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## Leonidas Donskis's Claim to Omniscience

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### Political Intrigues

I admired Leonidas Donskis's intellect and equilibrium of thought demonstrated through his talking without anger in very correct Lithuanian for more than ten years. I waited expectantly for his television programs where he and fellow-thinking guests spoke out on interesting topics. Later I began asking myself: why doesn't this erudite argue openly with people with whom he disagrees?

When finally the professor began calling the double genocide theory a superstition, and calling Arad—who left a bloody trail across Lithuania under orders from an alien state—a partisan, I as a citizen addressed the professor for the first time in an open letter. The professor didn't answer the letter.

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[long citation from Hermann Kruk translated in Lithuanian about Gens and Denzler in Ashmena, the selection there, internet URL for Gens's speech about it to a select audience in his apartment]

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### **Yitzhak Arad Doesn't Condemn Compatriots for Shooting Jews**

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Arad's further commentary shows that he doesn't condemn the actions of the Jewish police, but rather presents examples to help justify the Jew-shooters:

“M. Ganionski, an FPO member [the United Partisan Organization operating in the ghetto, infamous for terrorist acts —Irena Tumavičiūtė], worked as a secretary for the ghetto police, travelled with a unit of police to Ashmena and before departing informed FPO leaders. They suspected that an extermination operation would be carried out in Ashmena and sent one organization member, L. Magun, to warn the Jews about the inevitable operation. Magun arrived in Ashmena as an ‘Aryan’ and she managed to infiltrate the ghetto and make contact with its residents. They didn’t believe her. Magun’s mission was the first attempt of the FPO to ruin the actions of the police and ghetto administration.”

[...]

I’m not demanding that Jews who persecuted, transported and shot their compatriots be called criminals ... But having heard so many reports by respected historians, you should know that totalitarian states sent people of different ethnicities through the meat grinder of nations. Or perhaps you don’t mention ethnically Jewish Nazi collaborators because when the Nazis ordered them to kill their compatriots they allowed them to perform a truly macabre selection—to allow, as Gens says, “preserving the youth and intelligentsia,” who are the future of the Jews?

In this respect, Soviet collaborators dutifully selected and deported to the exhausting gulag camps the brightest people, without mercy for women and children. Perhaps Mr. Donskis has happened to read that in 1941 the most active organizers of the Lithuanian genocide—Fridis Krastinis, Itzhak Dembo, Lev Finkelstein, Judita Komodaite, Kazys Macevicius and Daniel Todes—would have allowed, in place of a healthy person, deporting a weak invalid, instead of a lively clever child sending a mentally handicapped to their death? The local Soviet collaborators instead of creating the conditions for performing even a macabre selection did not allow preserving the blossom of the nation.

In many parts of the European parliamentarian’s article it would be possible to present arguments demonstrating his bias and lack of historical knowledge.

But this is enough for a start. Paraphrasing Leonidas Donskis, I can only say that this is my opinion, that of a loyal citizen of the Republic of Lithuania.