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00:00:00,000 --> 00:01:04,730

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00:01:04,730 --> 00:01:07,240
So don't mumble
because we talking now.

3
00:01:07,240 --> 00:01:07,740
Yeah.

4
00:01:07,740 --> 00:01:08,450
Tape's rolling.

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00:01:08,450 --> 00:01:13,120
We need about 10
seconds [INAUDIBLE]..

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00:01:13,120 --> 00:01:15,140
She said mumble.

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00:01:15,140 --> 00:01:17,230
OK, anytime, Sandra.

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00:01:17,230 --> 00:01:19,870
OK.

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00:01:19,870 --> 00:01:23,920
We are continuing with the
interview of John Steiner.

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00:01:23,920 --> 00:01:26,710
Primarily from the point
of view of your work.

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00:01:26,710 --> 00:01:28,030
I'm Sandra Bendayan.

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00:01:28,030 --> 00:01:31,630
We're here with your
colleague, Carol Hurwitz.

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00:01:31,630 --> 00:01:34,720

And today is the 4th
of February, 1994.

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00:01:34,720 --> 00:01:37,360

And this then, again, continues
from the San Francisco Oral

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00:01:37,360 --> 00:01:40,840

History Project with John
Grant as our producer.

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00:01:40,840 --> 00:01:45,340

So today, let's continue
with the discussion

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00:01:45,340 --> 00:01:47,980

of all the things that you
learned in your research

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00:01:47,980 --> 00:01:49,240

with the SS.

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00:01:49,240 --> 00:01:52,570

And begin by discussing
the notion of an SS person

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00:01:52,570 --> 00:01:53,530

as a victim.

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00:01:53,530 --> 00:01:57,760

Yes, well, that is something
which I've developed.

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00:01:57,760 --> 00:02:00,640

And I guess in
literature, I think

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00:02:00,640 --> 00:02:07,210

I'm probably the only one who's
labeled them as also victims.

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00:02:07,210 --> 00:02:11,710

Because, particularly when
we think in terms of them

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00:02:11,710 --> 00:02:13,930

as victimizers,
it's very difficult

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00:02:13,930 --> 00:02:17,500

to imagine that they
themselves were victims.

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00:02:17,500 --> 00:02:21,460

But the interesting thing is
that people who were victimized

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00:02:21,460 --> 00:02:24,440

usually also have been victims.

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00:02:24,440 --> 00:02:27,100

And that is simply
because they've

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00:02:27,100 --> 00:02:35,380

been socialized and treated
in a way which caused them

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00:02:35,380 --> 00:02:37,670

to behave the way they did.

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00:02:37,670 --> 00:02:44,140

And one of the things which is
important for us to remember

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00:02:44,140 --> 00:02:47,350

is that we all
genetically are born

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00:02:47,350 --> 00:02:51,340

with some sort of an IQ,
intelligence, which varies

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00:02:51,340 --> 00:02:53,050

from individual to individual.

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00:02:53,050 --> 00:02:56,530
But we know what is
just about normative.

37
00:02:56,530 --> 00:02:59,410
And that's one thing.

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00:02:59,410 --> 00:03:02,470
But very frequently, we
are not aware of the fact

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00:03:02,470 --> 00:03:06,550
that there is also such a
thing as more intelligence

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00:03:06,550 --> 00:03:08,770
and social intelligence.

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00:03:08,770 --> 00:03:13,000
And particularly
in these two areas,

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00:03:13,000 --> 00:03:16,510
the SS are lacking
because, in the earlier

43
00:03:16,510 --> 00:03:19,810
socialization process,
these things have not

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00:03:19,810 --> 00:03:21,700
developed to that extent.

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00:03:21,700 --> 00:03:30,640
Also because perhaps
they were originating

46
00:03:30,640 --> 00:03:35,830
from a background which was
not that fully cultured-- which

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00:03:35,830 --> 00:03:38,080

was deprived very
frequently, socially

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00:03:38,080 --> 00:03:40,440

and otherwise, financially.

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00:03:40,440 --> 00:03:43,420

And that is a very
important aspect--

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00:03:43,420 --> 00:03:52,870

the fact that they came from
low backgrounds also caused them

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00:03:52,870 --> 00:03:57,250

to assume power roles which were
in relationship to what they

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00:03:57,250 --> 00:04:00,130

used to --.

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00:04:00,130 --> 00:04:05,830

The roles they used to play
before were low in power--

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00:04:05,830 --> 00:04:09,730

as a matter of fact,
powerless individuals

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00:04:09,730 --> 00:04:11,650

in terms of their background.

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00:04:11,650 --> 00:04:16,390

Now, they assumed roles
which had a tremendous degree

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00:04:16,390 --> 00:04:19,209

of power, by virtue
of the fact that they

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00:04:19,209 --> 00:04:25,330

could decide between life
and death of those people who

59
00:04:25,330 --> 00:04:28,870
were under their supervision.

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00:04:28,870 --> 00:04:30,700
And that is being forgotten.

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00:04:30,700 --> 00:04:33,700
The second thing is also,
because of their background,

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00:04:33,700 --> 00:04:39,440
they are more susceptible
to ideological propaganda--

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00:04:39,440 --> 00:04:45,130
which, of course, again,
relates very directly

64
00:04:45,130 --> 00:04:48,940
to their feeling of, on
one hand, inferiority.

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00:04:48,940 --> 00:04:51,950
And then when Hitler came
into power and they said,

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00:04:51,950 --> 00:04:53,870
hey, you are superior,
not inferior.

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00:04:53,870 --> 00:04:55,900
So they jumped on the bandwagon.

68
00:04:55,900 --> 00:04:58,040
Because people
who feel inferior,

69
00:04:58,040 --> 00:05:01,990
of course, will be very
tempted to assume roles,

70
00:05:01,990 --> 00:05:05,740
even if they are a myth--

71
00:05:05,740 --> 00:05:09,160
to feel superior and
say, hey, I'm superior.

72
00:05:09,160 --> 00:05:10,550
I'm not inferior at all.

73
00:05:10,550 --> 00:05:15,550
So that does something
to the people's ego.

74
00:05:15,550 --> 00:05:18,130
And I think that had very
much to do with the fact--

75
00:05:18,130 --> 00:05:21,880
apart from the fact that they
indeed were more susceptible

76
00:05:21,880 --> 00:05:24,670
to this type of National
Socialist ideology,

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00:05:24,670 --> 00:05:29,560
which indeed divided
humankind in two parts--

78
00:05:29,560 --> 00:05:31,540
the superior and the inferior.

79
00:05:31,540 --> 00:05:33,278
And they said,
hey, I'm superior.

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00:05:33,278 --> 00:05:34,070
I didn't know that.

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00:05:34,070 --> 00:05:37,480

Thank you very much, Adolf
Hitler, for making me

82
00:05:37,480 --> 00:05:38,890
feel superior.

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00:05:38,890 --> 00:05:43,450
Was there any aspect of
victimization of them

84
00:05:43,450 --> 00:05:44,770
as they were SS--

85
00:05:44,770 --> 00:05:48,410
victimization by
their own hierarchy?

86
00:05:48,410 --> 00:05:50,380
Well, not really,
because I don't

87
00:05:50,380 --> 00:05:51,820
have any evidence
for that, except

88
00:05:51,820 --> 00:05:54,400
that they had to adhere
very much to the rules.

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00:05:54,400 --> 00:06:05,110
And years ago, I dug up a
secret report on expulsions

90
00:06:05,110 --> 00:06:06,130
from the SS.

91
00:06:06,130 --> 00:06:08,500
And there are
several reasons there

92
00:06:08,500 --> 00:06:15,760
for which they were expelled,
including reasons where

93
00:06:15,760 --> 00:06:18,730
they associated
with Jews, or had

94
00:06:18,730 --> 00:06:21,400
some relationship with Jews.

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00:06:21,400 --> 00:06:28,300
Then because the
lack of discipline,

96
00:06:28,300 --> 00:06:32,660
because of fraud, theft,
and other reasons--

97
00:06:32,660 --> 00:06:37,100
and also quite a few
who committed suicide.

98
00:06:37,100 --> 00:06:38,200
So they were not expelled.

99
00:06:38,200 --> 00:06:41,120
They expelled themselves,
so to speak, from life.

100
00:06:41,120 --> 00:06:43,930
And so, there are a number of
reasons why they are expelled.

101
00:06:43,930 --> 00:06:47,530
And the numbers were
quite stunning, actually.

102
00:06:47,530 --> 00:06:52,360

103
00:06:52,360 --> 00:06:56,800
We had talked before
about euphemistic language

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00:06:56,800 --> 00:07:01,120
so much being used by Hitler.

105
00:07:01,120 --> 00:07:06,310
I was wondering if the SS
was subject to that, too.

106
00:07:06,310 --> 00:07:12,250
Well the SS was directed
to use euphemistic language

107
00:07:12,250 --> 00:07:15,220
because direct language
was not desirable.

108
00:07:15,220 --> 00:07:16,930
Because they had
to write reports.

109
00:07:16,930 --> 00:07:21,340
So very directly, I
came across documents

110
00:07:21,340 --> 00:07:29,090
in which the reports about mass
destruction were very blunt.

111
00:07:29,090 --> 00:07:35,390
And that was sent to Hitler's
headquarters-- that is,

112
00:07:35,390 --> 00:07:37,700
to his chancellery.

113
00:07:37,700 --> 00:07:44,025
And they then were
directed by Bormann--

114
00:07:44,025 --> 00:07:46,700

115
00:07:46,700 --> 00:07:51,710
his chief Secretary,

right-hand man--

116
00:07:51,710 --> 00:07:53,630
to use different language.

117
00:07:53,630 --> 00:07:55,160
And that was
directed to Himmler.

118
00:07:55,160 --> 00:07:59,100
And Himmler then directed them
to use different language,

119
00:07:59,100 --> 00:08:05,150
especially directed this letter
to the SS statistician, who

120
00:08:05,150 --> 00:08:08,720
gave statistics about
the mass destruction

121
00:08:08,720 --> 00:08:11,570
and was very blunt
in the language.

122
00:08:11,570 --> 00:08:15,080
And then they told him
that this type of language

123
00:08:15,080 --> 00:08:17,960
was not to be used
in these reports

124
00:08:17,960 --> 00:08:19,640
and needed to be corrected.

125
00:08:19,640 --> 00:08:20,990
And that's what they've done.

126
00:08:20,990 --> 00:08:24,080
So that went down
to the SS directly.

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00:08:24,080 --> 00:08:31,070

Of course, in camps, it was
not that necessary, only

128

00:08:31,070 --> 00:08:37,130

in terms of misleading
the victims, the inmates.

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00:08:37,130 --> 00:08:41,480

And so they said, well,
showers and all this and that,

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00:08:41,480 --> 00:08:44,490

because obviously, if
they would have said,

131

00:08:44,490 --> 00:08:46,280

well, you are
going to be gassed,

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00:08:46,280 --> 00:08:49,380

there would have been a
greater degree of resistance,

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00:08:49,380 --> 00:08:52,980

except the resistance-- there
were some cases of resistance,

134

00:08:52,980 --> 00:09:01,517

but not really very
serious in terms of the SS

135

00:09:01,517 --> 00:09:02,600

to have to deal with them.

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00:09:02,600 --> 00:09:06,950

Because you talk about
individuals who were not armed.

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00:09:06,950 --> 00:09:11,420

You talk about individuals
who had no support system

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00:09:11,420 --> 00:09:13,700

and really couldn't
defend themselves,

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00:09:13,700 --> 00:09:18,980

other than with their own
body-- and that was not

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00:09:18,980 --> 00:09:21,870

very strong to begin with.

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00:09:21,870 --> 00:09:28,640

So the language, not only the
euphemistic language used,

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00:09:28,640 --> 00:09:33,680

was for the broader population
so that the German people, as

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00:09:33,680 --> 00:09:35,540

such, would not be too alarmed.

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00:09:35,540 --> 00:09:38,390

Because it was
correctly assumed that,

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00:09:38,390 --> 00:09:42,470

if the Germans had known
specific details about all

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00:09:42,470 --> 00:09:45,940

these atrocities, they may
have responded very well.

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00:09:45,940 --> 00:09:48,290

That's a good possibility.

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00:09:48,290 --> 00:09:51,200

So that was to be prevented.

149

00:09:51,200 --> 00:09:54,470

And then, of course, as far

as the victims themselves

150
00:09:54,470 --> 00:09:59,900
concerned, they didn't
want them to know

151
00:09:59,900 --> 00:10:03,530
that they were going to die,
particularly in this way,

152
00:10:03,530 --> 00:10:04,880
or to die period.

153
00:10:04,880 --> 00:10:07,640
So they didn't tell them,
you're going to be gassed

154
00:10:07,640 --> 00:10:10,850
or something else, but used
euphemistic, misleading

155
00:10:10,850 --> 00:10:12,260
language.

156
00:10:12,260 --> 00:10:15,620
Was there any
tendency say the SS

157
00:10:15,620 --> 00:10:19,160
who were assigned to the
camps, that they would then

158
00:10:19,160 --> 00:10:22,130
know too much and have
to remain [INAUDIBLE]??

159
00:10:22,130 --> 00:10:26,120
You see, you had a
very clever sort of way

160
00:10:26,120 --> 00:10:27,680
they structured the camps.

161

00:10:27,680 --> 00:10:34,910

You had the SS people,
who were usually

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00:10:34,910 --> 00:10:42,340

SS who were in the
combat type of SS.

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00:10:42,340 --> 00:10:43,550

It was mixed.

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00:10:43,550 --> 00:10:45,980

I don't want to overgeneralize,
but usually these

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00:10:45,980 --> 00:10:52,070

were people who only
were guarding the inmates

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00:10:52,070 --> 00:10:53,630

outside of the camps.

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00:10:53,630 --> 00:10:56,210

They themselves were
not permitted even

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00:10:56,210 --> 00:10:57,840

to enter the camp--

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00:10:57,840 --> 00:10:58,980

a very important point.

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00:10:58,980 --> 00:11:04,520

And then you had personnel,
which was particularly

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00:11:04,520 --> 00:11:08,450

a specific type of personnel--
the Gestapo, certainly,

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00:11:08,450 --> 00:11:12,620

but primarily the

security service,

173
00:11:12,620 --> 00:11:17,570
and they had this sort
of diamond shape like SD

174
00:11:17,570 --> 00:11:29,300
on the left sleeve,
just close to the arm--

175
00:11:29,300 --> 00:11:33,560
and their special
groups of people

176
00:11:33,560 --> 00:11:38,430
whose task it was to
supervise mass destruction

177
00:11:38,430 --> 00:11:39,180
and what have you.

178
00:11:39,180 --> 00:11:42,140
And then you had the
death skull outfits.

179
00:11:42,140 --> 00:11:46,010
And they also had a
function in the camps.

180
00:11:46,010 --> 00:11:51,590
But primarily, the SD, the
death skull and then people who

181
00:11:51,590 --> 00:11:58,910
were part of the
secret state police.

182
00:11:58,910 --> 00:12:02,750
Why were the SS primarily
outside of the camp rather than

183
00:12:02,750 --> 00:12:03,710
inside?

184
00:12:03,710 --> 00:12:07,130
Well, you had two
different groups.

185
00:12:07,130 --> 00:12:09,410
So, then, it's not
that they were not.

186
00:12:09,410 --> 00:12:12,890
But the people who
actually guarded the camps,

187
00:12:12,890 --> 00:12:16,490
they guarded them from
outside the camps.

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00:12:16,490 --> 00:12:23,000
Even if you talk about
the watchtowers--

189
00:12:23,000 --> 00:12:29,720
which were specific
points where you

190
00:12:29,720 --> 00:12:39,260
had towers which the controlled
the movements inside the camp--

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00:12:39,260 --> 00:12:41,390
and they also were
virtually outside.

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00:12:41,390 --> 00:12:45,800
So they couldn't get inside
the camps themselves.

193
00:12:45,800 --> 00:12:46,870
They were outside.

194
00:12:46,870 --> 00:12:47,390
Outside?

195
00:12:47,390 --> 00:12:47,890
Yeah.

196
00:12:47,890 --> 00:12:49,190
They stayed in the towers?

197
00:12:49,190 --> 00:12:50,930
Yeah.

198
00:12:50,930 --> 00:12:54,590
Going back to the notion of
the victim and perpetrator

199
00:12:54,590 --> 00:13:01,490
relationship, what about the
victims as perpetrators--

200
00:13:01,490 --> 00:13:04,970
say, as in the case
of kapos or people

201
00:13:04,970 --> 00:13:06,300
in a different level of power?

202
00:13:06,300 --> 00:13:07,430
[INAUDIBLE]

203
00:13:07,430 --> 00:13:11,840
So you're really talking about
the inmate functionaries.

204
00:13:11,840 --> 00:13:14,810
At this point, yes, the notion
of the victim/perpetrator

205
00:13:14,810 --> 00:13:15,650
combination.

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00:13:15,650 --> 00:13:20,540

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00:13:20,540 --> 00:13:25,860

Well, that, of course,
is to be looked

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00:13:25,860 --> 00:13:27,300

at from a different perspective.

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00:13:27,300 --> 00:13:33,000

Because once you are an
inmate, your major effort

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00:13:33,000 --> 00:13:39,510

will be concentrated in
survival of the camps.

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00:13:39,510 --> 00:13:45,160

And the means available to
survive were very limited.

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00:13:45,160 --> 00:13:47,220

So if then the SS
comes and said,

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00:13:47,220 --> 00:13:49,800

OK, you will be an
inmate functionary

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00:13:49,800 --> 00:13:55,020

and be working under my
supervision, on my behalf,

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00:13:55,020 --> 00:13:58,980

towards my interests, then
it's a tremendous temptation.

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00:13:58,980 --> 00:14:02,040

Because these people
were then rewarded--

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00:14:02,040 --> 00:14:05,730

with more food,
places to live which

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00:14:05,730 --> 00:14:09,930
were a bit different, more
comfortable, and all that--

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00:14:09,930 --> 00:14:14,160
and also felt that, in
that particular position,

220
00:14:14,160 --> 00:14:17,730
they would have a much better
chance to survive, obviously.

221
00:14:17,730 --> 00:14:20,130
And so, they were tempted--
the temptation was

222
00:14:20,130 --> 00:14:22,440
great-- to really assume
these sort of things

223
00:14:22,440 --> 00:14:26,880
and these sort of
positions assigned

224
00:14:26,880 --> 00:14:30,270
to them by the SS, roles
assigned to them by the SS.

225
00:14:30,270 --> 00:14:34,290
And that is something
which, psychologically,

226
00:14:34,290 --> 00:14:39,840
is very different than if you
volunteered to join the SS.

227
00:14:39,840 --> 00:14:42,780
So they were under a
different type of pressure.

228
00:14:42,780 --> 00:14:49,140
And the temptation was greater
because of survival and drive

229

00:14:49,140 --> 00:14:52,132
of self-preservation.

230

00:14:52,132 --> 00:14:54,090
So we have to see that
from that point of view.

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00:14:54,090 --> 00:14:57,180
Now, of course,
were also people who

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00:14:57,180 --> 00:15:01,870
assumed certain roles which may
have had a specific function.

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00:15:01,870 --> 00:15:06,510
But because of their
understanding of the situation,

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00:15:06,510 --> 00:15:09,210
they assumed that function,
but did all the things

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00:15:09,210 --> 00:15:12,330
they could in order
to aid the inmates.

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00:15:12,330 --> 00:15:14,550
However, these people
were in the minority

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00:15:14,550 --> 00:15:17,640
because it was at their risk.

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00:15:17,640 --> 00:15:21,450
And it was not easy to do,
because they were expected

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00:15:21,450 --> 00:15:25,590
to do the dirty work on behalf
or, or in the interest of,

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00:15:25,590 --> 00:15:26,880
the SS.

241
00:15:26,880 --> 00:15:30,750
And to really turn that
into something constructive

242
00:15:30,750 --> 00:15:31,930
was more difficult.

243
00:15:31,930 --> 00:15:35,370
I've had friends who did that.

244
00:15:35,370 --> 00:15:40,770
And because of them, they may
have, on several occasions,

245
00:15:40,770 --> 00:15:43,290
saved my life.

246
00:15:43,290 --> 00:15:48,420
But most of the people who
assumed these roles became

247
00:15:48,420 --> 00:15:50,130
savages--

248
00:15:50,130 --> 00:15:54,090
brutal people who killed
their fellow inmates.

249
00:15:54,090 --> 00:15:58,830
And I, fortunately, never
came into the position

250
00:15:58,830 --> 00:16:02,730
where I would have either
thought about assuming this.

251
00:16:02,730 --> 00:16:07,060
Because, to me, it
was unacceptable.

252

00:16:07,060 --> 00:16:12,330

I hope you know I've never
been tempted in this regard.

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00:16:12,330 --> 00:16:15,990

That is very important for
me, because my survival today

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00:16:15,990 --> 00:16:21,690

is of a nature where I don't
have to have a bad conscience.

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00:16:21,690 --> 00:16:24,750

Many other people who
survived, survived simply

256

00:16:24,750 --> 00:16:27,060

because they assumed
these type of roles.

257

00:16:27,060 --> 00:16:28,860

And they have to live with that.

258

00:16:28,860 --> 00:16:30,430

And I don't have that problem--

259

00:16:30,430 --> 00:16:31,740

fortunately.

260

00:16:31,740 --> 00:16:34,830

Because, if anything
else, I've aided people.

261

00:16:34,830 --> 00:16:37,780

And I've helped people
whenever I could.

262

00:16:37,780 --> 00:16:41,280

And even in one case, I
helped a person to escape--

263

00:16:41,280 --> 00:16:42,660

successfully escape.

264

00:16:42,660 --> 00:16:45,790

And that is a very important
thing that happened.

265

00:16:45,790 --> 00:16:48,480

I think I talked
about it already.

266

00:16:48,480 --> 00:16:58,290

So my only problem is
that, under extreme stress

267

00:16:58,290 --> 00:17:03,120

situations, I defended my life
at the expense of other people.

268

00:17:03,120 --> 00:17:08,670

And that was particularly in
the open boxcar situation.

269

00:17:08,670 --> 00:17:11,250

And that is a problem
which is still with me.

270

00:17:11,250 --> 00:17:15,690

Because I had a choice, an
extreme choice which we have,

271

00:17:15,690 --> 00:17:21,089

is either die or cause
the death of other people

272

00:17:21,089 --> 00:17:21,990

in order to live.

273

00:17:21,990 --> 00:17:24,119

And that was the
only choice we had,

274

00:17:24,119 --> 00:17:27,240

because we knew that, if

we defended ourselves,

275

00:17:27,240 --> 00:17:30,090

it was going to be at the
expense of someone else

276

00:17:30,090 --> 00:17:31,890

who wanted to take our place.

277

00:17:31,890 --> 00:17:34,950

And that is a problem, which
I still have to come to terms

278

00:17:34,950 --> 00:17:38,070

with because -- yes,
the choice I've had.

279

00:17:38,070 --> 00:17:40,650

And there's only one
person I've met, and had

280

00:17:40,650 --> 00:17:45,240

very direct contact
with, whom I would come

281

00:17:45,240 --> 00:17:48,900

close to a saint, who made a
conscious decision to die--

282

00:17:48,900 --> 00:17:51,450

although he didn't have to,
because he was able-bodied--

283

00:17:51,450 --> 00:17:55,650

and decided that he'd rather die
than cause the death of someone

284

00:17:55,650 --> 00:17:56,280

else.

