

MEDIA DOES NOT WANT YOU TO SEE

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"As far as we know, no such restrictions have ever been placed on sign holders at that event in prior years. We must also point out that, for unexplained reasons, no Armenian-American media that covered the event showed photos of, or reported, our banners or signs. We leave it to them to explain this gross omission to their readers. Are our media afraid of strong Armenian messages?

"We also brought signs that criticized specific Jewish-American groups, such as the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee. We are sure that many Armenians are aware that such groups (but certainly not all Jewish groups) have long denied or diminished the Genocide of Armenians and have worked, and continue to work, with Turkey to defeat Armenian Genocide resolutions in the U.S. Congress. We were not permitted to hold signs referring to these anti-Armenian groups. This can only be construed deliberate censorship of the truth.

"It seems that some Armenian-American organizations and their media are engaged in a gag policy, similar to Turkey's infamous Article 301, and actively promote US State Department TARC-like articles and news reports. Furthermore, it seems most of the editors of the Armenian-American media think "freedom of the press" means "freedom to keep people in the dark."

"Sincerely,

"A freelance Armenian American activist."

Some of the signs that were not permitted to hold:

Armenian Genocide Deniers:

Anti-Defamation League,

American Jewish Committee,

Jewish Institute Nat. Sec. Affairs

AIPAC

Hands-off Armenian Genocide Resolutions in the US Congress

Israel: There is still time to regain your moral compass.

Honor the Armenian Genocide

"Anti"-Defamation League proxy of the Genocidal Turkish Government

Abe Foxman: How do you like them Turks now?

Jewish-American Organization

Anti-Defamation League

Stop the Hate Crime!

Quit the Genocide Denial

Stop lobbying the US Congress Against Armenia and Armenians

Some of the signs that were held, but had no photos taken:

International Association of Genocide Scholars

"To deny the Armenian Genocide is like Holocaust denial"

Raphael Lemkin coined the term Genocide to describe
the Turkish annihilation of 1.5 million Armenians.

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