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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:30,752

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00:00:30,752 --> 00:00:32,270
Going to start, you ready?

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00:00:32,270 --> 00:00:33,730
Yes.

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00:00:33,730 --> 00:00:38,450
We'll be able to shoot for
maybe another 10 minutes or so.

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00:00:38,450 --> 00:00:39,350
We're rolling?

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00:00:39,350 --> 00:00:42,230

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00:00:42,230 --> 00:00:46,040
As we made our way
down here, we've

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00:00:46,040 --> 00:00:48,830
spoken to people
who were affected

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00:00:48,830 --> 00:00:51,545
by these programs as children.

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00:00:51,545 --> 00:00:56,390

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00:00:56,390 --> 00:01:00,800
What made them particular
targets for some

12
00:01:00,800 --> 00:01:02,385
of these eugenics programs?

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00:01:02,385 --> 00:01:06,970

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00:01:06,970 --> 00:01:11,660

They are disproportionately dependent on their parents.

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00:01:11,660 --> 00:01:16,180

For example, you had colored children,

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00:01:16,180 --> 00:01:21,190

about 600 colored children who were all sterilized.

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00:01:21,190 --> 00:01:24,130

And obviously they, as colored children,

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00:01:24,130 --> 00:01:27,640

they were sterilized because their father was

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00:01:27,640 --> 00:01:31,840

a French black soldier and that was it.

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00:01:31,840 --> 00:01:38,950

So clearly, the father's existence kind of--

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00:01:38,950 --> 00:01:45,460

We ran into-- not ran into, we spoke to people who, it seemed

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00:01:45,460 --> 00:01:47,740

like, a lot of the only crime was that they came

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00:01:47,740 --> 00:01:50,080

from very poor, large families.

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00:01:50,080 --> 00:01:50,790

And they had--

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00:01:50,790 --> 00:01:51,290
They, too.

26
00:01:51,290 --> 00:01:52,457
--families with 12 children.

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00:01:52,457 --> 00:01:52,957
Yeah.

28
00:01:52,957 --> 00:01:54,670
The kids were out on
the street begging.

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00:01:54,670 --> 00:01:57,160
And they ended up being
institutionalized and

30
00:01:57,160 --> 00:01:59,170
sterilized.

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00:01:59,170 --> 00:02:01,270
Yeah, exactly.

32
00:02:01,270 --> 00:02:05,850
Because the parents were
analyzed by these people.

33
00:02:05,850 --> 00:02:07,675
They came out with
very, very low IQ.

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00:02:07,675 --> 00:02:11,080

35
00:02:11,080 --> 00:02:17,170
In the eyes of the eugenicists,
they belonged to these people

36
00:02:17,170 --> 00:02:19,450
with low intelligence.

37
00:02:19,450 --> 00:02:22,000
And then obviously,
they are children.

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00:02:22,000 --> 00:02:24,100
If the whole thing is
genetic, their children

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00:02:24,100 --> 00:02:25,810
must have the same genes.

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00:02:25,810 --> 00:02:27,940
Obviously, then, if you
sterilize the parents,

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00:02:27,940 --> 00:02:29,770
you have to sterilize
the children, clear.

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00:02:29,770 --> 00:02:32,810

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00:02:32,810 --> 00:02:36,340
From this type of logic,
not that I'm for it.

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00:02:36,340 --> 00:02:38,290
I'm simply following
this type of logic.

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00:02:38,290 --> 00:02:41,290
Within this type of logic,
it makes sense here.

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00:02:41,290 --> 00:02:52,050

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00:02:52,050 --> 00:02:55,620
A lot of-- again,
we spoke to people

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00:02:55,620 --> 00:03:00,400
who had had relatives
who had been to Hadamar.

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00:03:00,400 --> 00:03:01,350
Yeah.

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00:03:01,350 --> 00:03:08,830
And there wasn't
just sterilization

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00:03:08,830 --> 00:03:09,690
that was going on.

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00:03:09,690 --> 00:03:11,420
There was medical experiments.