285

00:17:56,280 --> 00:18:01,500

And this person, of course,
is something very unusual.

286
00:18:01,500 --> 00:18:04,050
And he's the only
one I've encountered

287
00:18:04,050 --> 00:18:07,270
in this type of situation.

288
00:18:07,270 --> 00:18:09,330
But, as you say,
that situation is

289
00:18:09,330 --> 00:18:12,420
quite different than
choosing to be a kapo.

290
00:18:12,420 --> 00:18:13,660
That's right.

291
00:18:13,660 --> 00:18:17,550
Well, I mean, you don't
choose to be a kapo.

292
00:18:17,550 --> 00:18:19,680
You see, you don't
choose to be a kapo,

293
00:18:19,680 --> 00:18:21,570
because that role was assigned.

294
00:18:21,570 --> 00:18:23,410
I don't say, I'm
going to be a kapo.

295
00:18:23,410 --> 00:18:24,810
I can't do that.

296
00:18:24,810 --> 00:18:30,540
I can work towards that, but
you were appointed directly

297
00:18:30,540 --> 00:18:33,390

by the SS, or by
some other man who

298
00:18:33,390 --> 00:18:36,780
was a high inmate functionary.

299
00:18:36,780 --> 00:18:38,398
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

300
00:18:38,398 --> 00:18:38,940
That's right.

301
00:18:38,940 --> 00:18:39,915
You could volunteer .

302
00:18:39,915 --> 00:18:42,700
You'd said, I'm ready to
do that, and this and that.

303
00:18:42,700 --> 00:18:49,120
So, for example, I
volunteered to be in a mine

304
00:18:49,120 --> 00:18:55,650
to deal with unexploded bombs.

305
00:18:55,650 --> 00:19:01,290
So I chose to do that
until the camp senior told

306
00:19:01,290 --> 00:19:02,970
me, it's madness, don't do it.

307
00:19:02,970 --> 00:19:05,400
I don't want you to do it
because you can't survive.

308
00:19:05,400 --> 00:19:08,940
And that way, you're not going
to, and you may get more food.

309
00:19:08,940 --> 00:19:12,660

But the risks that
you will be blown up

310
00:19:12,660 --> 00:19:14,640
is much greater
than your survival.

311
00:19:14,640 --> 00:19:19,210
And I listened to him and
he took the pain to tell me.

312
00:19:19,210 --> 00:19:21,540
And I listened to him and
said, I want you to do it.

313
00:19:21,540 --> 00:19:25,570
I don't want to
continue to do it.

314
00:19:25,570 --> 00:19:26,880
And so I discontinued.

315
00:19:26,880 --> 00:19:31,170
And then another thing
is an SS man selected me

316
00:19:31,170 --> 00:19:32,850
for still different reasons.

317
00:19:32,850 --> 00:19:33,580
I don't know why.

318
00:19:33,580 --> 00:19:35,760
He just liked my face
or whatever and said,

319
00:19:35,760 --> 00:19:40,260
I want you to work in the
kitchen and peel potatoes

320
00:19:40,260 --> 00:19:45,360
or whatever, or put in
turnips, or clean up turnips.

321
00:19:45,360 --> 00:19:47,910
And against the
majority of people

322
00:19:47,910 --> 00:19:51,720
who were functionary inmates and
said, look, he is all yellow.

323
00:19:51,720 --> 00:19:53,040
He's sick.

324
00:19:53,040 --> 00:19:57,090
He said, I still
want him to be there.

325
00:19:57,090 --> 00:20:04,290
And I still don't understand
why he wanted even select me,

326
00:20:04,290 --> 00:20:05,670
because I really was sick.

327
00:20:05,670 --> 00:20:08,260
I had jaundice and
I looked terrible.

328
00:20:08,260 --> 00:20:10,860
I remember that just
like anyone, apart

329
00:20:10,860 --> 00:20:14,970
from all the other emaciated
sort of appearance.

330
00:20:14,970 --> 00:20:17,040
And the man insisted.

331
00:20:17,040 --> 00:20:18,270
And it was an SS man.

332
00:20:18,270 --> 00:20:20,790

And without him, I never
would have had a chance.

333
00:20:20,790 --> 00:20:23,010
I didn't stay very
long because I was just

334
00:20:23,010 --> 00:20:24,510
beginning to be really sick.

335
00:20:24,510 --> 00:20:28,270
And I had to go into the
sick barrack in order

336
00:20:28,270 --> 00:20:31,900
to be dealt with because
I couldn't function.

337
00:20:31,900 --> 00:20:32,830
So I lost that.

338
00:20:32,830 --> 00:20:34,140
I was there only a few days.

339
00:20:34,140 --> 00:20:37,350
And I lost that because
I had to be put there.

340
00:20:37,350 --> 00:20:41,130
So that was a direct
appointment by an SS,

341
00:20:41,130 --> 00:20:46,470
which I never would have
otherwise been able to get.

342
00:20:46,470 --> 00:20:48,090
This seems to go
back to that notion

343
00:20:48,090 --> 00:20:50,400
of the discretionary aspect.

344

00:20:50,400 --> 00:20:51,030

That's right.

345

00:20:51,030 --> 00:20:52,030

that the SS could have.

346

00:20:52,030 --> 00:20:55,230

I'm glad you remember that,
because we all play roles.

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00:20:55,230 --> 00:20:59,070

And these roles have a
great deal of leeway.

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00:20:59,070 --> 00:21:01,290

That's what I call
the role margin.

349

00:21:01,290 --> 00:21:04,470

And this role margin
actually will show us

350

00:21:04,470 --> 00:21:06,420

what sort of morality we have.

351

00:21:06,420 --> 00:21:09,480

Because that's our personal
decision, which is actually

352

00:21:09,480 --> 00:21:14,790

where we have the freedom to
act in a way within this role

353

00:21:14,790 --> 00:21:17,350

margin, which makes
all the difference.

354

00:21:17,350 --> 00:21:20,680

So that, to me, is a
very important concept,

355

00:21:20,680 --> 00:21:22,720

which has not been--
as I said before--

356
00:21:22,720 --> 00:21:24,060
not developed in literature.

357
00:21:24,060 --> 00:21:25,950
And that's one thing
which I'm working on

358
00:21:25,950 --> 00:21:30,450
and hope to have a lecture,
which will include that back

359
00:21:30,450 --> 00:21:31,350
at Stanford.

360
00:21:31,350 --> 00:21:35,610
Because it has not been
described in literature.

361
00:21:35,610 --> 00:21:38,100
And that's what I'm interested
to do new things rather

362
00:21:38,100 --> 00:21:40,470
than rehash old stuff.

363
00:21:40,470 --> 00:21:43,732
Was this true, I presume among
the kapos and other inmate

364
00:21:43,732 --> 00:21:45,940
functionaries-- to have a
discretionary [INAUDIBLE]??

365
00:21:45,940 --> 00:21:46,860
Oh, yeah.

366
00:21:46,860 --> 00:21:47,940
Kapos, certainly, yeah.

367

00:21:47,940 --> 00:21:50,910
Because kapos really
could help you.

368
00:21:50,910 --> 00:21:52,380
And they did-- some--

369
00:21:52,380 --> 00:21:58,440
to survive and aid inmates
in their struggle to survive,

370
00:21:58,440 --> 00:22:00,840
or they could kill
them point blank

371
00:22:00,840 --> 00:22:03,900
because nothing would happen
to them if they killed people--

372
00:22:03,900 --> 00:22:08,750

373
00:22:08,750 --> 00:22:10,850
just simply outright.

374
00:22:10,850 --> 00:22:14,420
And not only that,
but the SS certainly

375
00:22:14,420 --> 00:22:18,230
may have embraced
that and say good man.

376
00:22:18,230 --> 00:22:22,280
Do you think that the inmate
functionaries were identified

377
00:22:22,280 --> 00:22:23,930
with the SS at that point--

378
00:22:23,930 --> 00:22:27,350
those who behaved
in that fashion?

379
00:22:27,350 --> 00:22:30,450
You mean by other
fellow inmates?

380
00:22:30,450 --> 00:22:34,700
What I mean is, whether the
kapo, in some instances,

381
00:22:34,700 --> 00:22:36,860
might identify with
the role of the SS.

382
00:22:36,860 --> 00:22:38,240
Well, I wrote about that.

383
00:22:38,240 --> 00:22:41,570
Because that is,
again, a very important

384
00:22:41,570 --> 00:22:47,000
point which caused a great
deal of misunderstanding.

385
00:22:47,000 --> 00:22:51,030
I don't think even the
kapos, the most cruel kapos,

386
00:22:51,030 --> 00:22:56,870
identified with the
goals of the SS--

387
00:22:56,870 --> 00:23:05,270
namely, destruction and tyranny
and cruelty and all that.

388
00:23:05,270 --> 00:23:07,610
Some were certainly sadistic.

389
00:23:07,610 --> 00:23:10,310
And we are particularly
talking about those people who

390

00:23:10,310 --> 00:23:15,380

were in these sadistic inmate
functionary positions who

391

00:23:15,380 --> 00:23:19,010

were professional criminals.

392

00:23:19,010 --> 00:23:23,120

And so, they were the ones who
were most frequently selected

393

00:23:23,120 --> 00:23:26,930

by the SS because they knew that
their morality, their ethics,

394

00:23:26,930 --> 00:23:29,270

and their consideration
for fellow human beings,

395

00:23:29,270 --> 00:23:30,260

were very low--

396

00:23:30,260 --> 00:23:34,700

and therefore they
were a very useful tool

397

00:23:34,700 --> 00:23:37,110

in the hands of the SS
to do their dirty work.

398

00:23:37,110 --> 00:23:39,410

And that's why they were
selected most frequently.

399

00:23:39,410 --> 00:23:41,400

There is no question about that.

400

00:23:41,400 --> 00:23:49,250

But some other people
who assumed these roles--

401

00:23:49,250 --> 00:23:51,800

or were assigned these roles,
which is more accurate--

402
00:23:51,800 --> 00:23:54,800

403
00:23:54,800 --> 00:23:57,320
did not necessarily
identify with the goals

404
00:23:57,320 --> 00:24:02,420
of the SS or National
Socialism to destroy people.

405
00:24:02,420 --> 00:24:06,350
But they certainly
identified with power.

406
00:24:06,350 --> 00:24:08,750
They identified with
power because that

407
00:24:08,750 --> 00:24:10,490
was a means to survive.

408
00:24:10,490 --> 00:24:13,670
And the more power you had as
an inmate, the better chances

409
00:24:13,670 --> 00:24:15,410
you had to survive.

410
00:24:15,410 --> 00:24:17,420
And with this, they identified.

411
00:24:17,420 --> 00:24:21,140
They identified with the power
of the SS, no question-- but

412
00:24:21,140 --> 00:24:28,100
not necessarily as to
how the power was used.

413

00:24:28,100 --> 00:24:31,010

And that is something which
needs to be remembered.

414

00:24:31,010 --> 00:24:34,640

And there was some person--

415

00:24:34,640 --> 00:24:36,860

I forget his name
now-- who came out

416

00:24:36,860 --> 00:24:39,020

with the notion
of identification

417

00:24:39,020 --> 00:24:40,670

with the aggressor.

418

00:24:40,670 --> 00:24:43,010

And that is something
which I oppose.

419

00:24:43,010 --> 00:24:49,190

Because it's a very misleading,
and just downright wrong,

420

00:24:49,190 --> 00:24:51,620

way to look at it,
which has caused,

421

00:24:51,620 --> 00:24:56,690

I think, quite a bit of damage
in terms of understanding

422

00:24:56,690 --> 00:25:00,320

interaction and the group
dynamics in concentration

423

00:25:00,320 --> 00:25:02,070

and destruction camps.

424

00:25:02,070 --> 00:25:04,520

And I think it's done a
great deal of disservice,

425
00:25:04,520 --> 00:25:08,420
because most of these people
who write about these things

426
00:25:08,420 --> 00:25:12,128
are not people who actually
experienced and know

427
00:25:12,128 --> 00:25:16,400
the situation as it existed in
concentration and destruction

428
00:25:16,400 --> 00:25:17,300
camps.

429
00:25:17,300 --> 00:25:21,555
And they are simply academicians
who are theoreticians and think

430
00:25:21,555 --> 00:25:22,430
they are very clever.

431
00:25:22,430 --> 00:25:27,470
And some are, except it
can lead to a great deal

432
00:25:27,470 --> 00:25:29,930
of misunderstanding.

433
00:25:29,930 --> 00:25:31,580
Maybe this is a
good place if you

434
00:25:31,580 --> 00:25:35,060
were to discuss the
authoritarian personality.

435
00:25:35,060 --> 00:25:37,640
And I believe it's a scale
called the F scale that

436
00:25:37,640 --> 00:25:40,340
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

437
00:25:40,340 --> 00:25:44,480
Well, in my research--

438
00:25:44,480 --> 00:25:46,340
and that's the
only research which

439
00:25:46,340 --> 00:25:49,970
has been done on that level with
the SS, or with the SS period,

440
00:25:49,970 --> 00:25:54,980
because not many people have
done research with them--

441
00:25:54,980 --> 00:26:02,090
where I had two groups of
people who volunteered.

442
00:26:02,090 --> 00:26:05,450
And some of them
actually were assigned

443
00:26:05,450 --> 00:26:07,940
to fill in questionnaires.

444
00:26:07,940 --> 00:26:10,880
And these two groups
were former members

445
00:26:10,880 --> 00:26:13,370
of the SS of all kinds--

446
00:26:13,370 --> 00:26:16,490
all different parts of the SS--

447
00:26:16,490 --> 00:26:20,180
and former members of

the German armed forces.

448
00:26:20,180 --> 00:26:23,940
And there was a significant
difference between these.

449
00:26:23,940 --> 00:26:28,580
It was significant enough.

450
00:26:28,580 --> 00:26:34,940
So the conclusion of that study
is that, indeed, the SS tended

451
00:26:34,940 --> 00:26:37,790
to be higher on the F scale--

452
00:26:37,790 --> 00:26:43,070
the fascist scale-- than
quote unquote "normal" members

453
00:26:43,070 --> 00:26:47,990
of the armed forces who
were not members of the SS.

454
00:26:47,990 --> 00:26:54,410
So there is no question that
authoritarianism and rigidity

455
00:26:54,410 --> 00:26:56,390
dogmatism--

456
00:26:56,390 --> 00:27:02,390
which is all part
of that phenomenon--

457
00:27:02,390 --> 00:27:18,390
is directly related to their
conduct and the susceptibility

458
00:27:18,390 --> 00:27:20,640
of certain types
of people to join

459

00:27:20,640 --> 00:27:23,490
organizations of this nature.

460

00:27:23,490 --> 00:27:26,340
And that is the
conclusion of my research.

461

00:27:26,340 --> 00:27:31,050

462

00:27:31,050 --> 00:27:36,890
What about the
post-war playing out

463

00:27:36,890 --> 00:27:39,080
of this authoritarian
personality?

464

00:27:39,080 --> 00:27:47,090
Well, you see, the post-war
roles former members of the SS

465

00:27:47,090 --> 00:27:50,450
assumed was limited
by virtue of the fact

466

00:27:50,450 --> 00:27:56,660
that the people under discussion
were professional SS people.

467

00:27:56,660 --> 00:27:58,490
That was their job.

468

00:27:58,490 --> 00:28:00,180
And it was not just temporary.

469

00:28:00,180 --> 00:28:01,420
It was pretty much permanent.

470

00:28:01,420 --> 00:28:03,740
It was to be permanent.

471

00:28:03,740 --> 00:28:09,410

And so, because of
their limited skills

472

00:28:09,410 --> 00:28:13,830

to assume jobs after the war--

473

00:28:13,830 --> 00:28:16,370

which were available to
them because, obviously,

474

00:28:16,370 --> 00:28:18,140

all the other
things had dried up,

475

00:28:18,140 --> 00:28:23,420

with the exception of people
who became part of the SS

476

00:28:23,420 --> 00:28:26,450

by virtue of the fact that
they were professional police

477

00:28:26,450 --> 00:28:27,080

people--

478

00:28:27,080 --> 00:28:30,980

many of these people were
responsible for atrocities--

479

00:28:30,980 --> 00:28:33,710

and that is something
which has been documented

480

00:28:33,710 --> 00:28:36,680

beyond a shadow of a doubt--

481

00:28:36,680 --> 00:28:40,760

then went back to normal police
work, quote unquote "normal"

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00:28:40,760 --> 00:28:44,570

police work in a to-be
democracy--that is,

483
00:28:44,570 --> 00:28:46,520
post-war Germany.

484
00:28:46,520 --> 00:28:50,030
And it did not come to
any particular notice

485
00:28:50,030 --> 00:28:53,150
of the people, although we
don't know how tough they

486
00:28:53,150 --> 00:28:56,900
were in their job as police--

487
00:28:56,900 --> 00:28:59,120
high police officials.

488
00:28:59,120 --> 00:29:02,960
So that was one way
these people went back

489
00:29:02,960 --> 00:29:10,610
to continue their police work
under different political

490
00:29:10,610 --> 00:29:12,290
economic situation.

491
00:29:12,290 --> 00:29:14,570
But they were able to
curb that behavior?

492
00:29:14,570 --> 00:29:15,318
[INAUDIBLE]

493
00:29:15,318 --> 00:29:15,860
That's right.

494
00:29:15,860 --> 00:29:18,980

Well, you see, because they
were able to somehow get away

495

00:29:18,980 --> 00:29:26,960
with it so that they only rarely
were really caught and brought

496

00:29:26,960 --> 00:29:28,100
before courts.

497

00:29:28,100 --> 00:29:30,170
Some did, but most
of them did not.

498

00:29:30,170 --> 00:29:34,280
And they just went
back to be policemen--

499

00:29:34,280 --> 00:29:38,390
not all, but many of
them who certainly

500

00:29:38,390 --> 00:29:45,770
were guilty of a
lot of atrocities

501

00:29:45,770 --> 00:29:48,710
were simply not brought
before the court.

502

00:29:48,710 --> 00:29:56,030
In other words, people who
were tainted with mischief.

503

00:29:56,030 --> 00:29:58,327
And they were able to
restrain their brutal tactics

504

00:29:58,327 --> 00:29:59,160
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

505

00:29:59,160 --> 00:30:04,400
Well, the question is

obviously the roles

506

00:30:04,400 --> 00:30:06,980
which they had to play
were more limited.

507

00:30:06,980 --> 00:30:09,140
They couldn't go
around killing people.

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00:30:09,140 --> 00:30:13,460
They couldn't do it because
there were different conditions

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00:30:13,460 --> 00:30:14,420
and laws.

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00:30:14,420 --> 00:30:16,590
And they couldn't do it
without breaking the law.

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00:30:16,590 --> 00:30:18,603
And that would have not
been in their interest.

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00:30:18,603 --> 00:30:20,270
It doesn't mean that
they could have not

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00:30:20,270 --> 00:30:21,800
been brought to the courts
because they may have been

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00:30:21,800 --> 00:30:24,020
brought [? forward ?]
whenever they had a chance

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00:30:24,020 --> 00:30:25,790
to be and get away with that.

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00:30:25,790 --> 00:30:28,970
But it's not in a democracy.

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00:30:28,970 --> 00:30:32,450

In terms of your function
as a police person,

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00:30:32,450 --> 00:30:33,530

it's more limited--

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00:30:33,530 --> 00:30:35,870

although what I've seen
here in San Francisco

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00:30:35,870 --> 00:30:39,110

and all that while
driving with the police

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00:30:39,110 --> 00:30:42,450

was just unbelievable, which
was virtually the same thing,

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00:30:42,450 --> 00:30:43,610

which happened in Gestapo.

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00:30:43,610 --> 00:30:45,830

I've seen things which
could have happened

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00:30:45,830 --> 00:30:48,650

under Nazi Germany here
in San Francisco not

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00:30:48,650 --> 00:30:50,340

that many years ago.

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00:30:50,340 --> 00:30:51,890

So it just depends.

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00:30:51,890 --> 00:30:56,390

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00:30:56,390 --> 00:30:59,450

Then you had another group
of people who may have

529
00:30:59,450 --> 00:31:01,700
had different functions--

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00:31:01,700 --> 00:31:03,450
all sorts of
different functions,

531
00:31:03,450 --> 00:31:06,990
also in concentration camps,
but primarily also in --

532
00:31:06,990 --> 00:31:12,320
and they were in the
majority who were combat SS.

533
00:31:12,320 --> 00:31:15,020
And these people,
then, usually--

534
00:31:15,020 --> 00:31:18,104
and that's what I found,
and that more or less closes

535
00:31:18,104 --> 00:31:25,220
the circle of those people,
what sort of roles they played.

536
00:31:25,220 --> 00:31:29,420
They played roles in sales,
in business and all that--

537
00:31:29,420 --> 00:31:32,840
went into business, into sales,
and all that highly aggressive

538
00:31:32,840 --> 00:31:39,260
sort of roles in
business, and in which

539
00:31:39,260 --> 00:31:41,300
they were very
successful, and more

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00:31:41,300 --> 00:31:43,640
successful than
their counterpart

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00:31:43,640 --> 00:31:45,540
former members of
the armed forces.

542
00:31:45,540 --> 00:31:48,260
So for all practical
purposes, those people--

543
00:31:48,260 --> 00:31:52,640
who were not brought before
the court for whatever they had

544
00:31:52,640 --> 00:31:54,710
done during the Nazi time--

545
00:31:54,710 --> 00:31:57,920
were, by and large,
more successful

546
00:31:57,920 --> 00:32:06,440
in adjusting to normal
conditions after World War II

547
00:32:06,440 --> 00:32:11,300
and become existentially
more secure

548
00:32:11,300 --> 00:32:16,820
than comparable age
groups who were members

549
00:32:16,820 --> 00:32:19,280
of the German armed forces.

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00:32:19,280 --> 00:32:22,230
And that was an
interesting sort of thing.

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00:32:22,230 --> 00:32:25,970

So we have to see, look at
the authoritarian personality

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00:32:25,970 --> 00:32:31,010

on the one hand, tends towards
certain aggressive roles,

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00:32:31,010 --> 00:32:33,440

and also have to be
mindful of the fact

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00:32:33,440 --> 00:32:36,170

that, indeed, they
lacked skills and not

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00:32:36,170 --> 00:32:43,310

that many functions
with that limited skills

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00:32:43,310 --> 00:32:45,200

were available to
them after the war.

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00:32:45,200 --> 00:32:46,580

And that needs to be remembered.

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00:32:46,580 --> 00:32:48,690

And also, some of
the people actually--

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00:32:48,690 --> 00:32:52,460

and that's what I found also,
I shouldn't forget that--

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00:32:52,460 --> 00:32:59,360

some of them went into
the then-new German forces

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00:32:59,360 --> 00:33:01,160

of the Federal
Republic of Germany.

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00:33:01,160 --> 00:33:06,830

And if they had up to Major,
they could have a rank up

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00:33:06,830 --> 00:33:10,550

to Major-- that is
to say, in the SS--

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00:33:10,550 --> 00:33:15,680

to be then accepted
by the armed forces.

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00:33:15,680 --> 00:33:17,570

And I know quite
a few people I've

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00:33:17,570 --> 00:33:21,290

interviewed who then
went there, and were

567

00:33:21,290 --> 00:33:26,460

accepted, and continued to
be officers of some sort--

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00:33:26,460 --> 00:33:28,910

usually officers,
because the other ones

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00:33:28,910 --> 00:33:31,100

who were disbanded and go back.

