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The "Holodomor" is literally a Nazi antisemitic conspiracy theory later endorsed by the CIA during the Cold War and used to propagandize both Ukrainians and the American Public. It is morally wrong for the State of Oregon to perpetuate this antihistorical fascist lie intended to protect the real perpetrators of the real Jewish Holocaust by turning them into victims for the personal enrichment of the American Military Industrial Complex. As background, I formerly lived in Lviv/Lvov and Kiev, and I was present in 1999 at the dedication of the "Holodomor" national memorial in front of St. Sophia Cathedral, and I have studied this lie for over two decades. The best authority debunking the myth of the "Holodomor" is agricultural historian Mark Tauger of West Virginia University who conducted original research in the Soviet archives in the 90's.

Nobody doubts there was a very serious famine in the USSR in 1932/33, but there has never been any evidence of a deliberate famine - confirmed by the opening of the Soviet archives in the 1990's. The famine's cause was primarily environmental - the same global climate events that lead to the near-concurrent American dustbowl, and Ukraine was one of the lightest regions hit by famine - it was far worse in both Khazhakstan. The "Holodomor" was a fiction created by Ukranian Nazi collaborators at the direction of Nazi spymaster Rheinhardt Gehlen and picked up by American press magnate William Randolph Hearst, not exactly known for always telling the truth. The "Holodomor" gained new life in the 1980's with CIA-funded academic think tanks at Harvad. The claims that Stalin deliberately created a famine as an anti-Ukranian ethnic genocide are not supported by the evidence and are asserted by Ukranian nationalist sources backed by American intelligence for the purposes of ideological justification of Ukranian Nationalist's alliance with the Nazis and participation in the Jewish Holocaust, the genocide of Ukranian Poles (the Volhynian massacres of 1943/44), and the murder of Ukranian Jews, peasants, homosexuals, and communists after the war.

Prior to 1933, Russia and Ukraine had suffered serious famines from time to time for over a millennium including famines in 1917, 1918/20, 1920/21, 1924, and 1928/29. All of these famines were environmental in nature, exacerbated by near-medieval methods of agriculture. Soviet leaders, including Stalin, decided the only solution was to modernize - and they turned to American methods of large factory farms as in the American midwest. Although Cold War propaganda spins such "collectivization" as essentially communist, it was modeled on American agribusiness - often with the support of American advisors - such as Detroit industrialist Albert Kahn who built the

Stalingrad Tractor Plant (Kahn is also famous for designing Detroit's Temple Beth El). Contrary to Anticommunist (and nowadays anti-Russian) propaganda, most peasants accepted "collectivization."

The Russian/Soviet response to the Ukrainian crop failure of 1932/33 was actually to provide massive grain aid to the affected areas and to remove party and collective farm leaders from positions of power. The government made raids on peasant farms to confiscate excess grain in order to feed those who were truly starving - and this led to resentment by Ukrainian nationals, who would often resell grain at inflated prices. They found support in Nazi German intelligence, which was conducting influence operations to weaken the Soviet Union, blaming the famine on Jews in the Soviet Leadership.

The reality is that "collectivization" of agriculture was a true reform and a success and there was only one additional significant famine in the Soviet Union (1946/47). Some "historians" quote a death toll of 7 million - a completely unhistoric number meant to one-up the Holocaust. The latest scholarly estimate is 2.6 million deaths - but again, the cause was environmental.