

SB664: The role of medicine and science played in the Holocaust and the Nuremberg Code

Dear Chairman Wagner and members of the Education Committee,

Being a Jew is to know the Holocaust intimately. It didn't just happen; the anti-Jew hysteria and hatred was whipped up throughout the 1930's through increasingly harsh edicts and anti-Semitic declarations. If you were a Jew, you couldn't be a doctor or work in a hospital; if you were a Jew you couldn't have a business; if you were a Jew you couldn't have a public education. If you were a Jew, the public was told that you are such a threat that you should be exterminated.

I want to remind the many sponsors of this legislation the prominent role that medicine and science played in the Holocaust.

There are current frightening parallels to that kind of hysteria being whipped up today about the 'unvaccinated,' best described in the words of Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel in the foreword of Annas and Grodin's *The Nazi Doctors and the Nuremberg Code*:

It is not only medicine and human experimentation which is called into question: The areas of scholarship, learning, education and culture must also be reexamined in the light of what happened. That doctors participated in the planning, execution and justification of the concentration camp massacres is bad enough, but it went beyond medicine. Like a cancer of immorality, it spread into every area of spiritual, cultural, intellectual endeavor. Thus, the meaning of what happened transcended its own immediate limits...I couldn't understand these men who had, after all, studied for 8,10,12 or 14 years in German universities, which then were the best on the Continent, if not in the world. Why did their education not shield them from evil? This question haunted me.

The Wannsee Conference was held January 20, 1942 for the purpose of "coordinating a Final Solution to the European Jewish Question." More than half of the 15 Nazis present held doctoral, (PhD) degrees. Adolph Eichman recorded the minutes.

As a Jew, I say never, never, never again. But it appears that the lesson is being lost, and many of us perceive real danger, as the hysteria whipped up in the media towards "anti-vaxxers" (which they are not, but instead are parents who've had kids damaged, family members and neighbors who've witnessed it too) Anti-vaxxers are the new Jews. Refuse to submit to vaccination? No public education. That's just the start of it. In the last decade the savage vitriol in the media directed towards these new-Jews has escalated to venomous levels: calls for parents to be hung, to be put in jail, to be killed, to have their children taken away, to be charged with child endangerment, calls to protective services if a parent doesn't vaccinate. It is all frighteningly reminiscent of the anti-Jew hatred in 1930's Germany.

Do you think I exaggerate? I know mothers who live in fear for themselves and their children of this industry push to force risky products into their kids. As one mother put it, "*I am not afraid of measles, I am afraid of hate.*"

I want to remind the many sponsors of this bill of their obligation to never again is the Nuremberg Code of Medical Ethics which enshrined the principle of informed consent so that something so horrific won't ever happen again. And Salem legislators seem willing if not eager to cast it aside. God Save Us!

Never again!

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