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00:33:31,100 --> 00:33:36,870

Usually, those people had
the rank of an officer.

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00:33:36,870 --> 00:33:37,370

OK.

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00:33:37,370 --> 00:33:41,270

Well, let's focus then on
this whole post-war period

573

00:33:41,270 --> 00:33:48,410
and the transition from
being the SS officer to,

574
00:33:48,410 --> 00:33:51,890
as you say, the business
person, the family person,

575
00:33:51,890 --> 00:33:55,400
the community person.

576
00:33:55,400 --> 00:33:57,860
Are you saying that, for
the most part, whatever

577
00:33:57,860 --> 00:34:02,030
violence they were acting
out during the SS period,

578
00:34:02,030 --> 00:34:05,427
they could abandon
that and resume

579
00:34:05,427 --> 00:34:06,260
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

580
00:34:06,260 --> 00:34:09,020
I think that that's a very
important and excellent

581
00:34:09,020 --> 00:34:14,090
question, because that's one
reason why I welcomed whenever

582
00:34:14,090 --> 00:34:20,360
they invited me to stay with
them in their homes as a guest.

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00:34:20,360 --> 00:34:22,770
And I took advantage of
that whenever I could.

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00:34:22,770 --> 00:34:25,880

And some people-- most
unexpected people--

585
00:34:25,880 --> 00:34:30,050
were highly antisemitic and
just absolutely very vocal

586
00:34:30,050 --> 00:34:35,386
about it who befriended
me and always offered,

587
00:34:35,386 --> 00:34:37,969
when I came they just offered
if you'd like to stay overnight?

588
00:34:37,969 --> 00:34:43,320
Because we're going to talk and
go to bed late and all that.

589
00:34:43,320 --> 00:34:52,530
And so, they were
very interested for me

590
00:34:52,530 --> 00:34:55,139
to stay with them and
were very hospitable.

591
00:34:55,139 --> 00:34:57,360
That's one thing which
needs to be stressed.

592
00:34:57,360 --> 00:34:59,700
And that came to me as
a tremendous surprise

593
00:34:59,700 --> 00:35:01,920
that you have these
sort of contradictions--

594
00:35:01,920 --> 00:35:05,010
that, on one hand, you
can, in certain situations,

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00:35:05,010 --> 00:35:07,470
be exceedingly brutal.

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00:35:07,470 --> 00:35:12,000
And in other situations, you
can be very disarming or stable

597
00:35:12,000 --> 00:35:14,190
and really caring.

598
00:35:14,190 --> 00:35:16,470
And they're really caring.

599
00:35:16,470 --> 00:35:18,450
Some of the
hospitality which I've

600
00:35:18,450 --> 00:35:22,950
experienced staying
with these SS people

601
00:35:22,950 --> 00:35:26,430
was just totally disarming.

602
00:35:26,430 --> 00:35:28,650
I'm still surprised.

603
00:35:28,650 --> 00:35:31,750
I still have to come
to terms with that.

604
00:35:31,750 --> 00:35:36,240
And so, you've got
these two extremes.

605
00:35:36,240 --> 00:35:41,940
And I'm reminded of
Philip Zimbardo's notion

606
00:35:41,940 --> 00:35:46,710
that the situation, or
my notion of the sleeper,

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00:35:46,710 --> 00:35:51,860

really stimulates certain things which were dormant--

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00:35:51,860 --> 00:35:54,470

personality characteristics which,

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00:35:54,470 --> 00:35:59,770

under certain circumstances, then come forth,

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00:35:59,770 --> 00:36:05,300

will become visible which heretofore were not.

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00:36:05,300 --> 00:36:08,350

And that, to me, is exceedingly interesting, exceedingly

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00:36:08,350 --> 00:36:09,940

interesting phenomenon-- again, which

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00:36:09,940 --> 00:36:12,430

is new, which has not been really discussed ever

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00:36:12,430 --> 00:36:16,660

since Philip Zimbardo, and then I started discussing.

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00:36:16,660 --> 00:36:18,340

They simply don't exist in literature.

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00:36:18,340 --> 00:36:23,500

And that's why both of us are being increasingly cited

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00:36:23,500 --> 00:36:27,190

in that, because someone looks at it from a different, totally

618
00:36:27,190 --> 00:36:29,510
new perspective.

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00:36:29,510 --> 00:36:32,380
So there was no
findings or notion

620
00:36:32,380 --> 00:36:36,070
that the situation
drew this aspect out,

621
00:36:36,070 --> 00:36:38,020
but then it became
habitual with the person

622
00:36:38,020 --> 00:36:43,160
to where they didn't let it go?

623
00:36:43,160 --> 00:36:47,740
Well, you see, the question
is, didn't they let it go

624
00:36:47,740 --> 00:36:50,320
because it was let's say --

625
00:36:50,320 --> 00:36:53,290
Why did they like it, or
why did they enjoy it?

626
00:36:53,290 --> 00:36:55,040
Why did it satisfy their needs?

627
00:36:55,040 --> 00:36:55,990
Let's put it that way.

628
00:36:55,990 --> 00:36:56,650
Well, sure.

629
00:36:56,650 --> 00:36:59,800
Because if I do
certain things and I'll

630

00:36:59,800 --> 00:37:03,280
be rewarded for things which,
heretofore, were morally

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00:37:03,280 --> 00:37:07,870
unacceptable, and they are now
not only acceptable, but even

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00:37:07,870 --> 00:37:10,870
desirable, and I'm
going to be rewarded

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00:37:10,870 --> 00:37:13,480
for them in a way which
I've never been rewarded

634

00:37:13,480 --> 00:37:16,180
before for anything
else, then I will

635

00:37:16,180 --> 00:37:17,920
start enjoying these things--

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00:37:17,920 --> 00:37:20,800
even if they are very
contradictory and totally

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00:37:20,800 --> 00:37:21,640
unethical.

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00:37:21,640 --> 00:37:23,590
But, you see, what
is more important,

639

00:37:23,590 --> 00:37:29,020
the rewards which I get or
the unacceptable ethics?

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00:37:29,020 --> 00:37:32,740
And the sad fact is that,
for very many people--

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00:37:32,740 --> 00:37:34,510
probably for most--

642

00:37:34,510 --> 00:37:38,590
the reward is more
important than how

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00:37:38,590 --> 00:37:42,040
they get to be rewarded.

644

00:37:42,040 --> 00:37:44,380
And that's the sad fact.

645

00:37:44,380 --> 00:37:46,900
And I think most
of us also somehow

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00:37:46,900 --> 00:37:50,930
there are times when we
see, well, it is profitable.

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00:37:50,930 --> 00:37:53,890
We will do things
which, otherwise,

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00:37:53,890 --> 00:37:55,570
if there would be
no profit in it,

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00:37:55,570 --> 00:37:59,350
we would condemn as unethical.

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00:37:59,350 --> 00:38:04,060
Did you find that there were
any percentage of the SS members

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00:38:04,060 --> 00:38:10,960
post-war who were
depressed or otherwise felt

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00:38:10,960 --> 00:38:12,820
negative about their behavior?

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00:38:12,820 --> 00:38:14,380

Oh, yes.

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00:38:14,380 --> 00:38:17,060

But, you see, this
needed to be dealt with.

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00:38:17,060 --> 00:38:23,530

And as I said before in one of
the other previous interviews,

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00:38:23,530 --> 00:38:25,600

I had no idea what I
would get into when

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00:38:25,600 --> 00:38:27,460

I started my
interviews. because I

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00:38:27,460 --> 00:38:29,950

said it's going to be
for the questionnaire.

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00:38:29,950 --> 00:38:32,020

It's going to serve
a certain purpose--

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00:38:32,020 --> 00:38:37,990

find out what they did, roles
and positions and conduct.

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00:38:37,990 --> 00:38:40,390

and how they view the --

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00:38:40,390 --> 00:38:43,900

But I didn't reckon
with the fact

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00:38:43,900 --> 00:38:49,570

that, now, I would stimulate
some sort of coming to terms,

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00:38:49,570 --> 00:38:55,030
so that I would start something
which they had repressed

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00:38:55,030 --> 00:38:57,190
or were not prepared
to come to terms

666

00:38:57,190 --> 00:39:00,400
with without my triggering it.

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00:39:00,400 --> 00:39:04,300
And so, then, kind
of a chain reaction

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00:39:04,300 --> 00:39:08,860
started to these interviews
so that they actually did not

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00:39:08,860 --> 00:39:13,670
break off the relationship
with me after the interview,

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00:39:13,670 --> 00:39:18,800
but they just continued
to relate to me,

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00:39:18,800 --> 00:39:23,730
and ask me back, and keep
contact, and what have you.

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00:39:23,730 --> 00:39:26,690
And we talked about
people who were

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00:39:26,690 --> 00:39:28,610
SS gentlemen, as I call them.

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00:39:28,610 --> 00:39:30,710
On one hand, some of
them were gentlemen--

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00:39:30,710 --> 00:39:35,660
and they didn't do anything
against the Geneva Convention--

676
00:39:35,660 --> 00:39:40,130
up to those people who were
known as hangmen of Buchenwald,

677
00:39:40,130 --> 00:39:43,250
and people who
were mass killers.

678
00:39:43,250 --> 00:39:45,830
And so that, to me,
was very interesting

679
00:39:45,830 --> 00:39:50,820
that it started a process,
a coming to terms.

680
00:39:50,820 --> 00:39:54,150
And then they needed
me as a sounding board,

681
00:39:54,150 --> 00:39:57,390
as someone to reflect with.

682
00:39:57,390 --> 00:40:02,040
And the culmination
in public was, indeed,

683
00:40:02,040 --> 00:40:06,990
that these three people with
whom I had interviews with

684
00:40:06,990 --> 00:40:09,930
the radio and all
that, with whom --

685
00:40:09,930 --> 00:40:13,380
denounced and said, if
we had known, we regret.

686

00:40:13,380 --> 00:40:15,390
Yes.

687
00:40:15,390 --> 00:40:17,370
And if we had known
what it would come to,

688
00:40:17,370 --> 00:40:20,220
what we would get into,
we would have preferred

689
00:40:20,220 --> 00:40:22,050
not to be members of the SS.

690
00:40:22,050 --> 00:40:24,720
And that's a very
important recognition.

691
00:40:24,720 --> 00:40:26,490
And some other
people also told me

692
00:40:26,490 --> 00:40:28,300
about other people
who said, hey,

693
00:40:28,300 --> 00:40:30,280
I have no regrets whatsoever.

694
00:40:30,280 --> 00:40:34,680
And these were usually people
who had tremendous lives

695
00:40:34,680 --> 00:40:38,460
by virtue of the fact [? that ?]
very, very powerful people

696
00:40:38,460 --> 00:40:44,330
who were rewarded
for that position.

697
00:40:44,330 --> 00:40:48,010
And one of them--

the best example--

698
00:40:48,010 --> 00:40:53,320
was Karl Wolff, who was
Himmler's right-hand man.

699
00:40:53,320 --> 00:40:58,480
And shortly before he actually
became very ill and died,

700
00:40:58,480 --> 00:41:02,260
he, in one the last telephone
interviews, actually, said--

701
00:41:02,260 --> 00:41:04,780

702
00:41:04,780 --> 00:41:08,120
and that's part of a broadcast,
as a matter of fact--

703
00:41:08,120 --> 00:41:10,690
I have no regrets
and I'm proud of him

704
00:41:10,690 --> 00:41:13,060
being a member of the SS.

705
00:41:13,060 --> 00:41:17,110
Why? because the man had such
unbelievable and the more

706
00:41:17,110 --> 00:41:21,365
I do research, the more
I see old pictures.

707
00:41:21,365 --> 00:41:24,217

708
00:41:24,217 --> 00:41:26,300
The pictures, that is
photographs just came across

709

00:41:26,300 --> 00:41:34,880

two days ago where I see
Himmler visiting Ravensbrück,

710

00:41:34,880 --> 00:41:36,230

the women's camp.

711

00:41:36,230 --> 00:41:39,110

And he was with Wolff.

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00:41:39,110 --> 00:41:41,130

And then Wolff tells
me, and said, hey,

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00:41:41,130 --> 00:41:43,885

I didn't know anything.

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00:41:43,885 --> 00:41:45,760

I mean and he really
believed that he didn't.

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00:41:45,760 --> 00:41:48,710

He totally repressed .

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00:41:48,710 --> 00:41:53,210

On the subject of Wolff,
there was a written paper

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00:41:53,210 --> 00:41:55,970

that [INAUDIBLE] he sent you
in which makes a reference

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00:41:55,970 --> 00:41:58,520

to Himmler as whimsical.

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00:41:58,520 --> 00:42:01,103

What does that mean, if you have
do you have any recollection?

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00:42:01,103 --> 00:42:02,520

I don't know what
you're referring

721
00:42:02,520 --> 00:42:03,590
to exactly at the moment.

722
00:42:03,590 --> 00:42:03,920
OK.

723
00:42:03,920 --> 00:42:04,700
Well, never mind.

724
00:42:04,700 --> 00:42:08,150
It was this reference to
Himmler as a whimsical person.

725
00:42:08,150 --> 00:42:10,370
And it struck me very
strange when I read that.

726
00:42:10,370 --> 00:42:16,700

727
00:42:16,700 --> 00:42:24,230
Whimsically, maybe in terms
of the Final Solution.

728
00:42:24,230 --> 00:42:26,900
And that is something
which you have

729
00:42:26,900 --> 00:42:31,490
to be very careful to sort
out what is truth, and what

730
00:42:31,490 --> 00:42:34,670
is fable, and what is meant.

731
00:42:34,670 --> 00:42:37,480
And in this case, he said--

732
00:42:37,480 --> 00:42:39,950
and that might be
an important thing

733
00:42:39,950 --> 00:42:43,970
to mention in connection
with your question--

734
00:42:43,970 --> 00:42:49,800
is that, when
Hitler gave Himmler

735
00:42:49,800 --> 00:42:58,040
the order to go into the Final
Solution, Wolff told me--

736
00:42:58,040 --> 00:43:01,730
and it's recorded also on tape--

737
00:43:01,730 --> 00:43:06,770
that he came into his office
when he was his kind of deputy,

738
00:43:06,770 --> 00:43:14,040
and his right hand man, and
Himmler was in deep depression.

739
00:43:14,040 --> 00:43:19,520
And so, when Wolff saw
him and said, are you ill,

740
00:43:19,520 --> 00:43:20,303
Reichsführer?

741
00:43:20,303 --> 00:43:21,470
Is something wrong with you?

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00:43:21,470 --> 00:43:22,490
And he said, no.

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00:43:22,490 --> 00:43:25,550
And then he started
tell him that he

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00:43:25,550 --> 00:43:28,520

got an order from Himmler,
which is terrible,

745
00:43:28,520 --> 00:43:32,390
and which he finds
very hard to do.

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00:43:32,390 --> 00:43:38,760
But because he is who he is,
he has to act upon that order.

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00:43:38,760 --> 00:43:43,520
And that was precisely when he
received the order from Hitler

748
00:43:43,520 --> 00:43:51,920
directly to enact
a final solution.

749
00:43:51,920 --> 00:43:53,250
And so, he told me that.

750
00:43:53,250 --> 00:44:00,548
And so, that is something
that, because he asserts, along

751
00:44:00,548 --> 00:44:02,090
with, perhaps, some
other people too,

752
00:44:02,090 --> 00:44:08,120
but I'm particularly now drawing
from Wolff's information.

753
00:44:08,120 --> 00:44:09,980
And that is something
which I've seen also

754
00:44:09,980 --> 00:44:13,730
in connection with other people
who are members of the SS--

755
00:44:13,730 --> 00:44:18,020

that, on their own, they
never would have done that.

756
00:44:18,020 --> 00:44:21,470
In other words, they would
have not initiated it.

757
00:44:21,470 --> 00:44:26,780
But they accepted it and
went ahead with that order--

758
00:44:26,780 --> 00:44:28,370
but not because they liked it.

759
00:44:28,370 --> 00:44:33,000
And that's what "whimsical"
is, that he was not into it.

760
00:44:33,000 --> 00:44:35,627
Himmler by himself, if
there had been no Hitler,

761
00:44:35,627 --> 00:44:37,460
and he would have been
a different position,

762
00:44:37,460 --> 00:44:39,460
and there would have been
a different situation,

763
00:44:39,460 --> 00:44:44,390
he never would have initiated
mass murder, mass destruction.

764
00:44:44,390 --> 00:44:48,105
That was perhaps something
which he related.

765
00:44:48,105 --> 00:44:48,605
Perhaps.

766
00:44:48,605 --> 00:44:51,910

767

00:44:51,910 --> 00:44:56,470

In the question of the
post-war reactions,

768

00:44:56,470 --> 00:44:59,260

did you find ever people
having symptoms of what now we

769

00:44:59,260 --> 00:45:01,720

call post-traumatic stress?

770

00:45:01,720 --> 00:45:08,770

But I presume those
kinds of symptoms

771

00:45:08,770 --> 00:45:11,140

can occur after
any kind of trauma,

772

00:45:11,140 --> 00:45:15,400

where their bodies
would have symptoms,

773

00:45:15,400 --> 00:45:22,510

whether it was nightmares or a
certain level of fearfulness.

774

00:45:22,510 --> 00:45:25,750

You know, the interesting
thing is that I've

775

00:45:25,750 --> 00:45:30,470

come across this very much--

776

00:45:30,470 --> 00:45:33,160

certainly not in the
discussions which I've

777

00:45:33,160 --> 00:45:36,415

had with the former SS people--

778

00:45:36,415 --> 00:45:39,680

779

00:45:39,680 --> 00:45:44,060
and my feeling is
that they didn't

780

00:45:44,060 --> 00:45:47,600
have that, which is not
to say that they have not

781

00:45:47,600 --> 00:45:51,365
been traumatized in combat
or in some other things.

782

00:45:51,365 --> 00:45:54,090

783

00:45:54,090 --> 00:45:56,180
I have caused--
and that's perhaps

784

00:45:56,180 --> 00:45:59,960
something which I should say--
when I interviewed Auschwitz

785

00:45:59,960 --> 00:46:03,530
perpetrators.

786

00:46:03,530 --> 00:46:06,380
I had people that I
came back and I saw them

787

00:46:06,380 --> 00:46:09,140
on many occasions.

788

00:46:09,140 --> 00:46:13,130
And, again, all these
sort of things are taped.

789

00:46:13,130 --> 00:46:19,760
And it's important that I
have that for posterity.

790
00:46:19,760 --> 00:46:22,130
And when I came back
the second time,

791
00:46:22,130 --> 00:46:26,360
also, said they, kind of in a
rather accusing sort of way--

792
00:46:26,360 --> 00:46:29,630
said, because of you,
I couldn't sleep.

793
00:46:29,630 --> 00:46:31,250
I had nightmares.

794
00:46:31,250 --> 00:46:35,180
So what happened
is that I retrieved

795
00:46:35,180 --> 00:46:37,610
something which was repressed.

796
00:46:37,610 --> 00:46:40,610
And then, because of the
way I questioned them,

797
00:46:40,610 --> 00:46:42,780
and that was non-threatening.

798
00:46:42,780 --> 00:46:46,580
And I used usually
my way of questioning

799
00:46:46,580 --> 00:46:53,820
was the sort of Rogerian
clients and that dialogue.

800
00:46:53,820 --> 00:46:57,230
And so, I never threaten
and say, God you swine,

801

00:46:57,230 --> 00:47:00,050
or you bastard and all how come?

802
00:47:00,050 --> 00:47:03,980
So I did it very differently,
in a non-threatening way.

803
00:47:03,980 --> 00:47:07,940
But I stimulated people so
that I didn't corner them,

804
00:47:07,940 --> 00:47:12,297
but that they actually accepted
the ball which I threw to them.

805
00:47:12,297 --> 00:47:13,880
And then they started
to play with it.

806
00:47:13,880 --> 00:47:19,980
And that opened up things which,
heretofore, were repressed,

807
00:47:19,980 --> 00:47:23,920
or they were not
prepared to face.

808
00:47:23,920 --> 00:47:25,560
And so, yes.

809
00:47:25,560 --> 00:47:28,560
That happened on
several occasions.

810
00:47:28,560 --> 00:47:35,230
And then they, of course,
had a continued need

811
00:47:35,230 --> 00:47:37,990
to talk to me about that now.

812
00:47:37,990 --> 00:47:40,180
And that is something,

in the case of Wolff--

813
00:47:40,180 --> 00:47:43,660
and his lady friend told me--

814
00:47:43,660 --> 00:47:46,735
that when he was in the
process of dying of cancer--

815
00:47:46,735 --> 00:47:51,350

816
00:47:51,350 --> 00:47:53,960
and that may have
been, or may not

817
00:47:53,960 --> 00:47:58,115
have been, connected directly
with his dying and illness--

818
00:47:58,115 --> 00:48:02,030

819
00:48:02,030 --> 00:48:15,420
he, at night, shouted
and was in anguish.

820
00:48:15,420 --> 00:48:25,050
The right word for it would
be screaming in anguish--

821
00:48:25,050 --> 00:48:27,210
something like that.

822
00:48:27,210 --> 00:48:29,640
And [INAUDIBLE] why
are you screaming?

823
00:48:29,640 --> 00:48:30,270
The devil.

824
00:48:30,270 --> 00:48:33,893

825
00:48:33,893 --> 00:48:34,560
I see the devil.

826
00:48:34,560 --> 00:48:37,020
The devil is after me.

827
00:48:37,020 --> 00:48:42,240
So I think there
was a confrontation

828
00:48:42,240 --> 00:48:47,720
at that particular
point in his life,

829
00:48:47,720 --> 00:48:53,160
while dying, that he no longer
could repress, no escape, sweep

830
00:48:53,160 --> 00:48:58,320
under the carpet, and was faced
with some of the horrid things

831
00:48:58,320 --> 00:49:00,030
which he has witnessed now.

832
00:49:00,030 --> 00:49:01,860
I don't know whether
you went with us

833
00:49:01,860 --> 00:49:09,150
when we saw the documentary
on Litzmannstadt--

834
00:49:09,150 --> 00:49:10,380
the ghetto Litzmannstadt.

835
00:49:10,380 --> 00:49:11,630
I don't know whether you went.

836
00:49:11,630 --> 00:49:14,250

We went to see the movie.

837
00:49:14,250 --> 00:49:16,470
And Lodz.

838
00:49:16,470 --> 00:49:19,540
I saw it, but not with you.

839
00:49:19,540 --> 00:49:22,980
And there, also,
Himmler with Wolff.

840
00:49:22,980 --> 00:49:24,130
Absolutely no question.

841
00:49:24,130 --> 00:49:27,200
And he never talked about that.

842
00:49:27,200 --> 00:49:28,620
He said that in certain things.

843
00:49:28,620 --> 00:49:29,880
There were mass shootings.

844
00:49:29,880 --> 00:49:32,760
And he saw the brain
splattered on Himmler,

845
00:49:32,760 --> 00:49:35,430
and he had to catch
him because he

846
00:49:35,430 --> 00:49:38,380
was in the process of fainting.

847
00:49:38,380 --> 00:49:40,620
And so, that he said.

848
00:49:40,620 --> 00:49:43,410
That] he said, but some of
the things all these various

849

00:49:43,410 --> 00:49:44,130
concentration --

850

00:49:44,130 --> 00:49:47,880
of which he visited that
he never talked about.

