corrupt, dictatorial, culture-destroying, terrorist-supporting](#) regime of Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev.

In 2012, David Harris [proudly](#) accepted the tyrant's coveted "Order of Friendship" award in NY City. Read that sentence again.

Azerbaijan's "lobby in the U.S.," Aliyev has announced, "is the Jewish community."

One wonders if the AJC and Harris know about America's [EARA](#) (FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT).

And yet Harris dares to criticize Goldberg.

The AJC should remove “Defending democratic values for all” from its motto. The ADL slogan “to secure justice and fair treatment to all” is pathetic.

Only after many years of pressure did the ADL and AJC finally acknowledge (insincerely, no doubt) the Armenian Genocide. Many principled Jewish academicians, human rights advocates, organizations, and elected officials did so decades before.

The ADL and AJC have never apologized for their war on Christian Armenians. It's too late now. Contrast that with Goldberg's apologies to Jews.

Nor have they and similarly smug, genocide-denying/diminishing Jewish organizations opened their archives to expose the full details of their war on Armenians.

Jewish organizations say that Holocaust denial/diminishment is anti-Semitic and, consequently, “hate.” By analogizing the Armenian Genocide to the Holocaust, can we say that certain Jewish organizations are “hate groups”? I don't see why not.

In the meantime, the ADL, AJC, and similar organizations need to leave such blameless people as Whoopi Goldberg alone, stop intimidating others, and pray for redemption.

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Comments



Houry Ellezian - 2022-02-26 03:01:33

Good point. I am glad this article was written, because I watched the episode that day and although Whoopi apologized the next day, I was surprised at the punishment she got. I was thinking what about us? What would have we done if the subject was about Armenian genocide? I was indeed contemplating of writing to her and say; "Armenian genocide was also about race, moreover it is still denied by the perpetrators. Please state that in your show". The moment was right but we skipped it again. But it is never too late, we can send her this article, as a group.



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Ok, have you contacted Whoopi Goldberg with the information that you presented here? Why not talk about it on national TV, the newspapers and everywhere about the information presented here?