

# Genocide

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# Where does the Word Genocide Come From?

## Geno- cide

Geno- from the Greek word Genos, which means birth, race of a similar kind, tribe, family

Cide- From the Latin word Cida, which means to kill.

# 8 Stages of Genocide

# Classification -

- People grouped into categories by race, religion, ethnicity, & nationality

# Symbolization

- Names or Symbols given to certain groups of people

# Dehumanization

- ◆ A group of people is treated as though they are less than human
  - ◆ They may be referred to as animals, rats, insects, diseases

# Organization

- The plan to kill a certain group of people are organized.
  - Usually organized by the government and carried out by a militia

# Polarization

- The organizers begin to drive groups of people apart.
  - They use propaganda & forbid intermarriage and social interaction

# Identification

- The victims are identified and separated from the general population
  - Placed in ghettos, concentration camps, or confined to a certain area

# Extermination

- Mass Killings begin
  - Called extermination because the killers believe they are less than human

# Denial

- The killers try to cover up the evidence

# Genocide Examples

# Rwandan Genocide

- When? 1994 (100 days or more)
- What? Mass killing of hundreds of thousands of Rwanda's Tutsis and Hutu political moderates
- By Whom? By the Hutu dominated government
- Why? Hutu Power ideology - Belief that the Tutsi intended to enslave Hutus and thus must be resisted at all costs
- Results? Between 500,000 and 1,000,000 died

# China 1945-1976

Mao Zedong killed 30 million Chinese people during his reign



# The Ukrainian Famine 1932-1933

- Joseph Stalin, Soviet leader
  - set in motion events designed to cause a famine in the Ukraine to destroy the people
- Result:
  - 7,000,000 persons perished



# Bosnian Genocide

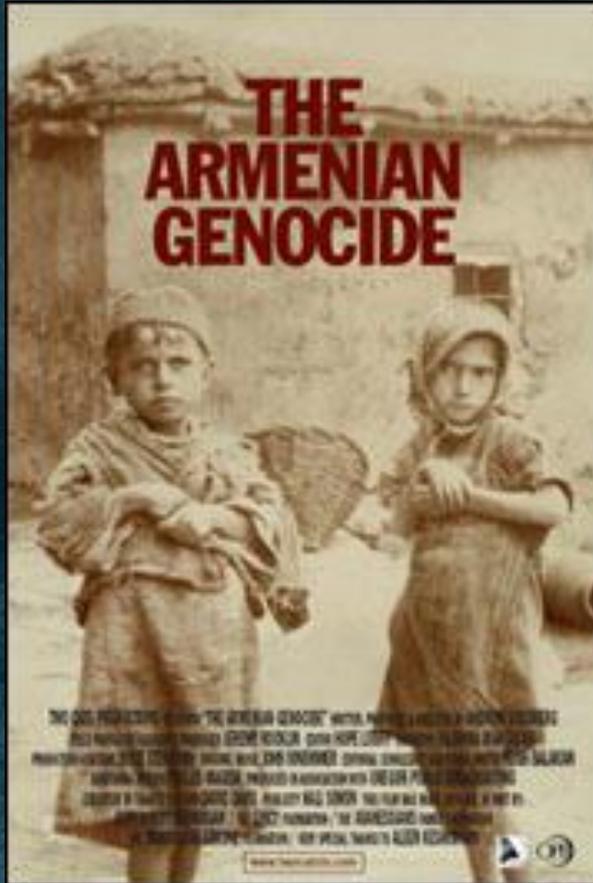
- Yugoslavia was a mixture of ethnic and religious groups that had been historical rivals, even bitter enemies,
  - Serbs (Orthodox Christians)
  - Croats (Catholics)
  - Ethnic Albanians (Muslims)
- Leader was Slobodan Milosevic who rekindled a lot of the religious hatred between groups



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- Milosevic's forces invaded Croatia in 1991 to 'protect' the Serbian minority
- The Serbs began the first mass executions
- 1992 - the U.S. and European chose to recognize the independence of Bosnia
- Milosevic attacked Sarajevo (Bosnian Capital)
- Serb snipers continually shot down helpless civilians in the streets, including over 3,500 children.
- Serbs began to roundup local Muslims

# The Armenian Genocide, 1915



U.S. Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, Henry Morgenthau Sr., concluded a “race murder” was occurring. He cabled Washington and described the Turkish campaign:

*“Persecution of Armenians assuming unprecedented proportions. Reports from widely scattered districts indicate systematic attempt to uproot peaceful Armenian populations and through arbitrary arrests, terrible tortures, whose-sale expulsions and deportations from one end of the Empire to the other accompanied by frequent instances of rape, pillage, and murder turning into massacre, to bring destruction and destitution on them.*”

*What was the goal of Turkey???*

*To wipe out the Armenian people!*

The documentary, *The Armenian Genocide* aired on PBS in April, 2006.