851

00:49:47,880 --> 00:49:51,100

852

00:49:51,100 --> 00:49:54,430
Only when I pressed, he said,
oh, I may have been there,

853

00:49:54,430 --> 00:49:58,690
I may have gone
there, or something.

854

00:49:58,690 --> 00:50:01,180
Was this relatively
common, relatively

855

00:50:01,180 --> 00:50:05,320
uncommon among the SS that
they would deny large portions

856

00:50:05,320 --> 00:50:06,933
of their war time?

857

00:50:06,933 --> 00:50:07,600
Well, of course.

858

00:50:07,600 --> 00:50:11,140
Because I think it's
a general trait.

859

00:50:11,140 --> 00:50:15,310
We want to portray
the best sides.

860

00:50:15,310 --> 00:50:19,270
And very few of us will admit

our worst sides, or the shadow,

861
00:50:19,270 --> 00:50:20,050
or whatever.

862
00:50:20,050 --> 00:50:27,550
And we are not keen in
propagating our weaknesses.

863
00:50:27,550 --> 00:50:29,860
Well, most of us don't have
to repress mass murder.

864
00:50:29,860 --> 00:50:33,730

865
00:50:33,730 --> 00:50:40,240
But still, I really think that
this is all relative, isn't it?

866
00:50:40,240 --> 00:50:42,670
Obviously, in
extreme situations,

867
00:50:42,670 --> 00:50:44,860
we will be capable of
more extreme things

868
00:50:44,860 --> 00:50:47,050
than we are under
normal conditions.

869
00:50:47,050 --> 00:50:48,550
And so that's all relative.

870
00:50:48,550 --> 00:50:49,750
We do bad things.

871
00:50:49,750 --> 00:50:52,150
Just think in terms of
university, what happens--

872

00:50:52,150 --> 00:50:54,780
bad things, the way
we are being treated--

873
00:50:54,780 --> 00:50:57,910
that, for that particular
situation, is very interesting.

874
00:50:57,910 --> 00:51:00,160
Because I say, hey,
in extreme situations,

875
00:51:00,160 --> 00:51:02,140
these people would be killers.

876
00:51:02,140 --> 00:51:05,127
They would be
capable of killing.

877
00:51:05,127 --> 00:51:06,710
Because that's a
very important thing.

878
00:51:06,710 --> 00:51:09,850
And that's exactly what I've
discussed with Erich Fromm,

879
00:51:09,850 --> 00:51:13,090
particularly when the situation,
and he said, well, you know,

880
00:51:13,090 --> 00:51:16,410
Dr. Steiner, I'll give you
an example by Zimbardo's--

881
00:51:16,410 --> 00:51:18,920

882
00:51:18,920 --> 00:51:25,030
the techniques he applied
to measure the students

883
00:51:25,030 --> 00:51:31,450

in that particular experiment,
in the simulated prison

884
00:51:31,450 --> 00:51:32,170
experiment--

885
00:51:32,170 --> 00:51:35,320
Stanford simulated prison
experiment-- was inaccurate,

886
00:51:35,320 --> 00:51:37,810
because you simply can't
measure these things--

887
00:51:37,810 --> 00:51:40,690
to what extent you have
sadistic tendencies.

888
00:51:40,690 --> 00:51:42,880
And I'll give you
an example, which

889
00:51:42,880 --> 00:51:50,410
is perhaps a much better way
to measure things in real life.

890
00:51:50,410 --> 00:51:54,610
Just go to the post office, and
the clerk is almost finished.

891
00:51:54,610 --> 00:51:56,560
It's closing time.

892
00:51:56,560 --> 00:52:00,100
And still one person
waiting to be served.

893
00:52:00,100 --> 00:52:02,270
And he just looks at him.

894
00:52:02,270 --> 00:52:05,230
But because his time is over,
he has a smirk on his face

895

00:52:05,230 --> 00:52:08,180
and gets a kick out of the fact
that the man is disappointed

896

00:52:08,180 --> 00:52:10,030
and is not being
served, he closes

897

00:52:10,030 --> 00:52:14,470
the window, his
cubby hole there,

898

00:52:14,470 --> 00:52:16,750
and has a smirk on his face.

899

00:52:16,750 --> 00:52:21,740
And that, to me, is real
proof of the pudding.

900

00:52:21,740 --> 00:52:24,970
So when I see that
in everyday life,

901

00:52:24,970 --> 00:52:26,680
I am very mindful
as I'd say, what

902

00:52:26,680 --> 00:52:30,460
would you be really capable
of if the chips are down?

903

00:52:30,460 --> 00:52:36,160
And that also helps me to
assess with whom I want

904

00:52:36,160 --> 00:52:38,760
to interact in my private life.

905

00:52:38,760 --> 00:52:42,820
My public life, I don't have
that much choice if you're

906
00:52:42,820 --> 00:52:45,580
an instructor or whatever.

907
00:52:45,580 --> 00:52:48,730
But in my private life--
and some people say very

908
00:52:48,730 --> 00:52:49,660
judgmental--

909
00:52:49,660 --> 00:52:51,740
very many of the
things I see and say,

910
00:52:51,740 --> 00:52:55,000
hey, I can see that I don't
have to really interact

911
00:52:55,000 --> 00:52:56,230
with you a very long time.

912
00:52:56,230 --> 00:53:04,700
I can see how you use your
role margin, the discretion you

913
00:53:04,700 --> 00:53:05,390
have.

914
00:53:05,390 --> 00:53:09,650
And I think you're a louse.

915
00:53:09,650 --> 00:53:10,610
I don't tell them that.

916
00:53:10,610 --> 00:53:14,060

917
00:53:14,060 --> 00:53:15,200
I've got problems.

918
00:53:15,200 --> 00:53:16,150

I don't need it.

919

00:53:16,150 --> 00:53:19,610

920

00:53:19,610 --> 00:53:21,251

Did you want to say something?

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00:53:21,251 --> 00:53:23,840

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00:53:23,840 --> 00:53:26,408

To me, it seems that
it's more than relative.

923

00:53:26,408 --> 00:53:27,950

In other words, it
seems that someone

924

00:53:27,950 --> 00:53:31,880

who has to repress seeing
12 years of the Holocaust

925

00:53:31,880 --> 00:53:34,660

and the mass murder
and the gore.

926

00:53:34,660 --> 00:53:36,410

But there's not 12
years of the Holocaust.

927

00:53:36,410 --> 00:53:36,740

Well, no.

928

00:53:36,740 --> 00:53:37,310

That's true.

929

00:53:37,310 --> 00:53:40,600

But they might have seen
brutality beginning in '33.

930

00:53:40,600 --> 00:53:42,475

There was brutality
happening here and there.

931
00:53:42,475 --> 00:53:44,642
There were cumulative public
humiliations of people.

932
00:53:44,642 --> 00:53:46,250
In other words,
someone who watched

933
00:53:46,250 --> 00:53:48,890
the humiliation and the
murder of the Jewish people,

934
00:53:48,890 --> 00:53:50,600
or Gypsies, or whatever there--

935
00:53:50,600 --> 00:53:53,450
and the repression
after the war that they

936
00:53:53,450 --> 00:53:56,030
would have to accomplish in
order to forget all of that,

937
00:53:56,030 --> 00:53:59,400
and forget all the negative side
of life during World War II--

938
00:53:59,400 --> 00:54:03,080
has to be a much more extensive,
complete, and energetic

939
00:54:03,080 --> 00:54:05,630
endeavor on the part of the
human psyche than someone

940
00:54:05,630 --> 00:54:09,950
who merely has to repress
seeing that occasional brutality

941
00:54:09,950 --> 00:54:12,860

or not having been
responsible in any way.

942
00:54:12,860 --> 00:54:15,770
And we find people that have
even difficulty repressing

943
00:54:15,770 --> 00:54:19,610
things that they saw that
were brutal, much less things

944
00:54:19,610 --> 00:54:22,940
that they were responsible for,
or ordered themselves, or did

945
00:54:22,940 --> 00:54:24,380
themselves.

946
00:54:24,380 --> 00:54:26,660
And I was more interested
in the fact, I think,

947
00:54:26,660 --> 00:54:29,690
that there probably is a
whole continuum of repression

948
00:54:29,690 --> 00:54:31,520
we need to begin to study.

949
00:54:31,520 --> 00:54:33,860
Because you were able
to find triggers.

950
00:54:33,860 --> 00:54:38,660
some people's repression
by sort of, in a way,

951
00:54:38,660 --> 00:54:43,610
making it comfortable enough
for them to become unrepressed.

952
00:54:43,610 --> 00:54:46,340
But given the circumstances of,

particularly for the first 10

953

00:54:46,340 --> 00:54:48,890
years or 15 years after the
war, that many of these men--

954

00:54:48,890 --> 00:54:53,225
if they had remembered it, or
if someone else had remembered

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00:54:53,225 --> 00:54:55,100
what they had done, they
might be implicated,

956

00:54:55,100 --> 00:54:58,220
and the threat was also to
their own lives and well-being--

957

00:54:58,220 --> 00:55:01,790
that the reason for repression
is much more extensive

958

00:55:01,790 --> 00:55:02,870
in that case.

959

00:55:02,870 --> 00:55:05,240
Well, I agree with the
fact that they have more

960

00:55:05,240 --> 00:55:07,940
to repress than people
under normal conditions.

961

00:55:07,940 --> 00:55:09,800
I don't have any
problems with that.

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00:55:09,800 --> 00:55:12,992
But I still think it's relative,
because I project, say, hey,

963

00:55:12,992 --> 00:55:14,450
if you [? will, ?]

these people who

964
00:55:14,450 --> 00:55:17,630
are doing things
which appear to be

965
00:55:17,630 --> 00:55:20,330
relatively minor in
terms of comparing it

966
00:55:20,330 --> 00:55:22,010
to mass destruction.

967
00:55:22,010 --> 00:55:24,890
I think, already,
tell me what they

968
00:55:24,890 --> 00:55:27,890
will be capable of if
the chips were down.

969
00:55:27,890 --> 00:55:29,540
That's what I'm talking about.

970
00:55:29,540 --> 00:55:31,140
And that's relative.

971
00:55:31,140 --> 00:55:33,800
So I don't want to be around
until the chips are down,

972
00:55:33,800 --> 00:55:36,560
because then I think my
life would be in danger.

973
00:55:36,560 --> 00:55:40,070
And we've had that
at the college also.

974
00:55:40,070 --> 00:55:44,510
We've had one person who was
a virtual Greek dictator.

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00:55:44,510 --> 00:55:48,440

And the way he just dealt with
people, with the ruthlessness,

976

00:55:48,440 --> 00:55:52,250

was just simply, under normal
conditions, just unbelievable.

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00:55:52,250 --> 00:55:56,040

And yet I could see so many
people today there and say,

978

00:55:56,040 --> 00:55:57,570

hey, I have nothing
to do with it.

979

00:55:57,570 --> 00:55:58,970

It was very similar pattern.

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00:55:58,970 --> 00:56:01,070

And I said, I wasn't a Nazi.

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00:56:01,070 --> 00:56:02,040

I didn't do anything.

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00:56:02,040 --> 00:56:06,320

And they tell me, I was not
one of the people who kowtowed.

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00:56:06,320 --> 00:56:09,230

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00:56:09,230 --> 00:56:11,900

And they threw out people
that helped him to throw out

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00:56:11,900 --> 00:56:15,150

people-- get people out of
jobs, and discriminate, and all.

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00:56:15,150 --> 00:56:18,300

And today, you're just

a deny it, deny it.

987

00:56:18,300 --> 00:56:21,560

And so, I say that I have
to see that in proportion.

988

00:56:21,560 --> 00:56:23,180

It's all relative.

989

00:56:23,180 --> 00:56:25,880

But, to be sure, if
I'm a mass killer,

990

00:56:25,880 --> 00:56:29,280

I've got more to repress
than if I'm not, obviously.

991

00:56:29,280 --> 00:56:30,170

It stands to reason.

992

00:56:30,170 --> 00:56:32,030

But you know that.

993

00:56:32,030 --> 00:56:33,860

So that's not the point.

994

00:56:33,860 --> 00:56:39,290

My point is that we can
detect these sort of traits

995

00:56:39,290 --> 00:56:41,660

before things happen.

996

00:56:41,660 --> 00:56:44,120

And that's why I
say we really have

997

00:56:44,120 --> 00:56:50,420

to be very active in
helping to produce

998

00:56:50,420 --> 00:56:52,670

an atmosphere in which
these things are not

999
00:56:52,670 --> 00:56:57,290
possible-- in other words, be
sure that we don't participate

1000
00:56:57,290 --> 00:57:00,050
in creating
situations that people

1001
00:57:00,050 --> 00:57:04,970
can act in a way which will lead
to atrocities and mass murder.

1002
00:57:04,970 --> 00:57:06,740
That's the only thing I can say.

1003
00:57:06,740 --> 00:57:09,640

1004
00:57:09,640 --> 00:57:11,710
And very few people are mindful.

1005
00:57:11,710 --> 00:57:13,480
One of the reasons
why I do what I do

1006
00:57:13,480 --> 00:57:17,290
is because there are very
practical implications.

1007
00:57:17,290 --> 00:57:19,270
Tell that to the politicians.

1008
00:57:19,270 --> 00:57:22,120
Tell that to people in
high power positions.

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00:57:22,120 --> 00:57:24,680
Tell that to Henry Kissinger.

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00:57:24,680 --> 00:57:28,110
The question is to what
extent he will relate to that.

1011
00:57:28,110 --> 00:57:28,610
Why?

1012
00:57:28,610 --> 00:57:29,930
Because he enjoyed power.

1013
00:57:29,930 --> 00:57:30,920
They enjoyed power.

1014
00:57:30,920 --> 00:57:34,397
And they are prepared
to pay the price.

1015
00:57:34,397 --> 00:57:35,480
And that's what I've seen.

1016
00:57:35,480 --> 00:57:37,400
I say this because,
whenever I talk to them,

1017
00:57:37,400 --> 00:57:41,000
the Israelis also say, oh
my God, it's so beautiful.

1018
00:57:41,000 --> 00:57:42,830
We were all so close together.

1019
00:57:42,830 --> 00:57:46,190
And people are closely knit.

1020
00:57:46,190 --> 00:57:52,640
And there was all these
friendships, and comradeship,

1021
00:57:52,640 --> 00:57:54,060
and all these sort of things.

1022
00:57:54,060 --> 00:57:55,440

And we don't have that anymore.

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00:57:55,440 --> 00:57:58,190

And these people are in
high positions today.

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00:57:58,190 --> 00:58:00,230

I mean high positions
not in terms

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00:58:00,230 --> 00:58:02,480

of power that much,
but very successful

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00:58:02,480 --> 00:58:04,580

financially speaking.

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00:58:04,580 --> 00:58:06,920

And so, I tell them that.

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00:58:06,920 --> 00:58:11,780

I remember one person who
was married to a lady who

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00:58:11,780 --> 00:58:13,040

was quite well-to-do.

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00:58:13,040 --> 00:58:15,680

And he married
into wealth and all

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00:58:15,680 --> 00:58:19,940

that in a very fashionable
resort in Germany,

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00:58:19,940 --> 00:58:22,430

They had two hotels.

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00:58:22,430 --> 00:58:25,100

[INAUDIBLE]

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00:58:25,100 --> 00:58:30,410

And this fellow had it all.

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00:58:30,410 --> 00:58:34,910
And I was sent there
by General Steiner.

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00:58:34,910 --> 00:58:36,860
He said, you want to
interview this fellow.

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00:58:36,860 --> 00:58:38,990
He was in my division.

1038
00:58:38,990 --> 00:58:41,930
And he told me
very many things--

1039
00:58:41,930 --> 00:58:48,410
among other things, that, yes,
he's satisfied with his life.

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00:58:48,410 --> 00:58:51,018
But he doesn't have the
closeness, the comradeship,

1041
00:58:51,018 --> 00:58:51,560
and all that.

1042
00:58:51,560 --> 00:58:55,130
So he was talking about that
simultaneously telling me

1043
00:58:55,130 --> 00:58:59,780
that he was to be sent to be a
commandant of a concentration

1044
00:58:59,780 --> 00:59:02,310
camp.

1045
00:59:02,310 --> 00:59:06,180
And because he
had good contacts,

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00:59:06,180 --> 00:59:09,900
and because he
couldn't identify,

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00:59:09,900 --> 00:59:13,630
and because he was not
to be playing this role,

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00:59:13,630 --> 00:59:15,593
he was able to avoid it.

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00:59:15,593 --> 00:59:16,260
He told me that.

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00:59:16,260 --> 00:59:19,250

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00:59:19,250 --> 00:59:20,890
What did he do instead?

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00:59:20,890 --> 00:59:21,640
He went to combat.

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00:59:21,640 --> 00:59:25,140

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00:59:25,140 --> 00:59:27,930
Did you ever see
other kinds of signs

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00:59:27,930 --> 00:59:31,590
of distress-- say,
alcoholism, or drugs,

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00:59:31,590 --> 00:59:33,030
prescription or otherwise?

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00:59:33,030 --> 00:59:35,880
Alcoholism, no--
not first of all.

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00:59:35,880 --> 00:59:37,380
Yeah, well, many
people, but I don't

1059
00:59:37,380 --> 00:59:41,670
think that was because of what
they've seen and all that.

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00:59:41,670 --> 00:59:43,530
They like to drink.

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00:59:43,530 --> 00:59:47,115
Steiner, for example-- and
I talked to him until 2

1062
00:59:47,115 --> 00:59:49,560
o'clock, 3 o'clock
in the morning--

1063
00:59:49,560 --> 00:59:52,080
always wine, and I
do have some wine,

1064
00:59:52,080 --> 00:59:54,090
but it doesn't affect
me that much anyway.

1065
00:59:54,090 --> 00:59:55,770
But he was drinking like crazy.

1066
00:59:55,770 --> 01:00:01,110
And when he was in
charge of a regiment

1067
01:00:01,110 --> 01:00:05,730
and all that back in Munich,
I remember one fellow then

1068
01:00:05,730 --> 01:00:08,170
who also became an SS general.

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01:00:08,170 --> 01:00:11,670
I also interviewed the person

who was a significant other

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01:00:11,670 --> 01:00:12,330
to him--

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01:00:12,330 --> 01:00:16,200
I've interviewed and then
later on befriended--

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01:00:16,200 --> 01:00:18,240
and an old timer.

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01:00:18,240 --> 01:00:21,360
He was even older than
Steiner himself, I think.

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01:00:21,360 --> 01:00:23,700
And he said that they
had to carry him around

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01:00:23,700 --> 01:00:27,300
because they were totally
drunk during that early time.

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01:00:27,300 --> 01:00:30,930
And they said, you can't go
on like, that totally drunk.

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01:00:30,930 --> 01:00:31,930
So he just couldn't.

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01:00:31,930 --> 01:00:35,400
They had to carry
him, physically.

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01:00:35,400 --> 01:00:37,770
So these people were
drinking before.

1080

01:00:37,770 --> 01:00:40,620
And I certainly haven't
seen that in terms

1081

01:00:40,620 --> 01:00:42,420
of any sort of a
drug situation we

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01:00:42,420 --> 01:00:45,650
have now with the for
example, Vietnam veterans.

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01:00:45,650 --> 01:00:48,760
No, nothing at all.

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01:00:48,760 --> 01:00:52,440
Did you have any sense that they
would talk with their families

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01:00:52,440 --> 01:00:54,300
about their wartime behavior?

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01:00:54,300 --> 01:00:56,430
Well, you see, that's
an important thing.

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01:00:56,430 --> 01:00:58,560
Because they didn't
talk to their families

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01:00:58,560 --> 01:01:01,360
about it to begin with.

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01:01:01,360 --> 01:01:07,690
So they usually kept them away
from all these sort of things.

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01:01:07,690 --> 01:01:12,360
And that was a tendency which
prevailed during the time--

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01:01:12,360 --> 01:01:14,890
and they were actually
perpetrators--

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01:01:14,890 --> 01:01:21,060

and I think continued pretty
much after the war-- unless,

1093

01:01:21,060 --> 01:01:26,790
like Wolff, who was a person who
was very frequently sought out

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01:01:26,790 --> 01:01:29,850
to be interviewed.

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01:01:29,850 --> 01:01:32,640
But he had his young girlfriend.

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01:01:32,640 --> 01:01:34,540
And she was present.

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01:01:34,540 --> 01:01:40,380
So then she found out what was
what and became interested.

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01:01:40,380 --> 01:01:45,750
But no, never went beyond the
interest of the interviewers.

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01:01:45,750 --> 01:01:48,360
She never asked
questions herself.

1100

01:01:48,360 --> 01:01:52,320
Because the interesting
thing is, regardless

1101

01:01:52,320 --> 01:01:55,830
what sort of heels
these lovers may be,

1102

01:01:55,830 --> 01:02:03,360
they relate to the role of the
lover and not the perpetrator.

1103

01:02:03,360 --> 01:02:06,550
The role of the lover is
what is important to them.

1104
01:02:06,550 --> 01:02:09,580
And that is the
satisfying aspect of it.

1105
01:02:09,580 --> 01:02:14,010
And the other thing
they somehow put aside--

1106
01:02:14,010 --> 01:02:18,805
and they can't, because
if you have a lover,

1107
01:02:18,805 --> 01:02:21,180
you're not going to tell him
what sort of a heel you are,

1108
01:02:21,180 --> 01:02:22,740
right?

1109
01:02:22,740 --> 01:02:25,470
You're just going to say
what a nice person you are.

1110
01:02:25,470 --> 01:02:26,970
Because you don't
want to lose them.

1111
01:02:26,970 --> 01:02:30,550
You don't want to deter
them from loving you, right?

1112
01:02:30,550 --> 01:02:32,140
So that's exactly what they did.

1113
01:02:32,140 --> 01:02:34,610
And some of these people
were married once, twice,

1114
01:02:34,610 --> 01:02:36,490
three times.

1115

01:02:36,490 --> 01:02:40,270
And that was already the
tendency among high-positied

1116
01:02:40,270 --> 01:02:43,300
members of the SS--

1117
01:02:43,300 --> 01:02:47,410
just like you buy
a new car, they

1118
01:02:47,410 --> 01:02:49,450
discarded the old
car, the old woman--

1119
01:02:49,450 --> 01:02:51,610
and then many of
the younger ones,

1120
01:02:51,610 --> 01:02:55,810
for which I have to say I have
some understanding for that.

1121
01:02:55,810 --> 01:02:59,290
I have some empathy for that.

1122
01:02:59,290 --> 01:03:02,590
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1123
01:03:02,590 --> 01:03:06,310
Typical for highly
positied people,

1124
01:03:06,310 --> 01:03:10,780
because power is charismatic.

1125
01:03:10,780 --> 01:03:14,740
And so, young
women saw in them--

1126
01:03:14,740 --> 01:03:17,680
and I've seen that in
many situations, people

1127
01:03:17,680 --> 01:03:20,050
who were really, to me,
repulsive almost looking.

1128
01:03:20,050 --> 01:03:23,410
So Wolff happened
to be charismatic

1129
01:03:23,410 --> 01:03:27,760
in so many ways, but also
a very good-looking person

1130
01:03:27,760 --> 01:03:33,550
and some sort of a model
for an Aryan SS man.

1131
01:03:33,550 --> 01:03:37,900
But I've seen, Otto Strasser,
who was an early Nazi--

1132
01:03:37,900 --> 01:03:42,100
one of the highest posited
early Nazis in the '20s.