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00:03:11,420 --> 00:03:14,470
There was-- these
children were starved--

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00:03:14,470 --> 00:03:14,970
In Hadamar.

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00:03:14,970 --> 00:03:16,178
--to death and left for dead.

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00:03:16,178 --> 00:03:16,920
Yeah, yeah.

57
00:03:16,920 --> 00:03:23,090
Again, how is this
part of this program?

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00:03:23,090 --> 00:03:28,590
Now here, you had the moment
this euthanasia program became

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00:03:28,590 --> 00:03:32,700
real, then obviously,
some research-interested

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00:03:32,700 --> 00:03:37,800
psychiatrists kind of thought
interesting possibility.

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00:03:37,800 --> 00:03:41,430
Now, let's do all
those experiments

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00:03:41,430 --> 00:03:44,770
which we now can do, which
we couldn't do before.

63
00:03:44,770 --> 00:03:48,330
And in this type
of argument, when

64
00:03:48,330 --> 00:03:52,830
you say this person will be
anyhow killed, then of course,

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00:03:52,830 --> 00:03:55,350
I can do an experiment
with the person before.

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00:03:55,350 --> 00:03:57,390
Because he will die anyhow.

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00:03:57,390 --> 00:04:03,600
And this type of logic
obviously led to experiments.

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00:04:03,600 --> 00:04:08,300
In particular, in
Heidelberg, in the institute

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00:04:08,300 --> 00:04:13,630
of Carl Schneider, who had a
relatively large institute who

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00:04:13,630 --> 00:04:18,760
started a large research project
exactly on this type of thing.

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00:04:18,760 --> 00:04:30,850

And then also was
in the place which

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00:04:30,850 --> 00:04:35,300

is in a place in North
Germany, near Berlin, where

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00:04:35,300 --> 00:04:37,740

also similar things went on.

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00:04:37,740 --> 00:04:41,160

I think there is a
certain logic in that.

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00:04:41,160 --> 00:04:46,470

If these guys think the
death of these persons

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00:04:46,470 --> 00:04:49,930

has been anyhow
already determined,

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00:04:49,930 --> 00:04:52,140

so then under these
conditions you

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00:04:52,140 --> 00:04:56,400

can do an experiment
with the person.

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00:04:56,400 --> 00:05:00,570

And unfortunately, if
you lost all humanity,

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00:05:00,570 --> 00:05:02,850

then you argue this way.

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00:05:02,850 --> 00:05:07,830

Why were they starved, or
not fed, or malnourished?

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00:05:07,830 --> 00:05:10,550

Why did that sort
of thing go on?

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00:05:10,550 --> 00:05:15,660
No, that was, I guess, simply in
order to have them die faster.

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00:05:15,660 --> 00:05:23,070
Although, let's say the killing
with carbon monoxide ended,

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00:05:23,070 --> 00:05:25,920
I think, in August '41.

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00:05:25,920 --> 00:05:27,030
Yeah.

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00:05:27,030 --> 00:05:31,770
So now, but then, from
then on, the argument

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00:05:31,770 --> 00:05:33,990
was, OK, there is no
more general killing.

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00:05:33,990 --> 00:05:41,080
But so let's say we have now
relative non-organized killing.

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00:05:41,080 --> 00:05:42,720
And that's obviously--
if you don't

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00:05:42,720 --> 00:05:45,630
get people to eat and
to drink, and if you

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00:05:45,630 --> 00:05:49,140
don't heat in the winter,
then sooner or later,

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00:05:49,140 --> 00:05:52,920
they will get [INAUDIBLE]

and a lung inflammation.

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00:05:52,920 --> 00:05:56,850

And sooner or later,
they will die.

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00:05:56,850 --> 00:05:58,170

I think it's as simple as that.

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00:05:58,170 --> 00:06:00,000

And in fact, I don't
know whether you

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00:06:00,000 --> 00:06:06,420

saw that in France, there was
a similar situation in '43

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00:06:06,420 --> 00:06:07,980

and '44.

