

Many Americans ignorant of Holocaust, study finds

Holocaust survey

"Does it seem possible or does it seem impossible that the Nazi extermination of the Jews ever happened?"

AGE	It seems possible it didn't happen		It seems impossible it didn't happen		Don't know/No answer
	It seems possible it didn't happen	It seems impossible it didn't happen	It seems possible it didn't happen	It seems impossible it didn't happen	
16-29 years	24	68	58	17	
30-44	21	70	70	10	
45-50	24	66	66	11	
60 plus	21	66	66	13	
EDUCATION					
Non-high school grad.	29	63	63	27	
High school graduate	23	65	65	12	
Some college	24	69	69	7	
College graduate	21	76	76	4	
TOTAL	22	65	65	12	

(Survey prepared Jewish Committee. Based on August-September survey of 800 adults Nov. 14-21, 1997. AP)

No recognition: Queres baffle 53% of youths, 38% of adults.

By Michael Hirsley
Chicago Tribune

A majority of U.S. high school students and more than a third of adults do not know what Auschwitz, Dachau and Treblinka were, and they cannot correctly answer, "What does the term 'Holocaust' refer to?"

Those are among findings in a national survey to be released today by the American Jewish Committee. The survey attempts for the first time to systematically capture how much Americans know about the Holocaust and how they feel it is relevant to modern society.

By the number of self-publicized events across the nation this month, it seems that Nazi

Germany's systematic extermination of millions of Jews and other targeted victims five decades ago is well remembered.

But the American Jewish Committee study indicates that remembrance does not necessarily reach the general public. Findings among 992 adults and 506 high school students interviewed last fall show a "serious lack of knowledge" among "disturbingly large numbers of both adults and youth," said David Singer of the committee.

While many in the survey associated the Holocaust with death and tragedy, 34 percent of adults and 53 percent of high school students did not connect it with Jews, Nazis, Germany or

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Survivors of purges speak for the slain

Memories live: Annual ceremonies also recall Warsaw uprising.

By Jim Shelton
Pittsburgh Post

NEW HAVEN — The cold wind that bit into the 600 people at the Holocaust Memorial Sunday afternoon wasn't nearly so chilling as Anna Goldberg's 50-year-old memories.

Goldberg, along with five other area survivors of the Nazis' systematic effort to exterminate Europe's Jewish population, stood in a line on a raised stage near the memorial while her words were read to the crowd. The ceremony marked Holocaust Remembrance Day, which this year also commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Goldberg, who as a teen-ager in Poland was imprisoned in the Auschwitz concentration camp, remembered being marched onto a cattle car and stripped made for inspection. She remembered daily degradations and the girls who were taken away for having the merest Memento on their bodies.

She also remembered the anguished cries of a child who fought desperately as she was taken away from her mother.

"The echo of her screams still haunts me, and will haunt me until the day I die," Goldberg, who lives in Hamden, recalled.

Memories of the Holocaust reverberated around the world Sunday.

In Washington, officials prepared for the dedication this week of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

In Israel it was Holocaust Day, a day of melancholy music on the radio; of air raid sirens that brought traffic to a two-minute standstill; of ceremonies at which people took turns reading the



Wearing a badge like those the Nazis required Jews to wear, Urek Blocher, 79, of Southington, listens during the Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony in New Haven. *Arnold Gold/Epine*

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