1133
01:03:42,100 --> 01:03:44,890
Not later on, he
fell into disrepute

1134
01:03:44,890 --> 01:03:48,220
and no one got along with him.

1135
01:03:48,220 --> 01:03:51,190
But he still had this
charismatic personality.

1136
01:03:51,190 --> 01:03:54,160
He still had charisma.

1137
01:03:54,160 --> 01:03:56,620
But he was ugly like hell.

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01:03:56,620 --> 01:03:59,320
And there he got the
most beautiful person,

1139
01:03:59,320 --> 01:04:03,220
who was about 30, 40
years younger than he.

1140
01:04:03,220 --> 01:04:05,440
And she married him.

1141
01:04:05,440 --> 01:04:07,390
And she earned
the money for him.

1142
01:04:07,390 --> 01:04:12,830
And she did everything, and
nursed him until he died.

1143
01:04:12,830 --> 01:04:17,050
[INAUDIBLE] he was kissing her
fingers, hands, and all that,

1144
01:04:17,050 --> 01:04:19,310
carrying on in my presence--

1145
01:04:19,310 --> 01:04:21,190
which was terribly
interesting to me,

1146
01:04:21,190 --> 01:04:23,440
because that was a
learning process.

1147
01:04:23,440 --> 01:04:27,950
I said, how could she,
a beautiful woman?

1148
01:04:27,950 --> 01:04:30,740
Well, she didn't
relate to all this.

1149
01:04:30,740 --> 01:04:33,890

She related to the charisma,
the power he used to have--

1150
01:04:33,890 --> 01:04:36,470
and still somehow
a remnant of it,

1151
01:04:36,470 --> 01:04:40,520
because he still tried
to be active in politics

1152
01:04:40,520 --> 01:04:44,150
and did the whole thing, which
he hoped that he would develop

1153
01:04:44,150 --> 01:04:47,180
his own political party.

1154
01:04:47,180 --> 01:04:51,050
Did any of the SS discuss
their wartime experiences

1155
01:04:51,050 --> 01:04:52,970
with other people
in the community

1156
01:04:52,970 --> 01:04:54,110
and non-family members?

1157
01:04:54,110 --> 01:04:56,180
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1158
01:04:56,180 --> 01:04:59,130
But, you see, this is one
thing which is very important.

1159
01:04:59,130 --> 01:05:01,790
Most people don't know
why they have rallies.

1160
01:05:01,790 --> 01:05:05,330
They don't have rallies in order
to revive National Socialism.

1161
01:05:05,330 --> 01:05:07,580
That's an important
thing, but they

1162
01:05:07,580 --> 01:05:11,960
have rallies to get together
and talk about old times,

1163
01:05:11,960 --> 01:05:18,210
and recreate the atmosphere,
which they enjoyed because,

1164
01:05:18,210 --> 01:05:20,730
being so close and
this brotherhood

1165
01:05:20,730 --> 01:05:22,290
and all this sort of thing--

1166
01:05:22,290 --> 01:05:25,230
one ideology and all
this sort of thing--

1167
01:05:25,230 --> 01:05:30,330
which really gave them
their a unanimous --

1168
01:05:30,330 --> 01:05:31,455
great deal of satisfaction.

1169
01:05:31,455 --> 01:05:31,890
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

1170
01:05:31,890 --> 01:05:32,730
[INAUDIBLE]

1171
01:05:32,730 --> 01:05:37,800

1172
01:05:37,800 --> 01:05:38,660
They just meet.

1173
01:05:38,660 --> 01:05:41,400
Was it called SS
rallies, Nazi rallies?

1174
01:05:41,400 --> 01:05:43,150
No.

1175
01:05:43,150 --> 01:05:46,830
The combat unit so-and-so,
division so-and-so

1176
01:05:46,830 --> 01:05:50,220
have a meeting at
that-and-that place

1177
01:05:50,220 --> 01:05:57,540
to get together and meet with
each other and their families.

1178
01:05:57,540 --> 01:05:59,130
And that's nothing at all.

1179
01:05:59,130 --> 01:06:02,820
And it's not an attempt to
revive National Socialism.

1180
01:06:02,820 --> 01:06:05,070
That's not even their intention.

1181
01:06:05,070 --> 01:06:06,840
And what I'm trying to say--

1182
01:06:06,840 --> 01:06:10,050
and I'm absolutely
convinced of that--

1183
01:06:10,050 --> 01:06:13,020
it was just to get
together to relive again

1184
01:06:13,020 --> 01:06:17,640

this sort of feeling they've
had during National Socialism--

1185
01:06:17,640 --> 01:06:21,330
somehow to get a feeling
of that, and get together.

1186
01:06:21,330 --> 01:06:23,760
And I've participated in
a number of these things.

1187
01:06:23,760 --> 01:06:25,080
So I think it was very evident.

1188
01:06:25,080 --> 01:06:28,230

1189
01:06:28,230 --> 01:06:32,520
They justified National
Socialism, why they were there,

1190
01:06:32,520 --> 01:06:35,490
and they still admired it.

1191
01:06:35,490 --> 01:06:40,260
But not at all they are
interested in somehow

1192
01:06:40,260 --> 01:06:44,410
reviving it at this
particular point in time.

1193
01:06:44,410 --> 01:06:48,240
They're interested in recreating
an atmosphere of closeness

1194
01:06:48,240 --> 01:06:49,200
and brotherhood.

1195
01:06:49,200 --> 01:06:50,460
Yes.

1196

01:06:50,460 --> 01:06:51,690
That was the purpose--

1197
01:06:51,690 --> 01:06:56,620
and still is, because it still
exists until the last people.

1198
01:06:56,620 --> 01:06:58,290
Now they are dying
left and right,

1199
01:06:58,290 --> 01:07:01,320
because they are of an old age.

1200
01:07:01,320 --> 01:07:04,770

1201
01:07:04,770 --> 01:07:06,930
But they weren't
discussing their behavior

1202
01:07:06,930 --> 01:07:09,480
during this period so much?

1203
01:07:09,480 --> 01:07:13,440
Well, yes, a question
of justification.

1204
01:07:13,440 --> 01:07:17,070
They say, well, they
were fighting for Germany

1205
01:07:17,070 --> 01:07:20,850
and a non-communist Europe.

1206
01:07:20,850 --> 01:07:25,890
That's something which
they insist on-- and not

1207
01:07:25,890 --> 01:07:27,945
only insist, but repeat.

1208

01:07:27,945 --> 01:07:30,770

1209

01:07:30,770 --> 01:07:34,680

What about the question
of the next generation?

1210

01:07:34,680 --> 01:07:36,830

How do their children
relate to them?

1211

01:07:36,830 --> 01:07:40,730

Well, that's one thing which is
being studied, but not by me.

1212

01:07:40,730 --> 01:07:44,300

But some other people are
very interested in studying

1213

01:07:44,300 --> 01:07:45,830

children of Nazis.

1214

01:07:45,830 --> 01:07:49,890

And I think it's a
very important aspect.

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01:07:49,890 --> 01:07:54,080

What I, in my limited
experience I had had--

1216

01:07:54,080 --> 01:08:00,350

I've had some, and particularly
with Heydrich's niece.

1217

01:08:00,350 --> 01:08:02,210

That's when it started,
when I started.

1218

01:08:02,210 --> 01:08:04,310

And some other people who were--

1219

01:08:04,310 --> 01:08:15,080

one was a medical SS doctor

with a dreadful reputation

1220
01:08:15,080 --> 01:08:18,364
for having killed an
untold number of people.

1221
01:08:18,364 --> 01:08:21,590

1222
01:08:21,590 --> 01:08:26,270
There are two major responses--

1223
01:08:26,270 --> 01:08:31,050
denial or total shame.

1224
01:08:31,050 --> 01:08:35,310
And we've had at
the University also.

1225
01:08:35,310 --> 01:08:44,540
A woman, German, person
and she was guilt-ridden

1226
01:08:44,540 --> 01:08:55,640
because her grandfather was
the leader of the Bavarian SA

1227
01:08:55,640 --> 01:08:59,300
Brownshirts, the head man.

1228
01:08:59,300 --> 01:09:04,160
Early in National Socialism, he
was one of the senior people.

1229
01:09:04,160 --> 01:09:09,979
And his son was a high
official under the Nazis--

1230
01:09:09,979 --> 01:09:12,439
and, apparently,
tainted with mischief

1231

01:09:12,439 --> 01:09:13,490
in some way or another.

1232
01:09:13,490 --> 01:09:15,830
But not because he was
an SS or something,

1233
01:09:15,830 --> 01:09:19,310
but simply because he was
a Nazi official of sorts.

1234
01:09:19,310 --> 01:09:23,090
And she was absolutely
guilt-ridden.

1235
01:09:23,090 --> 01:09:25,490
And that's what I found
with very many, too.

1236
01:09:25,490 --> 01:09:32,450
I've seen that with
the younger generation,

1237
01:09:32,450 --> 01:09:38,359
who dissociate themselves
from the deeds of their--

1238
01:09:38,359 --> 01:09:40,700
so these are the
two major groups.

1239
01:09:40,700 --> 01:09:42,560
And you have some
other people trying

1240
01:09:42,560 --> 01:09:47,540
to come to terms with
the past of their parents

1241
01:09:47,540 --> 01:09:49,910
in one way or another.

1242
01:09:49,910 --> 01:09:55,520

My best friend was an absolute
Nazi, a product of the Hitler

1243
01:09:55,520 --> 01:10:02,790
Youth and a lieutenant
during the war-- very young

1244
01:10:02,790 --> 01:10:05,570
for a lieutenant, a
full-fledged lieutenant.

1245
01:10:05,570 --> 01:10:06,530
Absolute Nazi.

1246
01:10:06,530 --> 01:10:09,140

1247
01:10:09,140 --> 01:10:11,840
His parents were absolute Nazis.

1248
01:10:11,840 --> 01:10:13,370
But he got it out of the system.

1249
01:10:13,370 --> 01:10:16,230
And he met me and said, hey,
I've got to do something.

1250
01:10:16,230 --> 01:10:20,240
So he was the first one to
deal with my restitution

1251
01:10:20,240 --> 01:10:23,960
in being my attorney,
and tried his best,

1252
01:10:23,960 --> 01:10:27,057
and tries to make
a restitution--

1253
01:10:27,057 --> 01:10:29,390
which he certainly has done
in terms of what he has done

1254

01:10:29,390 --> 01:10:31,970

for me, and how he
stood by, particularly

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01:10:31,970 --> 01:10:34,190

when I've had problems
with my marriage,

1256

01:10:34,190 --> 01:10:38,960

and all the other
things-- stood by,

1257

01:10:38,960 --> 01:10:44,330

a loyalty which I haven't
seen with anyone else.

1258

01:10:44,330 --> 01:10:50,660

Did you feel that this
reaction was a common one,

1259

01:10:50,660 --> 01:10:53,900

that the children
would feel alienated

1260

01:10:53,900 --> 01:10:56,540

from the Nazi ideology?

1261

01:10:56,540 --> 01:10:58,068

Oh, yeah.

1262

01:10:58,068 --> 01:10:59,360

I [? wouldn't ?] say alienated.

1263

01:10:59,360 --> 01:11:00,814

I would say guilt-ridden.

1264

01:11:00,814 --> 01:11:02,582

Guilt-ridden.

1265

01:11:02,582 --> 01:11:04,280

Guilt-ridden.

1266

01:11:04,280 --> 01:11:06,200

So that they say, I
don't know whether you

1267

01:11:06,200 --> 01:11:10,490

want to talk to me,
because I'm German

1268

01:11:10,490 --> 01:11:12,670

and you were in the camp.

1269

01:11:12,670 --> 01:11:15,480

I don't know whether
you want to talk to me.

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01:11:15,480 --> 01:11:18,957

Do you have any sense of
whether the children confront,

1271

01:11:18,957 --> 01:11:20,790

or talk with, their
parents about the issue?

1272

01:11:20,790 --> 01:11:22,470

Oh, yeah.

1273

01:11:22,470 --> 01:11:24,900

Except the parents
are not taking it.

1274

01:11:24,900 --> 01:11:26,970

Parents don't play ball.

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01:11:26,970 --> 01:11:30,700

The parents don't
want to talk about it.

1276

01:11:30,700 --> 01:11:34,480

And, actually, they've been left
in the dark for the most part.

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01:11:34,480 --> 01:11:37,450

They have to find out
themselves, inadvertently,

1278
01:11:37,450 --> 01:11:40,300
or just surreptitiously.

1279
01:11:40,300 --> 01:11:43,820
Because very, very rarely --
they simply won't talk about

1280
01:11:43,820 --> 01:11:44,320
it.

1281
01:11:44,320 --> 01:11:47,210

1282
01:11:47,210 --> 01:11:49,500
And they don't talk
about to their children.

1283
01:11:49,500 --> 01:11:51,950
They don't try to talk about
the wives and all that.

1284
01:11:51,950 --> 01:11:56,540
They find out something by just
happenstance, something just

1285
01:11:56,540 --> 01:11:58,320
by accident or something.

1286
01:11:58,320 --> 01:12:00,470
Very rarely will
they do some digging.

1287
01:12:00,470 --> 01:12:03,710
Because once they start doing
digging in some of the dirt,

1288
01:12:03,710 --> 01:12:08,420
their relationship will
change, to put it mildly.

1289

01:12:08,420 --> 01:12:09,890

And they may not want that.

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01:12:09,890 --> 01:12:12,820

1291

01:12:12,820 --> 01:12:18,880

Did you have any sense
that the post-war Nazis

1292

01:12:18,880 --> 01:12:23,380

tended to be more violent
within the family?

1293

01:12:23,380 --> 01:12:24,910

I haven't noticed that.

1294

01:12:24,910 --> 01:12:27,100

I think they're
authoritarian, all right.

1295

01:12:27,100 --> 01:12:28,600

That there was no question.

1296

01:12:28,600 --> 01:12:30,085

Master of the
house-- no question.

1297

01:12:30,085 --> 01:12:33,400

1298

01:12:33,400 --> 01:12:35,470

No question about
male chauvinism--

1299

01:12:35,470 --> 01:12:36,900

no question about that.

1300

01:12:36,900 --> 01:12:38,275

Well, that goes
hand in hand with

1301

01:12:38,275 --> 01:12:41,300
the authoritarian
personality in males.

1302

01:12:41,300 --> 01:12:47,840
And so, that is something which
there was no question about it.

1303

01:12:47,840 --> 01:12:51,550
But I did not see any
complaints-- no violence,

1304

01:12:51,550 --> 01:12:55,120
either towards the
spouse or the children.

1305

01:12:55,120 --> 01:12:59,110
There was absolutely no
violence I could notice--

1306

01:12:59,110 --> 01:13:03,460
none-- but the
responsibility to take care,

1307

01:13:03,460 --> 01:13:12,490
and to be responsible in their
role as master of the house.

1308

01:13:12,490 --> 01:13:14,410
In which case you
don't need violence.

1309

01:13:14,410 --> 01:13:16,797
Because, in fact, you have
already dominated the people

1310

01:13:16,797 --> 01:13:17,630
in your environment.

1311

01:13:17,630 --> 01:13:19,463
So you don't need to
use force against them.

1312

01:13:19,463 --> 01:13:22,210

And that also
reinforces their ability

1313

01:13:22,210 --> 01:13:24,368

to never be questioned
throughout their life

1314

01:13:24,368 --> 01:13:25,660

on their role during that time.

1315

01:13:25,660 --> 01:13:27,785

Because they've already
established a standard that

1316

01:13:27,785 --> 01:13:29,140

cannot be questioned.

1317

01:13:29,140 --> 01:13:31,870

That's the
patriarchal authority.

1318

01:13:31,870 --> 01:13:32,920

That's how it works.

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01:13:32,920 --> 01:13:40,450

Along those lines, did you talk
about any thoughts or feelings

1320

01:13:40,450 --> 01:13:44,080

of apprehension that
they had post-war

1321

01:13:44,080 --> 01:13:47,590

that they might be called to
the courts for their behavior?

1322

01:13:47,590 --> 01:13:50,020

Oh, yeah.

1323

01:13:50,020 --> 01:13:52,160

There's no question about that--

1324
01:13:52,160 --> 01:13:54,230
no question about that at all.

1325
01:13:54,230 --> 01:13:58,630
And so, they could
depress to a degree,

1326
01:13:58,630 --> 01:14:00,730
but not when they
fear authority,

1327
01:14:00,730 --> 01:14:02,320
the present authority.

1328
01:14:02,320 --> 01:14:05,920
And so many people, of
course, went underground,

1329
01:14:05,920 --> 01:14:08,920
or changed their name,
or left the country,

1330
01:14:08,920 --> 01:14:15,220
or did some other things,
or removed their blood group

1331
01:14:15,220 --> 01:14:18,610
tattoo under the left arm.

1332
01:14:18,610 --> 01:14:22,030
And so, they went into
all sorts of lengths

1333
01:14:22,030 --> 01:14:25,030
in not drawing any
attention to themselves,

1334
01:14:25,030 --> 01:14:27,880
or hoping for the best, but
not drawing any attention

1335

01:14:27,880 --> 01:14:28,940
to themselves.

1336
01:14:28,940 --> 01:14:31,090
So, therefore, they're
very careful not

1337
01:14:31,090 --> 01:14:35,860
to rock the boat in order not
to draw attention to themselves.

1338
01:14:35,860 --> 01:14:41,800
And that, I think, we can say
with some degree of certainty

1339
01:14:41,800 --> 01:14:46,000
that that was the
tendency in most of them,

1340
01:14:46,000 --> 01:14:48,190
[? FÃ¼hrer ?] people.

1341
01:14:48,190 --> 01:14:52,750
What relationships might they
have with community members--

1342
01:14:52,750 --> 01:14:56,393
the local civilian population
who, themselves, did not

1343
01:14:56,393 --> 01:14:58,810
believe any of these things
were happening during the war,

1344
01:14:58,810 --> 01:15:03,040
or claimed they didn't
know or didn't see?

1345
01:15:03,040 --> 01:15:07,240
First of all, let's make
one thing crystal clear--

1346
01:15:07,240 --> 01:15:11,860

and that is the conclusion
of many years of research.

1347
01:15:11,860 --> 01:15:15,220
Anyone who wanted
to know, could.

1348
01:15:15,220 --> 01:15:19,240
Because it was
even in the papers,

1349
01:15:19,240 --> 01:15:24,040
particularly in Striker St¹/₄rmer.

1350
01:15:24,040 --> 01:15:29,500
I've been through all the
papers from '40 to '44.

1351
01:15:29,500 --> 01:15:35,050
And there were pictures
of ghettos and letters

1352
01:15:35,050 --> 01:15:39,340
from SS people about
the conditions, ghettos,

1353
01:15:39,340 --> 01:15:42,680
and threats of destruction,
and all this sort of thing.

1354
01:15:42,680 --> 01:15:46,150
So anyone who
wanted to find out--

1355
01:15:46,150 --> 01:15:48,160
perhaps not the
specifics necessarily,

1356
01:15:48,160 --> 01:15:52,180
in terms of gas chambers and all
that-- but that something very

1357
01:15:52,180 --> 01:15:54,310

dire was happening.

1358

01:15:54,310 --> 01:15:57,250

So that's very clear-cut--

1359

01:15:57,250 --> 01:15:59,000

no question about that.

1360

01:15:59,000 --> 01:16:00,010

So any excuse--

1361

01:16:00,010 --> 01:16:03,280

I didn't know anything--

you didn't want to know.

1362

01:16:03,280 --> 01:16:07,900

And that, I think, we can

say with some real degree

1363

01:16:07,900 --> 01:16:10,510

of certainty, too.

1364

01:16:10,510 --> 01:16:14,140

Could these SS perpetrators,

then, in any way

1365

01:16:14,140 --> 01:16:17,860

count on at least tacit

support of their community

1366

01:16:17,860 --> 01:16:20,020

for their wartime behavior?

1367

01:16:20,020 --> 01:16:21,670

Well, if they knew about it.

1368

01:16:21,670 --> 01:16:26,440

It just depends if it was

expedient for these people

1369

01:16:26,440 --> 01:16:30,250

not to draw attention to

it and the opportunists.

1370
01:16:30,250 --> 01:16:34,510
And in most
situations, and if it

1371
01:16:34,510 --> 01:16:37,840
was useful or serve their
purposes, they'd say, hey,

1372
01:16:37,840 --> 01:16:39,500
you were one of those.

1373
01:16:39,500 --> 01:16:43,210
And if it didn't
serve any purpose,

1374
01:16:43,210 --> 01:16:47,110
pragmatically
speaking, they didn't.

1375
01:16:47,110 --> 01:16:50,420
They simply ignored it.

1376
01:16:50,420 --> 01:16:53,150
But it depends, of course.

1377
01:16:53,150 --> 01:16:56,350
If the concentration camp people
and all that had found out,

1378
01:16:56,350 --> 01:17:00,430
of course, they
would have responded.

1379
01:17:00,430 --> 01:17:01,820
Survivors and all.

1380
01:17:01,820 --> 01:17:03,730
So they would have
responded, no question.

1381

01:17:03,730 --> 01:17:05,530
Because I certainly did.

1382
01:17:05,530 --> 01:17:08,680

1383
01:17:08,680 --> 01:17:13,540
What about the maybe existent
network of help among the SS

1384
01:17:13,540 --> 01:17:16,960
people post-war--

1385
01:17:16,960 --> 01:17:20,650
getting jobs or what have you?

1386
01:17:20,650 --> 01:17:22,100
Very early in the game--

1387
01:17:22,100 --> 01:17:24,820
and that was actually virtually
immediately after the war--

1388
01:17:24,820 --> 01:17:28,940
they started a support
organization for each other.

1389
01:17:28,940 --> 01:17:33,730
And I know quite a bit
about it, because I really

1390
01:17:33,730 --> 01:17:36,970
went to the very beginnings,
which are not even

1391
01:17:36,970 --> 01:17:38,920
published yet.

1392
01:17:38,920 --> 01:17:44,440
They've had their own kind
of mimeograph type of paper.

1393

01:17:44,440 --> 01:17:46,300
And they started it
at certain names.

1394
01:17:46,300 --> 01:17:48,910
And they changed the various
names, became larger,

1395
01:17:48,910 --> 01:17:51,370
and more people joined.

1396
01:17:51,370 --> 01:17:53,200
And it was legitimate.

1397
01:17:53,200 --> 01:17:55,020
It is not something
which is illegal.

1398
01:17:55,020 --> 01:18:04,040
It's legitimized by
the German authorities.

1399
01:18:04,040 --> 01:18:11,780
So it's a mutual
assistance society.

1400
01:18:11,780 --> 01:18:14,890
And that is exactly
the abbreviations--

1401
01:18:14,890 --> 01:18:20,290

1402
01:18:20,290 --> 01:18:24,370
"mutual assistance
organization based

1403
01:18:24,370 --> 01:18:26,800
on reciprocity" or
something of that nature,

1404
01:18:26,800 --> 01:18:30,760
would be the

English translation.

1405
01:18:30,760 --> 01:18:33,160
It's called
[? Hilfspgemeinschaft ?] auf

1406
01:18:33,160 --> 01:18:37,960
Gegenseitigkeit
[INAUDIBLE] in short.