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00:06:07,980 --> 00:06:11,970

In '43 and '44, the
number of deaths,

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00:06:11,970 --> 00:06:15,300

the people dying in
these mental institutes,

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00:06:15,300 --> 00:06:16,680

increased drastically.

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00:06:16,680 --> 00:06:18,610

They are about, if I
recall it correctly,

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00:06:18,610 --> 00:06:25,380

about 40,000 people in France
who died from hunger and cold

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00:06:25,380 --> 00:06:27,420

in the various institutions.

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00:06:27,420 --> 00:06:30,450
And without-- and the
most amazing thing

106
00:06:30,450 --> 00:06:33,840
is that the French psychiatrists
didn't even realize that.

107
00:06:33,840 --> 00:06:36,240
They kind of took it
for granted, yeah?

108
00:06:36,240 --> 00:06:40,470
Obviously, they were
not in the kitchen

109
00:06:40,470 --> 00:06:41,615
when the food was served.

110
00:06:41,615 --> 00:06:42,990
You know, they
didn't really care

111
00:06:42,990 --> 00:06:44,790
about these minute details.

112
00:06:44,790 --> 00:06:47,850
And then at the end,
their patients were dead.

113
00:06:47,850 --> 00:06:48,900
And they were astonished.

114
00:06:48,900 --> 00:06:50,380
They even published about that.

115
00:06:50,380 --> 00:06:53,310

116
00:06:53,310 --> 00:06:56,530
So that's, I think,
pretty straightforward.

117
00:06:56,530 --> 00:06:58,230
Ugly, but straightforward.

118
00:06:58,230 --> 00:07:00,810

119
00:07:00,810 --> 00:07:04,560
In '41, why did they
stop the gassing?

120
00:07:04,560 --> 00:07:06,600
Now yeah, I think two reasons.

121
00:07:06,600 --> 00:07:07,966
On the one hand--

122
00:07:07,966 --> 00:07:11,130
I'm sorry, could you start
the sentence with telling me

123
00:07:11,130 --> 00:07:14,040
you think the two reasons
why they stopped the gassing.

124
00:07:14,040 --> 00:07:18,960
I think there are two reasons
why they stopped the gassing.

125
00:07:18,960 --> 00:07:23,490
On the one hand, the opposition
had become very strong.

126
00:07:23,490 --> 00:07:25,530
And it was a real muddle.

127
00:07:25,530 --> 00:07:30,070
You know, you had courts
busy with this question,

128
00:07:30,070 --> 00:07:32,200
whether is this murder,
isn't this murder,

129
00:07:32,200 --> 00:07:33,690
and so on, and so on.

130
00:07:33,690 --> 00:07:36,300
So this was really annoying.

131
00:07:36,300 --> 00:07:40,020
And under these
conditions, they simply

132
00:07:40,020 --> 00:07:42,960
could not support
the possibility

133
00:07:42,960 --> 00:07:45,198
that a large majority
of the population

134
00:07:45,198 --> 00:07:47,115
really were suddenly
against when they started

135
00:07:47,115 --> 00:07:49,090
just the war against Russia.

136
00:07:49,090 --> 00:07:50,760
This was impossible.

137
00:07:50,760 --> 00:07:53,140
So and then this was one thing.

138
00:07:53,140 --> 00:07:55,620
And then the other
thing was ah-ha,

139
00:07:55,620 --> 00:07:58,140
but we can make
use of these guys,

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00:07:58,140 --> 00:08:00,270
we can use of the

[GERMAN],, we can

141
00:08:00,270 --> 00:08:04,710
use of the guys who were
involved in the program.

142
00:08:04,710 --> 00:08:11,280
We can start now the
Endlosung in the Soviet Union

143
00:08:11,280 --> 00:08:13,080
and in Poland.

144
00:08:13,080 --> 00:08:14,770
And this is exactly
what they did.

145
00:08:14,770 --> 00:08:19,530
So I think on the one hand,
they said, OK, let's stop it.

146
00:08:19,530 --> 00:08:23,890
And then the Catholics
can be quiet again.

