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On the Holocaust: the Police Historian Who Falsifies History and Masturbation

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Lithuania hasn't seen a scandal so much discussed in a long time as the one that arose after one historian who writes for for a weekly magazine who also worked at the Interior Ministry, decided to equate the Holocaust with "legend."

The "historian" himself, of course, is not important here. If a person considers the Nuremberg process a farce, one must simply feel pity for his mental disability.

The scandal is not important because of the article or its content. The article is too stupid to make it worth discussing. What is worth discussing are the reactions it caused. It turns out that not everyone in Lithuania thinks the tragic death of millions of people is a bad thing.

When I realized that, I couldn't seem to return to my normal self. Really? I asked myself, when I read the plenitude of writing by infantile patriots on the news websites and the various statements on the social networks and other sites of public pollution.

Yes, really. You know, this is really nothing. The nation which during World War II exterminated 90 percent of the Jews who lived here (220,000 out of 240,000) courageously says the Holocaust doesn't matter to us at all, we are Lithuanian patriots!

Initially I didn't really understand how patriotism and the Holocaust were connected here. I had forgotten completely that in these supposedly

progressive times people live in the world of political myths where defending Jews means being unpatriotic, which means committing treason against one's country.

Is that funny? Not to me. It would be funny if it were a joke, but it's the absolute truth. The majority of Lithuanians have this kind of attitude. I have heard these sorts of statements from people of all social strata. But I always thought, this is just the exception. Until it became clear that it's the rule.

It might sound grotesque, but I don't understand how our nation has raised so many perfect idiots. If at least there were construction workers we would lead the world in the volume of construction. But no, we lead the world in the production of idiocy.

An incalculable number of people take the idea of the Holocaust as legend or the Nuremberg process as farce. They all found logical justifications for their stances. Supposedly one group defended the Interior Ministry historian from the ravages of the Jews, another group defended the right to freedom of speech, and yet another group was simply against "the global Jewish conspiracy."

What is surprising in this story. It's the totally apathetic behavior of the country's media in the face of a savage crime.

Yes, I am for freedom of speech and I believe that one may write anything. But it's one thing to express your opinion, and something totally different to falsify history and turn the death of millions into a farce. The Holocaust is not someone's personal affair and therefore it may not be turned into one's work of the imagination.

The Lithuanian media remained in effect deaf to this story. In general the Lithuanian media don't care who wrote what and why. The media just reflect the society. This is a mirror. You see yourself, you see the scorn for Jews, the smile, the desire to look down, to cause pain, you see how you frown when someone says that this isn't completely healthy or natural, then you see how you begin to whine about the Jewish conspiracy, and so on. You only fail to see one thing: logic. It's all instincts.

Such statements don't come about from typographical errors. They are

regular [or “symptomatic” or “axiomatic”: the occur regularly as the rule]. And they are employed in attaining a very clear goal: attention, popularity, in a nutshell: some magazines desire to satisfy themselves in exactly this way before death.

And what of morality? Ethics? Conscience? Not a chance! It would be interesting to see how Lithuanians might feel if someone said that January 13th was a carnival. Not funny? Why not? After all, so very few people died then, why, let’s have a party! On the occasion that we don’t care about any values.

Let’s have fun. That’s why we gathered here, after all.

Speaking of freedom of speech, the most surprising thing was that its defenders didn’t take up their mission, which was to fight for the truth through words.

N. Vasiliauskaite immediately called for a criminal case. And what will that change? As the young maiden philosopher ought to know, the imprisonment of one idiot will provide extraordinary joy to thousands who want to hate something. The form of hatred is unimportant to Lithuanians, apparently. Other intellectuals immediately jump to the margins [the Outside i.e., “adopt extremist views”] and, having confused feelings for rationality, perceive a great tragedy here. The tragedy, beloved, is not a Jewish matter. The tragedy here is how good it feels to Lithuanians to hate.

What difference does the object of hating make? And here’s the problem: this nation has not cured itself in any way of its Oedipus complex and attempts through its extremist nationalism to achieve a sense of full worth. It won’t happen. Even the Nazis grew bored by this fairy tale.

To satisfy oneself is pleasurable and natural, of course. To stir up passion, discord, hatred, this is a pleasant pastime. But whenever we speak about satisfying oneself, I want to ask: wouldn’t you really prefer to find a different way to spend your free time? Wouldn’t you prefer to find an alternative to your narrow worldview? Wouldn’t you rather learn about the world firsthand, and come to understand that Jews are people just like Lithuanians are, and that they are moreover the nation that has suffered the most in history?

Don't you want to learn anything new? Do you want to continue to write your idiotic comments? (You don't need to bother writing them for me, I am not reading them.)

If you don't want to change anything and prefer to wallow in your shit, go to the comments section and talk about the Jewish conspiracy, about how the Jews destroyed the kolchozniks, how people's hearts burst, about how when the banks failed there was this one Jew who was also involved, tell us—someone will read your writing, and you will feel the slight pleasure of the Other, you will feel socially integrated.

Go ahead, masturbate this way. It doesn't seem you're capable of anything else.