1407
01:18:37,960 --> 01:18:48,460
And so, they had dues and get
money from various sources--

1408
01:18:48,460 --> 01:18:51,160
and some people have
become very well-to-do--

1409
01:18:51,160 --> 01:18:57,940
to assist those people who
are socioeconomically less

1410
01:18:57,940 --> 01:19:03,310
successful and give them money--

1411
01:19:03,310 --> 01:19:05,350
pensions, widows, whatever.

1412
01:19:05,350 --> 01:19:08,095
And works exceedingly well.

1413
01:19:08,095 --> 01:19:11,440
They've been very supportive
to each other-- no question

1414
01:19:11,440 --> 01:19:13,610
about that.

1415
01:19:13,610 --> 01:19:19,120
Actually a model organization
in terms of helping each other.

1416

01:19:19,120 --> 01:19:20,590
Does it have any ideology?

1417
01:19:20,590 --> 01:19:23,150

1418
01:19:23,150 --> 01:19:23,650
No.

1419
01:19:23,650 --> 01:19:26,290

1420
01:19:26,290 --> 01:19:32,920
I wouldn't say that it has an
ideology, other than that they

1421
01:19:32,920 --> 01:19:35,650
say, well, we've done
that for Germany,

1422
01:19:35,650 --> 01:19:38,770
and we all have
fought for Germany,

1423
01:19:38,770 --> 01:19:44,290
and we have commonalities, and
Hitler was all this and that.

1424
01:19:44,290 --> 01:19:46,120
And that's it.

1425
01:19:46,120 --> 01:19:49,140

1426
01:19:49,140 --> 01:19:52,510
And I've questioned
people and also observed,

1427
01:19:52,510 --> 01:19:54,610
during these sort
of celebrities--

1428

01:19:54,610 --> 01:19:58,360
particularly one
which I published--

1429
01:19:58,360 --> 01:20:09,830
describe very
specifically they tend

1430
01:20:09,830 --> 01:20:18,790
to not necessarily indoctrinate
their children with what

1431
01:20:18,790 --> 01:20:20,920
they used to believe in.

1432
01:20:20,920 --> 01:20:22,930
And they justify
because they have

1433
01:20:22,930 --> 01:20:28,430
to live in a different world,

1434
01:20:28,430 --> 01:20:34,330
And that was something
which I was told by them.

1435
01:20:34,330 --> 01:20:37,480
I think they are
fairly representative

1436
01:20:37,480 --> 01:20:41,290
so that you don't
make their lives more

1437
01:20:41,290 --> 01:20:45,520
difficult because
of their affiliation

1438
01:20:45,520 --> 01:20:50,680
and their identification
with National Socialism.

1439
01:20:50,680 --> 01:20:54,430

So it doesn't mean that
they don't take them

1440
01:20:54,430 --> 01:21:02,498
to some of these big meetings
they have, and rallies

1441
01:21:02,498 --> 01:21:03,040
and all that.

1442
01:21:03,040 --> 01:21:07,870
They take their
families because they

1443
01:21:07,870 --> 01:21:11,380
don't want them to be
ashamed of them, one,

1444
01:21:11,380 --> 01:21:15,610
but also because
they are family.

1445
01:21:15,610 --> 01:21:17,560
But they don't
indoctrinate them.

1446
01:21:17,560 --> 01:21:20,170
But they also, of
course, would like

1447
01:21:20,170 --> 01:21:22,660
to see that they are not being
condemned by their children

1448
01:21:22,660 --> 01:21:27,310
from having been what they were.

1449
01:21:27,310 --> 01:21:31,660
That of course is,
of course, very true.

1450
01:21:31,660 --> 01:21:44,770
But even people whom I know

were fanatic Nazis in the SS,

1451

01:21:44,770 --> 01:21:52,350

I don't think they impose the
ideology on their children,

1452

01:21:52,350 --> 01:21:57,280

other than expecting to be
accepted by the children

1453

01:21:57,280 --> 01:21:58,200

regardless.

1454

01:21:58,200 --> 01:22:01,120

1455

01:22:01,120 --> 01:22:07,570

What is your thinking about the
feelings of the elder Nazi--

1456

01:22:07,570 --> 01:22:09,790

the elder SS in particular--

1457

01:22:09,790 --> 01:22:11,650

toward Jews?

1458

01:22:11,650 --> 01:22:12,810

Towards Jews?

1459

01:22:12,810 --> 01:22:14,770

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01:22:14,770 --> 01:22:18,520

Well, that was something which
came out in my questionnaire.

1461

01:22:18,520 --> 01:22:21,820

Because what I did
in my questionnaire--

1462

01:22:21,820 --> 01:22:25,330

I'm very glad I did it, because

then it measured something

1463
01:22:25,330 --> 01:22:27,010
which it no longer
would measure,

1464
01:22:27,010 --> 01:22:29,800
because the conditions ,
the times have changed.

1465
01:22:29,800 --> 01:22:37,200
So I've asked them, where
would you prefer to live?

1466
01:22:37,200 --> 01:22:45,405
And gave them actually
a list of places.

1467
01:22:45,405 --> 01:22:51,090

1468
01:22:51,090 --> 01:22:52,830
And they're supposed
to number these

1469
01:22:52,830 --> 01:22:54,570
places-- one, two,
three, four, which

1470
01:22:54,570 --> 01:22:57,720
I like the least, and all that.

1471
01:22:57,720 --> 01:23:02,550
So my assumption was
talking about antisemitism--

1472
01:23:02,550 --> 01:23:05,400
and Jerusalem was there--

1473
01:23:05,400 --> 01:23:08,160
that Jerusalem would
be the place which

1474

01:23:08,160 --> 01:23:09,600
they would like to live least.

1475

01:23:09,600 --> 01:23:10,307
Not true.

1476

01:23:10,307 --> 01:23:10,890
It was Moscow.

1477

01:23:10,890 --> 01:23:14,670

1478

01:23:14,670 --> 01:23:15,718
Communism.

1479

01:23:15,718 --> 01:23:16,260
That's right.

1480

01:23:16,260 --> 01:23:17,970
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

1481

01:23:17,970 --> 01:23:19,500
That's right.

1482

01:23:19,500 --> 01:23:23,700
So there was very little talk
about Jews among the SS now.

1483

01:23:23,700 --> 01:23:27,780
Because that was finished,
in a way, more or less.

1484

01:23:27,780 --> 01:23:29,070
That's for sure.

1485

01:23:29,070 --> 01:23:31,744
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

1486

01:23:31,744 --> 01:23:35,960
This organization-- did
it have ties to the Nazis

1487
01:23:35,960 --> 01:23:39,260
who had fled to other countries?

1488
01:23:39,260 --> 01:23:40,220
Well, yes.

1489
01:23:40,220 --> 01:23:44,420
The interesting thing is,
because of my affiliation

1490
01:23:44,420 --> 01:23:51,380
with Wolff, Wolff was on a
mission to visit the people.

1491
01:23:51,380 --> 01:23:54,710
And that was a real
hush-hush affair.

1492
01:23:54,710 --> 01:24:00,410
And at that particular
time, I was there staying,

1493
01:24:00,410 --> 01:24:02,182
there was in Dusseldorf
at that time.

1494
01:24:02,182 --> 01:24:03,140
We lived in Dusseldorf.

1495
01:24:03,140 --> 01:24:10,250
And I was staying there
with him until the day he

1496
01:24:10,250 --> 01:24:12,740
left for South America.

1497
01:24:12,740 --> 01:24:15,710
And so that's how I found
out. with a person who

1498
01:24:15,710 --> 01:24:21,560

was a young fellow, a
young journalist, who

1499

01:24:21,560 --> 01:24:26,450
just got into very deep trouble
afterwards and was imprisoned.

1500

01:24:26,450 --> 01:24:29,190
But we won't go into that,
because it's a separate --

1501

01:24:29,190 --> 01:24:32,340
a separate story.

1502

01:24:32,340 --> 01:24:37,250
And so, we accompanied --
that is -- his girlfriend.

1503

01:24:37,250 --> 01:24:40,940
And I accompanied
him to the airport.

1504

01:24:40,940 --> 01:24:44,570
And before that, I went with him
to a medical doctor [? who --

1505

01:24:44,570 --> 01:24:48,330
just checked up if we can go
on this flight, and all this.

1506

01:24:48,330 --> 01:24:50,390
And that was all hush-hush.

1507

01:24:50,390 --> 01:24:52,130
And they told me
very little about it,

1508

01:24:52,130 --> 01:24:56,900
other than that they wanted to
retrieve the so-called blood

1509

01:24:56,900 --> 01:25:05,210
flag, which was in connection

with 1923, when Hitler tried

1510

01:25:05,210 --> 01:25:13,610
to overthrow the Bavarian
government and install himself

1511

01:25:13,610 --> 01:25:20,180
or the National Socialist
party with the help of some

1512

01:25:20,180 --> 01:25:22,680
of his early Nazis in 1923.

1513

01:25:22,680 --> 01:25:27,110
And that the coup d'etat failed.

1514

01:25:27,110 --> 01:25:30,320
so that had many consequences.

1515

01:25:30,320 --> 01:25:33,980
And that's why he was
also arrested and then put

1516

01:25:33,980 --> 01:25:38,990
into prison--

1517

01:25:38,990 --> 01:25:42,230
Hitler was, and a
number of other people.

1518

01:25:42,230 --> 01:25:56,430
So he was going there in
order to see all the Nazis who

1519

01:25:56,430 --> 01:26:00,810
had fled there and do some
sort of investigation,

1520

01:26:00,810 --> 01:26:03,240
some research, and
somehow reunite,

1521

01:26:03,240 --> 01:26:06,510
or just see who is
left, and talk to them,

1522
01:26:06,510 --> 01:26:07,710
and what they were doing--

1523
01:26:07,710 --> 01:26:11,040

1524
01:26:11,040 --> 01:26:11,770
which he did.

1525
01:26:11,770 --> 01:26:15,180
And that was financed
by a group of people

1526
01:26:15,180 --> 01:26:17,880
who wanted to publish
some of these things--

1527
01:26:17,880 --> 01:26:21,450

1528
01:26:21,450 --> 01:26:23,980
a popular German magazine.

1529
01:26:23,980 --> 01:26:26,010
They financed that.

1530
01:26:26,010 --> 01:26:28,020
What did they want to publish?

1531
01:26:28,020 --> 01:26:30,150
The outcome.

1532
01:26:30,150 --> 01:26:32,010
And some of these things--

1533
01:26:32,010 --> 01:26:36,240
they would have published
only those things

1534
01:26:36,240 --> 01:26:38,250
which was in their
interest, that is to say.

1535
01:26:38,250 --> 01:26:40,860
And Wolff was not going
to tell them everything.

1536
01:26:40,860 --> 01:26:48,490
So I also think that they
were looking for Bormann--

1537
01:26:48,490 --> 01:26:51,730
and may or may not have found
him, because that's still not

1538
01:26:51,730 --> 01:26:54,280
100% clear whether
he died in Berlin

1539
01:26:54,280 --> 01:26:56,170
or whether he was able to flee.

1540
01:26:56,170 --> 01:26:58,660
And I'm still open on that.

1541
01:26:58,660 --> 01:27:04,840
But they certainly went
to see the other people.

1542
01:27:04,840 --> 01:27:06,730
I'm pretty sure that
they went to see Mengele

1543
01:27:06,730 --> 01:27:08,710
and all the other people.

1544
01:27:08,710 --> 01:27:11,880
What year was
that, more or less?

1545

01:27:11,880 --> 01:27:29,230

1546

01:27:29,230 --> 01:27:29,970
'70s--

1547

01:27:29,970 --> 01:27:32,780
'70s?

1548

01:27:32,780 --> 01:27:35,920
The second part of
the 70s, I think.

1549

01:27:35,920 --> 01:27:37,570
Yeah.

1550

01:27:37,570 --> 01:27:41,390
Was that the main period you
were doing this research?

1551

01:27:41,390 --> 01:27:46,090
So this is maybe
from the mid-'70s on?

1552

01:27:46,090 --> 01:27:46,780
No.

1553

01:27:46,780 --> 01:27:47,980
I started much earlier.

1554

01:27:47,980 --> 01:27:52,810
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1555

01:27:52,810 --> 01:27:58,960
For all practical purposes,
I started '59, '60.

1556

01:27:58,960 --> 01:28:00,820
And went through the
'70s in any case.

1557

01:28:00,820 --> 01:28:01,750

Yeah, up to now.

1558
01:28:01,750 --> 01:28:03,250
Up to now?

1559
01:28:03,250 --> 01:28:04,420
Well, many people had died.

1560
01:28:04,420 --> 01:28:05,140
Wolff had died.

1561
01:28:05,140 --> 01:28:06,220
Steiner's died.

1562
01:28:06,220 --> 01:28:09,190
Many people I've interviewed--
the Hangman of Buchenwald

1563
01:28:09,190 --> 01:28:11,170
died-- lots of people died.

1564
01:28:11,170 --> 01:28:12,730
I couldn't do it anyway.

1565
01:28:12,730 --> 01:28:15,280
It was [? not ?] work, because
the people are not around.

1566
01:28:15,280 --> 01:28:17,080
The big players are not around.

1567
01:28:17,080 --> 01:28:20,440
They've died or
are totally senile.

1568
01:28:20,440 --> 01:28:24,040
And I know that because
three, four years ago,

1569
01:28:24,040 --> 01:28:27,385
when I did the Hitler--

1570

01:28:27,385 --> 01:28:32,140
Myth and Man, we interviewed
some of the old Nazis.

1571

01:28:32,140 --> 01:28:34,210
And they are just out of it.

1572

01:28:34,210 --> 01:28:37,270
Those people were there,
but they are so senile.

1573

01:28:37,270 --> 01:28:39,670
There was not very much
you could do with them.

1574

01:28:39,670 --> 01:28:42,160
We've interviewed them, but
they are pretty much out of it.

1575

01:28:42,160 --> 01:28:46,060
So there's no one left of
stature to be interviewed?

1576

01:28:46,060 --> 01:28:49,000
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

1577

01:28:49,000 --> 01:28:51,460
Gone-- no question about that.

1578

01:28:51,460 --> 01:28:53,860
Back to this trip that
Wolff took-- what,

1579

01:28:53,860 --> 01:28:56,860
in fact, was the blood flag?

1580

01:28:56,860 --> 01:29:01,960
That was the one which
they carried during 1923.

1581

01:29:01,960 --> 01:29:09,340
And because people were killed

by the Bavarian police there,

1582
01:29:09,340 --> 01:29:14,500
they retrieved it.

1583
01:29:14,500 --> 01:29:16,940
And that became now
the main symbol.

1584
01:29:16,940 --> 01:29:20,140
So whenever there were
some new flags which

1585
01:29:20,140 --> 01:29:28,990
were created for new segments
of the SR, SA, or the SS,

1586
01:29:28,990 --> 01:29:33,820
Hitler came with a blood
flag and then touched

1587
01:29:33,820 --> 01:29:35,290
the other new flags.

1588
01:29:35,290 --> 01:29:40,460
And then that was accepted
now as part of that.

1589
01:29:40,460 --> 01:29:44,980
So it was a symbol which was
very powerful and very clever.

1590
01:29:44,980 --> 01:29:47,140
And that black flag
was exactly the one

1591
01:29:47,140 --> 01:29:51,640
which Hitler always used to
inaugurate, or to christen

1592
01:29:51,640 --> 01:29:56,170
or whatever, the new ones,
which were then accepted--

1593
01:29:56,170 --> 01:30:01,510
not new flags as such, but
because a new battalions,

1594
01:30:01,510 --> 01:30:06,640
new groups of people, segments
of the SA or different National

1595
01:30:06,640 --> 01:30:08,830
Socialist organizations.

1596
01:30:08,830 --> 01:30:12,010
And this flag then
inaugurated the new

1597
01:30:12,010 --> 01:30:15,370
included by touching that flag.

1598
01:30:15,370 --> 01:30:18,640
And presumably, somebody who
was [INAUDIBLE] Latin America

1599
01:30:18,640 --> 01:30:19,630
had taken that flag?

1600
01:30:19,630 --> 01:30:21,115
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1601
01:30:21,115 --> 01:30:23,410
Do you know it was ever found?

1602
01:30:23,410 --> 01:30:26,830
Well, the thing is that is one
of the things the details--

1603
01:30:26,830 --> 01:30:32,620
specifics-- it was not
easy for me to find out.

1604
01:30:32,620 --> 01:30:38,740
Because that was not even

discussed with a girlfriend.

1605
01:30:38,740 --> 01:30:43,750
And so, I only found out,
piece by piece, certain things,

1606
01:30:43,750 --> 01:30:50,650
by him showing me Goring's
ring or some other things--

1607
01:30:50,650 --> 01:30:55,270
pieces of jewelry which were
in his possession, which they

1608
01:30:55,270 --> 01:31:00,010
were able to get brought up.

1609
01:31:00,010 --> 01:31:04,660
And so I even had
Goring's ring--

1610
01:31:04,660 --> 01:31:07,210
and it fitted me perfectly--

1611
01:31:07,210 --> 01:31:10,430

1612
01:31:10,430 --> 01:31:12,050
and some other sort of things.

1613
01:31:12,050 --> 01:31:14,780
But he was not--

1614
01:31:14,780 --> 01:31:16,430
or he was really --

1615
01:31:16,430 --> 01:31:24,470
That's one thing which he
was really not talking about.

1616
01:31:24,470 --> 01:31:28,640
I would have eventually been

able to if he had not died,

1617
01:31:28,640 --> 01:31:34,740
because I was bringing up
these things from time to time.

1618
01:31:34,740 --> 01:31:36,350
But he was very quiet on that.

1619
01:31:36,350 --> 01:31:39,260

1620
01:31:39,260 --> 01:31:41,870
This organization that you
were talking about that

1621
01:31:41,870 --> 01:31:43,795
was a mutual aid society

1622
01:31:43,795 --> 01:31:47,690
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1623
01:31:47,690 --> 01:31:51,230
I had heard that
there was certainly

1624
01:31:51,230 --> 01:31:56,390
a Nazi, if not a totally SS,
organization that continues

1625
01:31:56,390 --> 01:31:59,750
to try to recruit new people--

1626
01:31:59,750 --> 01:32:02,300
I presume to the ideology.

1627
01:32:02,300 --> 01:32:09,170
But the thing is, let me just
make that perfectly clear.

1628
01:32:09,170 --> 01:32:12,660
I was very interested at some

time and other years ago,

1629

01:32:12,660 --> 01:32:15,300

when I was still relatively
new at the college.

1630

01:32:15,300 --> 01:32:17,330

I was still relatively new.

1631

01:32:17,330 --> 01:32:22,050

1632

01:32:22,050 --> 01:32:23,175

I think it was early '70s--

1633

01:32:23,175 --> 01:32:25,880

1634

01:32:25,880 --> 01:32:29,180

maybe '75 or something.

1635

01:32:29,180 --> 01:32:34,850

So I brought in the American
Nazi party to my classes

1636

01:32:34,850 --> 01:32:37,310

and let them give their thing.

1637

01:32:37,310 --> 01:32:43,110

And everything was
very well-guarded

1638

01:32:43,110 --> 01:32:46,800

so that there'd be no conflicts.

1639

01:32:46,800 --> 01:32:49,337

So I let them do it with
sophisticated students.

1640

01:32:49,337 --> 01:32:49,920

And I'm lucky.

1641

01:32:49,920 --> 01:32:52,650

I had a sophisticated bunch.

1642

01:32:52,650 --> 01:32:55,710

And so, then, the question
after that presentation,

1643

01:32:55,710 --> 01:32:58,280

which was totally
neo-Nazi-- totally based

1644

01:32:58,280 --> 01:33:02,420

on the Nazi doctrines, just like
translations from the German,

1645

01:33:02,420 --> 01:33:04,200

just like it is in the book.

1646

01:33:04,200 --> 01:33:07,500

So then I had students
questioning them and all that.

1647

01:33:07,500 --> 01:33:12,170

And after that, in my
office, which I still have,

1648

01:33:12,170 --> 01:33:14,150

they came in and
wanted to talk to me.

1649

01:33:14,150 --> 01:33:21,770

And the leader of the thing
had actually a leather jacket.

1650

01:33:21,770 --> 01:33:23,960

And on this little
leather jacket,

1651

01:33:23,960 --> 01:33:33,260

he's got the SS emblem, which
was a real original, which

1652

01:33:33,260 --> 01:33:40,550
the SS wore when they
were in civilian things.

1653
01:33:40,550 --> 01:33:43,880
And it was the SS -- which
I have seen back when I was

1654
01:33:43,880 --> 01:33:44,450
in Prague.

1655
01:33:44,450 --> 01:33:46,460
And I've seen them
in the original, when

1656
01:33:46,460 --> 01:33:49,100
they were actually wearing it.

1657
01:33:49,100 --> 01:33:51,480
So he said, I really
need to talk to you.

1658
01:33:51,480 --> 01:33:54,540
And I said, OK,
fine, so sit down.

1659
01:33:54,540 --> 01:33:58,580
And he said, I understand
from what you've done

1660
01:33:58,580 --> 01:34:01,670
and what I've read about you
that you're doing research

1661
01:34:01,670 --> 01:34:04,670
on the SS and you've got good
contacts with the German SS

1662
01:34:04,670 --> 01:34:07,220
people, former SS people.

1663
01:34:07,220 --> 01:34:10,220
We of the Nazi party

would like to have

1664
01:34:10,220 --> 01:34:11,870
some contact that develops.

1665
01:34:11,870 --> 01:34:14,600
So I would like you
to tell them that we

1666
01:34:14,600 --> 01:34:18,470
would like to collaborate
or cooperate with them.

1667
01:34:18,470 --> 01:34:21,320
And I said, OK, I'm
going to tell them,

1668
01:34:21,320 --> 01:34:25,530
and I'm going to ask
them, and yes, I'll do it.

1669
01:34:25,530 --> 01:34:27,800
And so, I went back.

1670
01:34:27,800 --> 01:34:31,070
I saw them every year, just
as I do now every year.

1671
01:34:31,070 --> 01:34:33,050
Some of all those
who are left those I

1672
01:34:33,050 --> 01:34:34,320
still have contact with.

1673
01:34:34,320 --> 01:34:36,410
I don't stay long enough
There are many more

1674
01:34:36,410 --> 01:34:38,180
I could contact them.

1675

01:34:38,180 --> 01:34:43,730
So I went to the head
honcho of the HIAG and said,

1676
01:34:43,730 --> 01:34:45,980
you know, I've got an
interesting proposition here

1677
01:34:45,980 --> 01:34:46,550
for you.

1678
01:34:46,550 --> 01:34:49,550
Of course, they had no idea
about my background-- none

1679
01:34:49,550 --> 01:34:50,710
whatsoever.

1680
01:34:50,710 --> 01:34:55,460
And I just came
across California --

1681
01:34:55,460 --> 01:35:00,290
Aryan type of you
know the Nazi party,

1682
01:35:00,290 --> 01:35:03,650
which is the Nazi group
of people who just --

1683
01:35:03,650 --> 01:35:09,440
And they were interested in
somehow initiating contact

1684
01:35:09,440 --> 01:35:12,860
with you, because they
would like to work with you.

1685
01:35:12,860 --> 01:35:17,090
And he started laughing and
said, tell them they are crazy.

1686
01:35:17,090 --> 01:35:19,280

Tell them they are crazy
We wouldn't touch them

1687
01:35:19,280 --> 01:35:20,300
with a 10 foot pole.

1688
01:35:20,300 --> 01:35:21,240
Why?

1689
01:35:21,240 --> 01:35:23,360
Well, it's ridiculous.