# The Armenian Controversy

- Turks still deny the Genocide.
- A VERY controversial issue to the Turks.
- Turkey suspended its military ties with France in 2006
  - The French parliament adopted a bill that would have made it a crime to deny that the Armenian killings constituted a genocide.
- 23 countries acknowledge the event was genocide
- In 2007, the U.S. Congress debated on whether or not to declare the Armenian event a genocide - much to the dismay of the Turkish government.

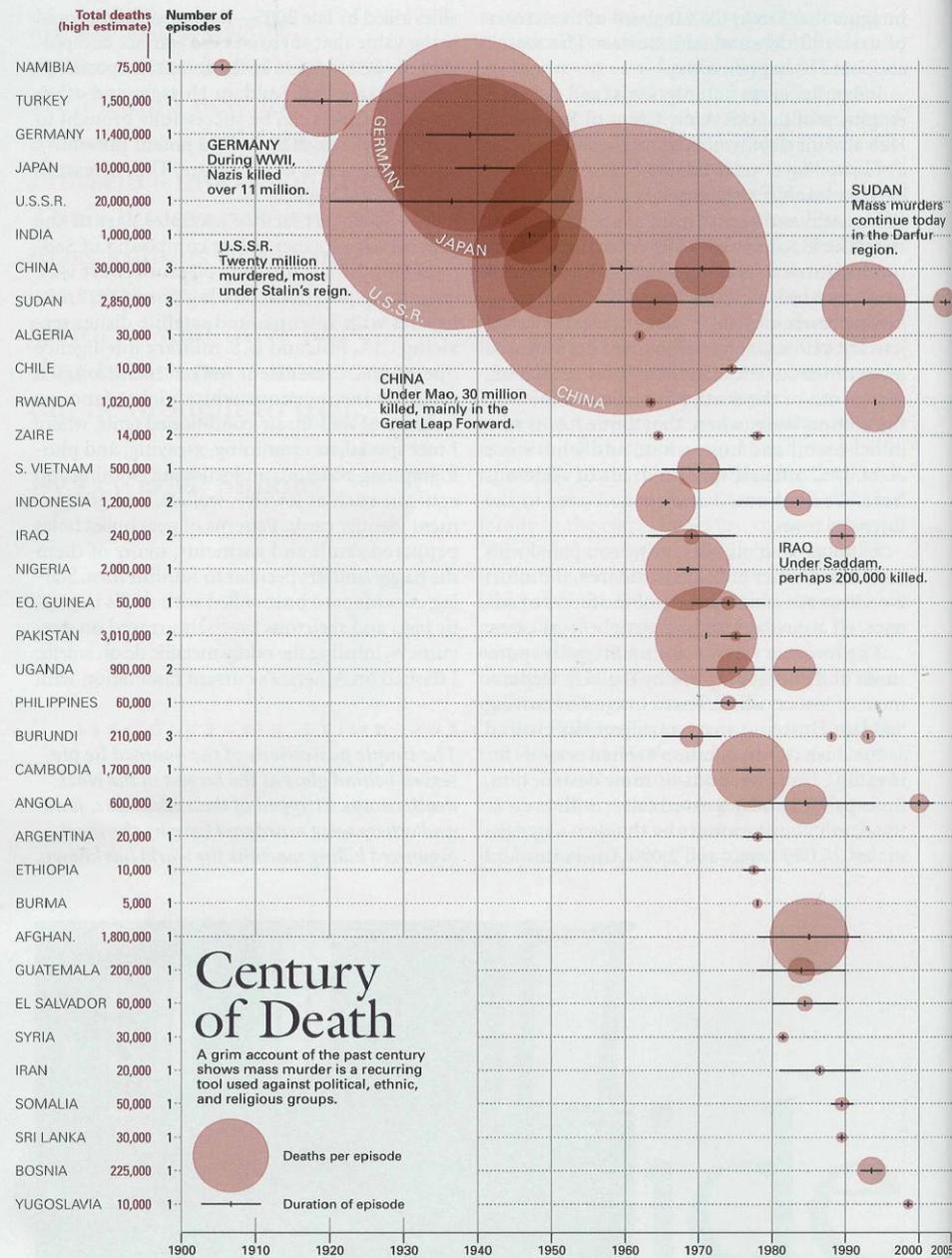
# Darfur

2003-present

- In 2004, it became widely known that a nomadic group Janjaweed was trying to get rid of 80 black African groups in the Darfur region.
- Similar to Rwanda
- It is a fight between the nomads and farmers for land.
- Is it genocide? Debatable death toll stands between 100 and 500,000.
- Why doesn't the international community act?



Relatives mourn over the body of a one-year-old child who died of malnutrition in June 2004



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