1690
01:35:23,360 --> 01:35:26,690
It's not interesting to them.

1691
01:35:26,690 --> 01:35:28,070
And he was the head honcho.

1692
01:35:28,070 --> 01:35:31,940
He was the person who was
in charge of all the people

1693
01:35:31,940 --> 01:35:35,813
who were members of the HIAG.

1694
01:35:35,813 --> 01:35:36,730
So do you think that--

1695
01:35:36,730 --> 01:35:40,820
Lieutenant of-- SS lieutenant
colonel, and very close

1696
01:35:40,820 --> 01:35:41,320
to Himmler.

1697
01:35:41,320 --> 01:35:42,565
Very close to Himmler.

1698
01:35:42,565 --> 01:35:45,550
No, no, but --

1699

01:35:45,550 --> 01:35:47,050
There's no [? ruling ?]
[? power? ?]

1700
01:35:47,050 --> 01:35:47,550
No.

1701
01:35:47,550 --> 01:35:49,630
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1702
01:35:49,630 --> 01:35:52,900
New people rediscover--
your younger generation--

1703
01:35:52,900 --> 01:35:55,420
and they may go and talk
to some of the people,

1704
01:35:55,420 --> 01:35:57,790
get some information,
and they may

1705
01:35:57,790 --> 01:36:01,900
find that they are sympathetic,
maybe, or lend them an ear.

1706
01:36:01,900 --> 01:36:03,850
But no.

1707
01:36:03,850 --> 01:36:07,600
This is a generation
They do their own thing.

1708
01:36:07,600 --> 01:36:08,980
And they are very separate.

1709
01:36:08,980 --> 01:36:13,760
Because I've found
different places say,

1710
01:36:13,760 --> 01:36:16,150
hey, we don't want anything
to do with that anymore,

1711
01:36:16,150 --> 01:36:18,160
any sort of revival or anything.

1712
01:36:18,160 --> 01:36:19,930
We're not interested.

1713
01:36:19,930 --> 01:36:28,990

1714
01:36:28,990 --> 01:36:33,760
So in the revival, is the
same ideology [INAUDIBLE]??

1715
01:36:33,760 --> 01:36:34,660
Yeah.

1716
01:36:34,660 --> 01:36:36,970
In essence, the same
ideology, but it's

1717
01:36:36,970 --> 01:36:40,270
done by different people.

1718
01:36:40,270 --> 01:36:43,223
Because they're dead.

1719
01:36:43,223 --> 01:36:44,140
The old ones are dead.

1720
01:36:44,140 --> 01:36:46,570
And the young kids,
they don't know.

1721
01:36:46,570 --> 01:36:49,540
The youngest people who still
may be around are my age.

1722
01:36:49,540 --> 01:36:52,400

1723

01:36:52,400 --> 01:36:54,440
My age, perhaps, one --

1724
01:36:54,440 --> 01:37:01,370
because the maybe '26,
'27, maybe even two years

1725
01:37:01,370 --> 01:37:05,840
younger than I, they are the
last ones who were recruited.

1726
01:37:05,840 --> 01:37:10,130
And these people don't
know nothing from nothing,

1727
01:37:10,130 --> 01:37:11,360
because they're too young.

1728
01:37:11,360 --> 01:37:16,260
They certainly were products
of the Hitler Youth days,

1729
01:37:16,260 --> 01:37:18,480
but that's just about it.

1730
01:37:18,480 --> 01:37:20,070
And they were in the combat SS--

1731
01:37:20,070 --> 01:37:23,350

1732
01:37:23,350 --> 01:37:25,210
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

1733
01:37:25,210 --> 01:37:27,370
Certainly not in
concentration camps.

1734
01:37:27,370 --> 01:37:34,490

1735
01:37:34,490 --> 01:37:38,870

Are there any areas of study
amongst these SS that you think

1736
01:37:38,870 --> 01:37:40,580
should have been done?

1737
01:37:40,580 --> 01:37:41,570
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

1738
01:37:41,570 --> 01:37:43,445
Well, there are lots.

1739
01:37:43,445 --> 01:37:46,820

1740
01:37:46,820 --> 01:37:49,170
Psychologists should
have been involved.

1741
01:37:49,170 --> 01:37:50,310
And they were not.

1742
01:37:50,310 --> 01:37:52,310
And I've tried to
recruit people.

1743
01:37:52,310 --> 01:37:53,820
I've tried to tell them.

1744
01:37:53,820 --> 01:37:56,060
That's one important aspect.

1745
01:37:56,060 --> 01:38:01,820
And I still don't have a
satisfactory explanation

1746
01:38:01,820 --> 01:38:08,730
for why there was no interest
by the social scientists.

1747
01:38:08,730 --> 01:38:10,640
And I'm talking about

social scientists--

1748
01:38:10,640 --> 01:38:13,850
with the exception of
historians, who certainly did

1749
01:38:13,850 --> 01:38:17,420
a lot of studying and
research, and to some extent

1750
01:38:17,420 --> 01:38:20,330
some few political scientists.

1751
01:38:20,330 --> 01:38:23,360
No sociologists I know
have been involved--

1752
01:38:23,360 --> 01:38:26,330
certainly no psychologists--

1753
01:38:26,330 --> 01:38:29,660
to conduct any
research which would

1754
01:38:29,660 --> 01:38:31,355
be important to the field.

1755
01:38:31,355 --> 01:38:34,240

1756
01:38:34,240 --> 01:38:37,480
They shied away from it.

1757
01:38:37,480 --> 01:38:41,710
So, yes, lots should have been
done and could have been done.

1758
01:38:41,710 --> 01:38:44,020
But they didn't want to do it.

1759
01:38:44,020 --> 01:38:46,450
I had to struggle.

1760
01:38:46,450 --> 01:38:50,560
I got some grant money--

1761
01:38:50,560 --> 01:38:53,800
and the only money I
got, and the only support

1762
01:38:53,800 --> 01:39:02,800
I got, from just a really
sophisticated group of people--

1763
01:39:02,800 --> 01:39:05,470
is Alexander von
Humboldt Foundation.

1764
01:39:05,470 --> 01:39:08,680
And they are the
ones who understood

1765
01:39:08,680 --> 01:39:19,390
the merits of my work and went
out of their way to support me.

1766
01:39:19,390 --> 01:39:22,390
Let's put it that way.

1767
01:39:22,390 --> 01:39:26,350
But other than that, I
was only discouraged,

1768
01:39:26,350 --> 01:39:30,910
whether it was here in the
United States or in Germany.

1769
01:39:30,910 --> 01:39:36,040
None of them were interested
or were supportive, other

1770
01:39:36,040 --> 01:39:37,690
than that particular group.

1771

01:39:37,690 --> 01:39:41,740
What was the rationale
to discourage you?

1772
01:39:41,740 --> 01:39:44,740
To stop me?

1773
01:39:44,740 --> 01:39:49,840
What sorts of things did
people say to discourage you?

1774
01:39:49,840 --> 01:39:52,390
Why shouldn't you
study the perpetrator?

1775
01:39:52,390 --> 01:39:56,380
Oh, it was not important,
or no one was interested,

1776
01:39:56,380 --> 01:40:02,620
and let bygones be
bygones, and that --

1777
01:40:02,620 --> 01:40:10,900
not that important,
and a waste of time--

1778
01:40:10,900 --> 01:40:12,590
just anything of that nature.

1779
01:40:12,590 --> 01:40:14,890
What would be the
psychological aspects that you

1780
01:40:14,890 --> 01:40:18,100
wished had been pursued?

1781
01:40:18,100 --> 01:40:23,410
I certainly hope people, just
in that sense, what I'm doing,

1782
01:40:23,410 --> 01:40:25,990
except occurring

as far as possible,

1783
01:40:25,990 --> 01:40:29,110
and say why people
do what they do.

1784
01:40:29,110 --> 01:40:32,200
Why do people behave
the way that they--

1785
01:40:32,200 --> 01:40:35,530
I have some answers,
and I'm glad.

1786
01:40:35,530 --> 01:40:40,510
And I know more than
I knew when I started,

1787
01:40:40,510 --> 01:40:42,760
obviously-- a great deal more.

1788
01:40:42,760 --> 01:40:45,640
And I think I've got
satisfying answers,

1789
01:40:45,640 --> 01:40:48,490
but by no means
exhaustive answers.

1790
01:40:48,490 --> 01:40:53,200
And all these should
have been researched

1791
01:40:53,200 --> 01:40:56,680
as to why people
get into situations

1792
01:40:56,680 --> 01:40:59,650
in which they will
commit atrocities

1793
01:40:59,650 --> 01:41:01,540
and crimes against humanity.

1794
01:41:01,540 --> 01:41:02,840
Let's put it that way.

1795
01:41:02,840 --> 01:41:05,170
And so, that's very
interesting how

1796
01:41:05,170 --> 01:41:11,020
come that people, for example,
build support leaders who

1797
01:41:11,020 --> 01:41:13,030
already are very
clear-cut, where

1798
01:41:13,030 --> 01:41:18,160
you can say i mean chances
when that person comes

1799
01:41:18,160 --> 01:41:21,040
into power or something
that is going to happen.

1800
01:41:21,040 --> 01:41:22,690
And why do they support them?

1801
01:41:22,690 --> 01:41:24,170
What are the reasons for that?

1802
01:41:24,170 --> 01:41:28,210
So we're talking
about mass behavior.

1803
01:41:28,210 --> 01:41:32,410
And things have been
written about that, but not

1804
01:41:32,410 --> 01:41:34,470
in connection with the Nazis.

1805
01:41:34,470 --> 01:41:36,850

[INAUDIBLE] and
some other people

1806
01:41:36,850 --> 01:41:41,770
have written about
these things, but not

1807
01:41:41,770 --> 01:41:46,950
directly in connection
with the Nazis.

1808
01:41:46,950 --> 01:41:50,290
The [INAUDIBLE] were
the main people who--

1809
01:41:50,290 --> 01:41:53,320
German psychiatrists
who did some work

1810
01:41:53,320 --> 01:41:56,028
in the psychology of this.

1811
01:41:56,028 --> 01:41:58,570
Do you remember what their main
findings were in whatever era

1812
01:41:58,570 --> 01:41:59,445
they were working in?

1813
01:41:59,445 --> 01:42:03,170
Well, [Personal name]
was primarily interested

1814
01:42:03,170 --> 01:42:09,200
in the medical aspects of the
people who were responsible.

1815
01:42:09,200 --> 01:42:12,880
The medical SS people were
responsible for mass murder.

1816
01:42:12,880 --> 01:42:15,655
That was [Personal

name] primary interest.

1817
01:42:15,655 --> 01:42:16,780
But she wrote quite a bit--

1818
01:42:16,780 --> 01:42:25,120
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1819
01:42:25,120 --> 01:42:32,920
But for that particular time,
they've done very important,

1820
01:42:32,920 --> 01:42:34,990
what I would call,
preliminary research, which

1821
01:42:34,990 --> 01:42:36,025
provided the basis.

1822
01:42:36,025 --> 01:42:38,740

1823
01:42:38,740 --> 01:42:40,750
But they didn't go very far.

1824
01:42:40,750 --> 01:42:43,600
And there are a handful
of psychiatrists, maybe,

1825
01:42:43,600 --> 01:42:44,770
but very few, actually.

1826
01:42:44,770 --> 01:42:47,140
[Personal name] was
one of the very few.

1827
01:42:47,140 --> 01:42:50,590
And so, all the other
people in psychology

1828
01:42:50,590 --> 01:42:53,230
didn't do very much at all--

1829
01:42:53,230 --> 01:42:54,660
just minimal.

1830
01:42:54,660 --> 01:42:58,900
You really can't say that
there is a body of research

1831
01:42:58,900 --> 01:43:02,330
other than [Personal name]
and maybe some other few.

1832
01:43:02,330 --> 01:43:04,760
Well, what are they going to
study if people won't talk?

1833
01:43:04,760 --> 01:43:05,620
That's my question.

1834
01:43:05,620 --> 01:43:07,240
Because that was one
of the main problems

1835
01:43:07,240 --> 01:43:08,490
that they ran into
over and over.

1836
01:43:08,490 --> 01:43:09,280
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1837
01:43:09,280 --> 01:43:09,865
It's not true.

1838
01:43:09,865 --> 01:43:12,380

1839
01:43:12,380 --> 01:43:16,180
With this sort of assumption,
I started mine so I said.

1840
01:43:16,180 --> 01:43:18,640
That's what also some

people forgot to say,

1841
01:43:18,640 --> 01:43:20,800
that they won't talk, you
won't get them to talk,

1842
01:43:20,800 --> 01:43:22,120
and all this and that.

1843
01:43:22,120 --> 01:43:23,620
It's not true.

1844
01:43:23,620 --> 01:43:25,390
I found that out.

1845
01:43:25,390 --> 01:43:32,980
But I believed that you were
not going to make any headway.

1846
01:43:32,980 --> 01:43:37,660
But the very moment I started,
and I was had it because I had,

1847
01:43:37,660 --> 01:43:39,880
at that time, a body of
knowledge where I really

1848
01:43:39,880 --> 01:43:41,440
could engage them
in a dialogue--

1849
01:43:41,440 --> 01:43:43,030
not just simply
interview and say,

1850
01:43:43,030 --> 01:43:44,280
yeah, there was this and that.

1851
01:43:44,280 --> 01:43:49,900
I knew enough in order to
engage in a meaningful dialogue

1852

01:43:49,900 --> 01:43:54,470
so that it was
worthwhile for them.

1853
01:43:54,470 --> 01:43:58,720
And so, therefore, that
they got some satisfaction

1854
01:43:58,720 --> 01:44:00,850
from my talking to them.

1855
01:44:00,850 --> 01:44:03,100
Because otherwise, they
wouldn't have been interested.

1856
01:44:03,100 --> 01:44:07,360
But that only could have
been achieved because

1857
01:44:07,360 --> 01:44:09,160
of my knowledge at that time.

1858
01:44:09,160 --> 01:44:12,160
And then, since now,
of course I know

1859
01:44:12,160 --> 01:44:14,410
much more than I knew then.

1860
01:44:14,410 --> 01:44:18,220
But my assumption that
they would not talk,

1861
01:44:18,220 --> 01:44:21,070
and that I wouldn't get them
to talk, was totally wrong.

1862
01:44:21,070 --> 01:44:25,660
Because there was only one
person, or two or three, maybe,

1863
01:44:25,660 --> 01:44:26,680
who didn't talk.

1864
01:44:26,680 --> 01:44:30,650
And one, unfortunately, was
one of the most important ones

1865
01:44:30,650 --> 01:44:33,130
was von dem Bach-Zelewski.

1866
01:44:33,130 --> 01:44:37,150
And he was in charge of
all the exterminations.

1867
01:44:37,150 --> 01:44:40,600
He was [? imprisoned ?]
got him face to face,

1868
01:44:40,600 --> 01:44:44,980
and he said, well, the
director of that prison

1869
01:44:44,980 --> 01:44:49,420
asked him, would you like to
be interviewed by Dr. Steiner,

1870
01:44:49,420 --> 01:44:53,230
and said, I'd rather not.

1871
01:44:53,230 --> 01:44:56,650
He said, in that case, we're
not going to force you.

1872
01:44:56,650 --> 01:44:59,050
And that was it.

1873
01:44:59,050 --> 01:45:02,470
But he's one of the
very few exceptions,

1874
01:45:02,470 --> 01:45:07,720
not even 1% of those I
interviewed who would

1875

01:45:07,720 --> 01:45:12,520
have not been prepared to
[INAUDIBLE] not even 1%.

1876
01:45:12,520 --> 01:45:15,250
I [INAUDIBLE]
psychological patterns

1877
01:45:15,250 --> 01:45:18,642
and so forth, which is what
Margareta's point was--

1878
01:45:18,642 --> 01:45:21,100
that even though they would
say things about where they had

1879
01:45:21,100 --> 01:45:23,320
been or that sort of thing,
that to get them to talk

1880
01:45:23,320 --> 01:45:28,000
about motivations or some of the
deeper psychological material--

1881
01:45:28,000 --> 01:45:29,320
that was not going to happen.

1882
01:45:29,320 --> 01:45:32,170
That's what I meant.

1883
01:45:32,170 --> 01:45:35,710
I think we've mentioned,
and we got to it,

1884
01:45:35,710 --> 01:45:38,790
talking about authority in
my questionnaire-- which,

1885
01:45:38,790 --> 01:45:42,670
if that is not social psychology
and in-depth psychology,

1886
01:45:42,670 --> 01:45:44,000

I don't know what is.

1887

01:45:44,000 --> 01:45:47,260

And certainly I had an
unbelievable return.

1888

01:45:47,260 --> 01:45:53,080

I've had an excellent-- out
of a thousand questionnaires,

1889

01:45:53,080 --> 01:45:56,360

I received over 600, which
is a very nice return.

1890

01:45:56,360 --> 01:45:58,300

So you sent out a
thousand questionnaires.

1891

01:45:58,300 --> 01:46:01,240

You got back about 600 answers.

1892

01:46:01,240 --> 01:46:06,860

I forget the exact number,
but it was around 600.

1893

01:46:06,860 --> 01:46:09,400

And, more or less,
how many people did

1894

01:46:09,400 --> 01:46:12,460

you personally interview?

1895

01:46:12,460 --> 01:46:15,190

I lost the count.

1896

01:46:15,190 --> 01:46:16,330

I lost count of them.

1897

01:46:16,330 --> 01:46:20,280

Can you estimate?

1898

01:46:20,280 --> 01:46:22,840

Some I imagine you interviewed
maybe in more than one session

1899

01:46:22,840 --> 01:46:24,390
and over time,
you've talked about.

1900

01:46:24,390 --> 01:46:27,270
And some maybe just gave
you one or two sessions.

1901

01:46:27,270 --> 01:46:28,830
It depends on the
different quality

1902

01:46:28,830 --> 01:46:30,390
of the interviews, number one.

1903

01:46:30,390 --> 01:46:33,810
Because some of those in passing
and some people in greater

1904

01:46:33,810 --> 01:46:38,040
detail must have been
close to 100, at least.

1905

01:46:38,040 --> 01:46:40,590
Did you notice any
difference in talking

1906

01:46:40,590 --> 01:46:43,150
with those people
who were in prison,

1907

01:46:43,150 --> 01:46:48,570
and those who led a so-called
normal life after the war?

1908

01:46:48,570 --> 01:46:49,770
What was the question?

1909

01:46:49,770 --> 01:46:52,750
Whether you found

any difference.

1910
01:46:52,750 --> 01:46:55,590
Well, obviously, if
someone is in a prison,

1911
01:46:55,590 --> 01:46:57,480
it's a difference in attitude.

1912
01:46:57,480 --> 01:46:59,750
But they are not less
willing to talk about it.

1913
01:46:59,750 --> 01:47:02,970
They wrote
autobiographical accounts,

1914
01:47:02,970 --> 01:47:06,780
and wrote things for me,
and then added you know]

1915
01:47:06,780 --> 01:47:10,530
didn't object to being taped.

1916
01:47:10,530 --> 01:47:13,350
They hope that I would reward
them in one way or another.

1917
01:47:13,350 --> 01:47:15,030
And to some extent, I could.

1918
01:47:15,030 --> 01:47:16,470
In some extent, I could not.

1919
01:47:16,470 --> 01:47:18,550
But they're in prison.

1920
01:47:18,550 --> 01:47:22,950
But that didn't deter them
from being interviewed.

1921
01:47:22,950 --> 01:47:27,450

What was their attitude about
being punished for those deeds?

1922

01:47:27,450 --> 01:47:33,030

Well, they said that
they were the peons.

1923

01:47:33,030 --> 01:47:37,470

They were the ones who
were acting upon orders

1924

01:47:37,470 --> 01:47:42,000

and very correctly said
that their superiors were,

1925

01:47:42,000 --> 01:47:43,860

at times, scot-free someplace.

1926

01:47:43,860 --> 01:47:48,240

And they were blamed for
the orders they carried out.

1927

01:47:48,240 --> 01:47:51,860

They were the bottom
of the totem pole.

1928

01:47:51,860 --> 01:47:53,480

And that's what
they pointed out.

1929

01:47:53,480 --> 01:47:54,950

And they're unhappy with that.

1930

01:47:54,950 --> 01:47:58,310

They didn't say that they didn't
do it, but they minimized it.

1931

01:47:58,310 --> 01:48:01,070

And they all said,
well, what could I do?

1932

01:48:01,070 --> 01:48:02,120

What else could I do?

1933
01:48:02,120 --> 01:48:04,760
And all this, and
simply justified

1934
01:48:04,760 --> 01:48:09,950
why they did what they did--
no question about that.

1935
01:48:09,950 --> 01:48:12,680
But they didn't deny it.

1936
01:48:12,680 --> 01:48:15,470
They didn't deny it,
but they minimized it

1937
01:48:15,470 --> 01:48:16,980
and said, what else could I do?

1938
01:48:16,980 --> 01:48:21,445
In writing, in the interviews
taped, and all this.

1939
01:48:21,445 --> 01:48:22,820
And we talked
about it at length.

1940
01:48:22,820 --> 01:48:24,650
And talking about
[? depth ?] psychology--

1941
01:48:24,650 --> 01:48:26,317
God, yeah, it was
[? depth ?] psychology

1942
01:48:26,317 --> 01:48:28,940
if I've ever seen one.

1943
01:48:28,940 --> 01:48:31,130
I'm talking about looking
for ways to prevent

1944

01:48:31,130 --> 01:48:32,940
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1945
01:48:32,940 --> 01:48:36,470
Obviously, you do feel at this point that the material you got

1946
01:48:36,470 --> 01:48:37,490
was enough.

1947
01:48:37,490 --> 01:48:38,270
It was adequate.

1948
01:48:38,270 --> 01:48:41,630
And it's satisfying to you in terms of what you found.

1949
01:48:41,630 --> 01:48:42,240
Yeah.

1950
01:48:42,240 --> 01:48:42,740
Right.

1951
01:48:42,740 --> 01:48:48,380
Therefore, the subsequent premises, then,

1952
01:48:48,380 --> 01:48:52,670
that you have found enough to know how to teach

1953
01:48:52,670 --> 01:48:55,280
to prevent this again, right?

1954
01:48:55,280 --> 01:48:55,880
I hope so.

1955
01:48:55,880 --> 01:48:58,380

1956
01:48:58,380 --> 01:48:58,880
Yeah.

1957
01:48:58,880 --> 01:48:59,570
I think so.

1958
01:48:59,570 --> 01:49:03,820

1959
01:49:03,820 --> 01:49:07,720
But the only thing
is, so many people

1960
01:49:07,720 --> 01:49:11,870
have to have a body of knowledge
to relate what I'm doing.

1961
01:49:11,870 --> 01:49:13,450
Most people don't.

1962
01:49:13,450 --> 01:49:15,680
Now, the interesting thing is--

1963
01:49:15,680 --> 01:49:17,230
I wanted to commend you on that.

1964
01:49:17,230 --> 01:49:20,890
Because you have, by
far with a distance,

1965
01:49:20,890 --> 01:49:26,230
asked me the most intelligent,
poignant questions of anyone

1966
01:49:26,230 --> 01:49:27,790
I can think of.

1967
01:49:27,790 --> 01:49:29,350
Well, thank you.

1968
01:49:29,350 --> 01:49:31,630
Thank yourself.

1969

01:49:31,630 --> 01:49:32,530
OK.

1970
01:49:32,530 --> 01:49:33,730
You're welcome.

1971
01:49:33,730 --> 01:49:37,250
And so, then, you
really can do things.

1972
01:49:37,250 --> 01:49:40,000
Because once you understand
whatever body of knowledge

1973
01:49:40,000 --> 01:49:45,310
you can have, then you
can develop strategies.

1974
01:49:45,310 --> 01:49:47,260
But in order to
develop strategies,

1975
01:49:47,260 --> 01:49:48,970
you also have to
know people in power.

1976
01:49:48,970 --> 01:49:52,090
I don't know any people
in power at the moment.

1977
01:49:52,090 --> 01:49:56,350
I'm closer to knowing
people in power in Germany

1978
01:49:56,350 --> 01:49:58,180
because you can't
do more than be

1979
01:49:58,180 --> 01:50:02,380
invited to the President
of the Federal Republic.

1980
01:50:02,380 --> 01:50:05,800

And I have been there many times-- different presidents.

1981
01:50:05,800 --> 01:50:10,130
And I engage people in this discussion.

1982
01:50:10,130 --> 01:50:11,860
And particularly, the first president I

1983
01:50:11,860 --> 01:50:15,820
have met when I was still in Hamburg fellow,

1984
01:50:15,820 --> 01:50:19,160
I engaged the president and wrote about it.

1985
01:50:19,160 --> 01:50:21,430
And he responded.

1986
01:50:21,430 --> 01:50:25,288

1987
01:50:25,288 --> 01:50:27,760
And some other people, I could have,

1988
01:50:27,760 --> 01:50:33,130
if I had had a better chance to really stay in touch and all

1989
01:50:33,130 --> 01:50:35,500
that, which I was unable to do.

1990
01:50:35,500 --> 01:50:39,130
But there, I think I would succeed more readily than here.

1991
01:50:39,130 --> 01:50:41,200
Because here, no one was really interested.

1992
01:50:41,200 --> 01:50:44,740
I have only people who are
totally novices or ignorant

1993
01:50:44,740 --> 01:50:46,570
or uninterested to deal with.

1994
01:50:46,570 --> 01:50:53,620
And our college is a pretty
good example in point.

1995
01:50:53,620 --> 01:50:58,240
It's a case in point of
that type of ignorance.

1996
01:50:58,240 --> 01:51:02,440
Because they have--
even my colleagues--

1997
01:51:02,440 --> 01:51:10,720
not the faintest idea as to
the value of that research.

1998
01:51:10,720 --> 01:51:11,800
Well, we've jumped ahead.

1999
01:51:11,800 --> 01:51:13,210
But now that we're
on this point,

2000
01:51:13,210 --> 01:51:15,950
let's pursue it-- the notion of
what to do with this knowledge.

2001
01:51:15,950 --> 01:51:16,450
Right.

2002
01:51:16,450 --> 01:51:20,500

2003
01:51:20,500 --> 01:51:24,670

What about this mandate
and the interest

2004
01:51:24,670 --> 01:51:26,650
in teaching the Holocaust?

2005
01:51:26,650 --> 01:51:31,030
Does that extend to
the college level?

2006
01:51:31,030 --> 01:51:35,680
Is it required that a college
student have a course?

2007
01:51:35,680 --> 01:51:36,370
relating to --

2008
01:51:36,370 --> 01:51:38,710
Not at all.

2009
01:51:38,710 --> 01:51:41,830
And I don't think it's
going to happen, either,

2010
01:51:41,830 --> 01:51:44,440
in the foreseeable future.

2011
01:51:44,440 --> 01:51:46,870
What I've been
unable to do that I

2012
01:51:46,870 --> 01:51:49,450
talk to responsible
politicians, people

2013
01:51:49,450 --> 01:51:51,910
who could make the
difference by virtue

2014
01:51:51,910 --> 01:51:54,070
of their power, their position.

2015

01:51:54,070 --> 01:51:56,570
And I've certainly
not made that at all.

2016
01:51:56,570 --> 01:51:58,660
So what you do, you
hope for the best

2017
01:51:58,660 --> 01:52:02,230
by teaching ignorant or
less ignorant students,

2018
01:52:02,230 --> 01:52:04,030
and enlighten them.

2019
01:52:04,030 --> 01:52:09,890
But what they will do with it is
something beyond your control.

2020
01:52:09,890 --> 01:52:12,130
So that's exceedingly
limited, what I'm doing.

2021
01:52:12,130 --> 01:52:15,010
And then, of course,
I've got people--

2022
01:52:15,010 --> 01:52:18,370
fellow academicians and
in the last few years,

2023
01:52:18,370 --> 01:52:22,780
for reasons which would be
interesting to find out,

2024
01:52:22,780 --> 01:52:24,760
they've quoted me more
and more and more.

2025
01:52:24,760 --> 01:52:29,420
And I'm now really
quoted in lots of places,

2026

01:52:29,420 --> 01:52:32,330
which is very nice for me.

2027

01:52:32,330 --> 01:52:35,170
But the question is, what sort
of difference will it make?

2028

01:52:35,170 --> 01:52:40,270
Because what these people do is
use it for academic purposes.

2029

01:52:40,270 --> 01:52:42,340
And that's what's
going to happen.

2030

01:52:42,340 --> 01:52:44,140
That's where it's going to stay.

2031

01:52:44,140 --> 01:52:46,960
But to convert it into
action is another thing.

2032

01:52:46,960 --> 01:52:48,830
It's a separate step.

2033

01:52:48,830 --> 01:52:50,710
And for that you
have to know people

2034

01:52:50,710 --> 01:52:55,870
who are in power positions
outside academia.

2035

01:52:55,870 --> 01:52:56,920
And also, I don't know.

2036

01:52:56,920 --> 01:52:58,270
I don't have any contacts.

2037

01:52:58,270 --> 01:53:00,100
Because if I would
have contacts,

2038

01:53:00,100 --> 01:53:01,780
I would not be at Sonoma State.

2039

01:53:01,780 --> 01:53:02,920
I guarantee you.

2040

01:53:02,920 --> 01:53:05,740
Or you have to get
popular coverage, which

2041

01:53:05,740 --> 01:53:08,230
Spielberg has done, in a
sense, for the Holocaust.

2042

01:53:08,230 --> 01:53:11,180
[INTERPOSING VOICES]

2043

01:53:11,180 --> 01:53:14,560
Even there, you may have a
broader population, broader

2044

01:53:14,560 --> 01:53:15,860
people, exposed to it.

2045

01:53:15,860 --> 01:53:18,460
But the question is
whether President Clinton

2046

01:53:18,460 --> 01:53:19,508
is going to talk to him.

2047

01:53:19,508 --> 01:53:20,050
I don't know.

2048

01:53:20,050 --> 01:53:22,660
I doubt it.

2049

01:53:22,660 --> 01:53:26,350
I doubt it very much--

2050

01:53:26,350 --> 01:53:28,600

and if a politician is
going to talk to him,

2051
01:53:28,600 --> 01:53:34,600
and only to get a piece of
action by being seen together,

2052
01:53:34,600 --> 01:53:35,230
and all that.

2053
01:53:35,230 --> 01:53:37,570
So that's the question.

2054
01:53:37,570 --> 01:53:40,840
Even people like
Spielberg may not,

2055
01:53:40,840 --> 01:53:45,160
beyond what he has done
with it, and simply

2056
01:53:45,160 --> 01:53:48,190
get the information
among the people

2057
01:53:48,190 --> 01:53:53,710
in a way which can be
relatively easily digested.

2058
01:53:53,710 --> 01:53:56,260
I don't know what he can do
beyond that-- to what extent

2059
01:53:56,260 --> 01:53:59,110
he is an influence
which would reach

2060
01:53:59,110 --> 01:54:01,180
to high-level politicians.

2061
01:54:01,180 --> 01:54:02,680
I doubt it.

2062

01:54:02,680 --> 01:54:04,210
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2063

01:54:04,210 --> 01:54:05,710
Public opinion may be up.

2064

01:54:05,710 --> 01:54:08,260
You may influence, to some
extent, public opinion.

2065

01:54:08,260 --> 01:54:09,190
Yeah.

2066

01:54:09,190 --> 01:54:10,240
That, perhaps.

2067

01:54:10,240 --> 01:54:11,860
But in the case
of Germany, where

2068

01:54:11,860 --> 01:54:13,630
you say you do know people--

2069

01:54:13,630 --> 01:54:16,570
and obviously,
where Germany is so

2070

01:54:16,570 --> 01:54:21,550
self-conscious about the issue,
it might make a difference.

2071

01:54:21,550 --> 01:54:24,700
Do you feel that
those politicians

2072

01:54:24,700 --> 01:54:28,990
that you do know, or know of,
is there a self-consciousness--

2073

01:54:28,990 --> 01:54:35,830
any fear that this ideology
may erupt, or is alive,

2074

01:54:35,830 --> 01:54:41,187
or is it more restitution for
past acts, or what do you feel?

2075

01:54:41,187 --> 01:54:43,270
I don't think it's the
fear, because I don't think

2076

01:54:43,270 --> 01:54:47,650
that people in high
positions fear what we

2077

01:54:47,650 --> 01:54:50,200
see in the neo-Nazi activities.

2078

01:54:50,200 --> 01:54:51,950
There may be a concern.

2079

01:54:51,950 --> 01:54:55,540
But I don't know whether
it's a fear at this point.

2080

01:54:55,540 --> 01:54:57,370
I don't see that.

2081

01:54:57,370 --> 01:55:13,470
But their interest
may be purely academic

2082

01:55:13,470 --> 01:55:28,040
or to satisfy their
curiosity and their need

2083

01:55:28,040 --> 01:55:31,100
to be able to say,
well, it's not

2084

01:55:31,100 --> 01:55:34,580
going to happen while I
am, so to speak, in power.

2085

01:55:34,580 --> 01:55:37,460
Because I'm not
going to allow it.

2086
01:55:37,460 --> 01:55:40,940
But the details, the specifics
as to how to prevent it,

2087
01:55:40,940 --> 01:55:43,580
I don't think they know
and have not reflected on.

2088
01:55:43,580 --> 01:55:45,720
Because they don't
have that information.

2089
01:55:45,720 --> 01:55:48,260
And I'm not sure that they
seek that information.

2090
01:55:48,260 --> 01:55:50,840

2091
01:55:50,840 --> 01:55:54,740
So I don't think it's fear.

2092
01:55:54,740 --> 01:56:03,660
It's just simply to
act in a way which

2093
01:56:03,660 --> 01:56:08,970
will be identified by the
world public as democratic

2094
01:56:08,970 --> 01:56:21,070
and within the line
of their convictions,

2095
01:56:21,070 --> 01:56:21,885
which they espouse.

2096
01:56:21,885 --> 01:56:27,350

2097
01:56:27,350 --> 01:56:32,630
In your research project of
interviewing the SS people,

2098
01:56:32,630 --> 01:56:35,047
how did you present
your questionnaire?

2099
01:56:35,047 --> 01:56:36,380
What was, as it were, the title?

2100
01:56:36,380 --> 01:56:39,284

2101
01:56:39,284 --> 01:56:42,450
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2102
01:56:42,450 --> 01:56:49,560
Well, just questions, and just
like give the people a quiz.

2103
01:56:49,560 --> 01:56:50,430
I see.

2104
01:56:50,430 --> 01:56:55,710
And so, they didn't have to go
into sentences or anything--

2105
01:56:55,710 --> 01:56:59,940
it was just simply like an
objective test, so to speak.

2106
01:56:59,940 --> 01:57:04,020

2107
01:57:04,020 --> 01:57:10,770
And I forget what I called it--

2108
01:57:10,770 --> 01:57:13,260
questionnaire.

2109
01:57:13,260 --> 01:57:15,120
I didn't call it
anything specific.

2110
01:57:15,120 --> 01:57:16,486
I thought maybe the title
might have had something

2111
01:57:16,486 --> 01:57:17,069
to do with it.

2112
01:57:17,069 --> 01:57:19,080
The thing is, this
is one thing which

2113
01:57:19,080 --> 01:57:21,930
is a very important
connection-- because now, I

2114
01:57:21,930 --> 01:57:25,080
just feel that there is one
thing I haven't mentioned.

2115
01:57:25,080 --> 01:57:28,550
Now, I've developed
the questionnaire

2116
01:57:28,550 --> 01:57:32,340
with the help of
General Steiner.

2117
01:57:32,340 --> 01:57:36,390
And the help he gave
me was very simple.

2118
01:57:36,390 --> 01:57:40,500
I asked very specific
questions which were also

2119
01:57:40,500 --> 01:57:45,450
very clear-cut about
antisemitism, racism,

2120

01:57:45,450 --> 01:57:50,430
and all that, which was much
longer the questionnaire was

2121

01:57:50,430 --> 01:57:52,480
much considerably long.

2122

01:57:52,480 --> 01:57:54,340
And so, I gave it
to him and said,

2123

01:57:54,340 --> 01:57:55,770
OK, what do you
think about this?

2124

01:57:55,770 --> 01:57:58,710
He said, OK, if you
leave it as that,

2125

01:57:58,710 --> 01:58:00,840
they're going to throw it
in the wastepaper basket.

2126

01:58:00,840 --> 01:58:02,980
They're not going to
even respond to that.

2127

01:58:02,980 --> 01:58:06,180
So this is threatening,
this is threatening,

2128

01:58:06,180 --> 01:58:08,593
this is too clear-cut,
this is something

2129

01:58:08,593 --> 01:58:09,510
you have to leave out.

2130

01:58:09,510 --> 01:58:12,450
So, then, he just simply
purified the whole thing.

2131

01:58:12,450 --> 01:58:15,990
He just expurged
the thing and said,

2132
01:58:15,990 --> 01:58:20,100
this is what they will
accept and respond to.

2133
01:58:20,100 --> 01:58:23,310
But anything beyond that,
they're going to throw it out.

2134
01:58:23,310 --> 01:58:24,990
They're not going
to do it for you.

2135
01:58:24,990 --> 01:58:28,380
So that was invaluable help.

2136
01:58:28,380 --> 01:58:32,820
Because he understood the
mentality of the SS much better

2137
01:58:32,820 --> 01:58:37,290
than I did-- especially at that
time, and we] talked in '68--

2138
01:58:37,290 --> 01:58:38,640
something like that.

2139
01:58:38,640 --> 01:58:40,740
Because '70, it got published.

2140
01:58:40,740 --> 01:58:44,700
And I worked on it in '68
or something like '67, '68.

2141
01:58:44,700 --> 01:58:47,640

2142
01:58:47,640 --> 01:58:58,650
And so, that was tremendous
help, because otherwise,

2143
01:58:58,650 --> 01:59:01,410
I never would have
gotten any results.

2144
01:59:01,410 --> 01:59:05,190
And did you have his
or other people's entre

2145
01:59:05,190 --> 01:59:07,370
by way of an
introductory letter?

2146
01:59:07,370 --> 01:59:08,280
Yeah.

2147
01:59:08,280 --> 01:59:11,310
So what he did-- and that
was a tremendous help, also,

2148
01:59:11,310 --> 01:59:14,940
because he wrote an introductory
letter to all the other people.

2149
01:59:14,940 --> 01:59:17,430
And he worked with the HIAG.

2150
01:59:17,430 --> 01:59:21,570
He worked with the HIAG and all
the various regions of people

2151
01:59:21,570 --> 01:59:23,580
in charge of the HIAG--
and not necessarily

2152
01:59:23,580 --> 01:59:26,220
because they had the highest
rank or anything-- simply

2153
01:59:26,220 --> 01:59:28,200
because they're
activists, or simply

2154

01:59:28,200 --> 01:59:29,580

because they're
a vested interest

2155

01:59:29,580 --> 01:59:31,840

to have the time and motivation.

2156

01:59:31,840 --> 01:59:32,880

And so, he wrote.

2157

01:59:32,880 --> 01:59:36,600

And he knew who was in charge,
or who is very influential,

2158

01:59:36,600 --> 01:59:38,970

if not in charge-- influential
person this and that,

2159

01:59:38,970 --> 01:59:43,530

up to the highest people, the
central leadership of the HIAG.

2160

01:59:43,530 --> 01:59:47,700

And he sent all these
batches of questionnaires.

2161

01:59:47,700 --> 01:59:51,630

And then I gave it to the
individual people I knew.

2162

01:59:51,630 --> 01:59:54,060

And that's how I
got the thing done.

2163

01:59:54,060 --> 01:59:59,940

Because on my own, I would
have whistled in the wind--

2164

01:59:59,940 --> 02:00:01,270

no question about that.

2165

02:00:01,270 --> 02:00:03,420

And that was an
invaluable thing.

2166
02:00:03,420 --> 02:00:08,220
And he wrote some sort
of letter that said

2167
02:00:08,220 --> 02:00:10,050
the man is an objective person.

2168
02:00:10,050 --> 02:00:14,310
He's trying to find out more,
and study, and research.

2169
02:00:14,310 --> 02:00:19,740
And he deserves your support.

2170
02:00:19,740 --> 02:00:21,420
I've got all these
things you still.

2171
02:00:21,420 --> 02:00:25,130
What do you think his
motivation, and the motivation

2172
02:00:25,130 --> 02:00:26,130
of the HIAG people were?

2173
02:00:26,130 --> 02:00:27,720
To further this --

2174
02:00:27,720 --> 02:00:29,860
I don't know about HIAG.

2175
02:00:29,860 --> 02:00:35,790
They just wanted to look good by
working and opening themselves.

2176
02:00:35,790 --> 02:00:39,120
And Steiner was really
authentically interested.

2177

02:00:39,120 --> 02:00:41,070
He was very interested
in my study.

2178
02:00:41,070 --> 02:00:43,200
He liked me personally.

2179
02:00:43,200 --> 02:00:44,190
He liked me.

2180
02:00:44,190 --> 02:00:45,900
He viewed me as a friend.

2181
02:00:45,900 --> 02:00:47,710
I was his advisor
on many things.

2182
02:00:47,710 --> 02:00:52,270
He asked for advice, came to
me for advice-- said, John, I'd

2183
02:00:52,270 --> 02:00:54,840
like to ask you something.

2184
02:00:54,840 --> 02:00:56,260
And he said that--

2185
02:00:56,260 --> 02:00:59,880
John, I'd like to ask
your advice in this--

2186
02:00:59,880 --> 02:01:01,860
and that and also I
helped him with his book.

2187
02:01:01,860 --> 02:01:07,320
Because I did the research
in the Nuremberg trials--

2188
02:01:07,320 --> 02:01:11,220
which, 23 volumes
that he was mentioned

2189

02:01:11,220 --> 02:01:13,590

as a person who was
a member of the SS

2190

02:01:13,590 --> 02:01:15,540

and adhered to the
Geneva Convention

2191

02:01:15,540 --> 02:01:20,670

as a model sort of
a military officer.

2192

02:01:20,670 --> 02:01:22,530

And he incorporated
it in the book.

2193

02:01:22,530 --> 02:01:24,630

And I was the one
who got it for him.

2194

02:01:24,630 --> 02:01:27,250

I did some research
for his book--

2195

02:01:27,250 --> 02:01:33,390

which is a very interesting
book, [INAUDIBLE]

2196

02:01:33,390 --> 02:01:35,250

some self-justification in it.

2197

02:01:35,250 --> 02:01:39,960

But there is very much
tremendously important,

2198

02:01:39,960 --> 02:01:43,680

insightful things, which I
was able to use in my book.

2199

02:01:43,680 --> 02:01:46,790

2200

02:01:46,790 --> 02:01:49,310
It sounds like, as
you say, that getting

2201
02:01:49,310 --> 02:01:51,920
the response of 600
people out of a thousand

2202
02:01:51,920 --> 02:01:53,240
is a high response.

2203
02:01:53,240 --> 02:01:54,080
Right.

2204
02:01:54,080 --> 02:01:54,860
A good response.

2205
02:01:54,860 --> 02:01:55,000
Yeah.

2206
02:01:55,000 --> 02:01:55,590
A good response.

2207
02:01:55,590 --> 02:01:56,090
Yeah.

2208
02:01:56,090 --> 02:01:58,640

2209
02:01:58,640 --> 02:02:02,810
In the course of analyzing the
questionnaires and of meeting

2210
02:02:02,810 --> 02:02:08,480
the people, do you think that
motivation to answer came--

2211
02:02:08,480 --> 02:02:10,460
obviously, maybe in
part from the influence

2212
02:02:10,460 --> 02:02:12,230

of General Steiner--

2213

02:02:12,230 --> 02:02:15,800

in other words, a kind of an obedience response, in part?

2214

02:02:15,800 --> 02:02:16,380

In what way.

2215

02:02:16,380 --> 02:02:17,630

I don't quite understand.

2216

02:02:17,630 --> 02:02:24,110

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2217

02:02:24,110 --> 02:02:26,008

Yes, absolutely.

2218

02:02:26,008 --> 02:02:27,300

This was part of the obedience.

2219

02:02:27,300 --> 02:02:27,800

Oh, yeah.

2220

02:02:27,800 --> 02:02:28,820

Absolutely.

2221

02:02:28,820 --> 02:02:30,500

No question.

2222

02:02:30,500 --> 02:02:32,060

What I'm interested in, too, is what

2223

02:02:32,060 --> 02:02:35,330

about the 400 who didn't obey?

2224

02:02:35,330 --> 02:02:36,230

Who didn't do what?

2225

02:02:36,230 --> 02:02:36,830

Obey.

2226

02:02:36,830 --> 02:02:39,990

Well, I don't know
what happened to them.

2227

02:02:39,990 --> 02:02:44,160

I have no idea, because
I had no access to them.

2228

02:02:44,160 --> 02:02:45,590

I don't know who they were.

2229

02:02:45,590 --> 02:02:48,320

There is nothing I
could do about it.

2230

02:02:48,320 --> 02:02:50,210

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2231

02:02:50,210 --> 02:02:53,450

It's not a question
of obedience.

2232

02:02:53,450 --> 02:02:55,890

Obedience played a part,
no question about it.

2233

02:02:55,890 --> 02:02:57,650

As we said, that's established.

2234

02:02:57,650 --> 02:02:59,367

But so many people
were just ignorant.

2235

02:02:59,367 --> 02:03:00,200

They couldn't do it.

2236

02:03:00,200 --> 02:03:03,260

It was too much work for them--
some other possible reason

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02:03:03,260 --> 02:03:05,360
which was totally innocuous.

2238
02:03:05,360 --> 02:03:09,560

2239
02:03:09,560 --> 02:03:12,920
There are lots of
possible reasons.

2240
02:03:12,920 --> 02:03:15,470
Also, they may have misdirected.

2241
02:03:15,470 --> 02:03:17,520
They may have moved or
whatever-- so many things,

2242
02:03:17,520 --> 02:03:22,400
they just didn't feel
like it, postponed it--

2243
02:03:22,400 --> 02:03:27,290
lots of possibilities,
or disinterest.

2244
02:03:27,290 --> 02:03:30,761

2245
02:03:30,761 --> 02:03:33,080
Along these lines,
what do you think

2246
02:03:33,080 --> 02:03:37,670
about the notions of people,
particularly Alice Miller

2247
02:03:37,670 --> 02:03:44,770
and her ideas of the
ways of child rearing?

2248
02:03:44,770 --> 02:03:48,920
Socializatoin,
There's no question.

2249

02:03:48,920 --> 02:03:55,330

You just simply can't dismiss
the influence of socialization.

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02:03:55,330 --> 02:03:56,000