147
00:08:23,890 --> 00:08:29,100
And on the other hand, but we
use the same experience persons

148
00:08:29,100 --> 00:08:35,130
now for perhaps even more
important, as we think,

149
00:08:35,130 --> 00:08:36,370
purpose.

150
00:08:36,370 --> 00:08:39,090
So from this point of view,
I think it makes sense.

151
00:08:39,090 --> 00:08:40,970
The more important
purpose being?

152
00:08:40,970 --> 00:08:43,070
The killing of the Jews,
the Final Solution, yeah.

153
00:08:43,070 --> 00:08:48,450

154
00:08:48,450 --> 00:08:51,690
If you would repeat it again.

155
00:08:51,690 --> 00:08:53,970
Because we had some
sound problems.

156
00:08:53,970 --> 00:08:59,610
What the bad part
of eugenics is.

157
00:08:59,610 --> 00:09:02,710
I think the eugenics
has two parts.

158
00:09:02,710 --> 00:09:06,510
One part is obviously
the genetic analysis

159
00:09:06,510 --> 00:09:13,770
of humans in regard of their
spiritual capabilities.

160
00:09:13,770 --> 00:09:15,150
Intelligence and so on.

161
00:09:15,150 --> 00:09:16,050
Is this genetic?

162
00:09:16,050 --> 00:09:17,700
How far is it genetic and not?

163
00:09:17,700 --> 00:09:19,440
And I think that's fine.

164
00:09:19,440 --> 00:09:22,020
That is certainly--
that's a valid thing.

165
00:09:22,020 --> 00:09:27,420
But then the bad thing is that
you come to the conclusion

166
00:09:27,420 --> 00:09:29,100
that those who have
low intelligence

167
00:09:29,100 --> 00:09:31,320
should be sterilized,
and only the other ones

168
00:09:31,320 --> 00:09:34,470
are allowed to have children.

169
00:09:34,470 --> 00:09:37,260
I think at that point,
there's something basically,

170
00:09:37,260 --> 00:09:39,480
fundamentally wrong, yeah.

171
00:09:39,480 --> 00:09:43,170
And obviously, it's this
mixture between something

172
00:09:43,170 --> 00:09:48,480
which may be hard science that
is human genetics and then

173
00:09:48,480 --> 00:09:49,680
political decisions.

174
00:09:49,680 --> 00:09:53,000
What do you do then with this?

175
00:09:53,000 --> 00:09:54,780

Which became so explosive, yeah.

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00:09:54,780 --> 00:09:59,880

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00:09:59,880 --> 00:10:04,260

If you would-- because we talked about this, actually, early on.

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00:10:04,260 --> 00:10:08,730

And maybe even the camera was running or not.

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00:10:08,730 --> 00:10:16,280

About your anger, your feelings about what

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00:10:16,280 --> 00:10:20,440

some of these people who were involved in these programs

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00:10:20,440 --> 00:10:25,560

after the war, and how they continued their lives, let's

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00:10:25,560 --> 00:10:26,060

say.

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00:10:26,060 --> 00:10:28,480

They are.

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00:10:28,480 --> 00:10:34,360

You know, when I, 20 years ago now, when I got

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00:10:34,360 --> 00:10:36,400

interested in the whole problem, I just

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00:10:36,400 --> 00:10:39,040

realized that there was just nothing written about it.

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00:10:39,040 --> 00:10:43,270

There were neither had the
historians any interest

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00:10:43,270 --> 00:10:44,440

to write about that.

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00:10:44,440 --> 00:10:45,910

There was just
virtually nothing.

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00:10:45,910 --> 00:10:47,470

Either the historians
of medicine

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00:10:47,470 --> 00:10:51,370

were silent, gone
totally silent.

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00:10:51,370 --> 00:10:51,880

Not true.

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00:10:51,880 --> 00:10:56,950

There was one of them in
Germany who was interested.

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00:10:56,950 --> 00:11:00,940

But by and large, there
was just total silence.

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00:11:00,940 --> 00:11:04,150

And silence both from the
historians and silence

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00:11:04,150 --> 00:11:06,400

from the people
who were involved.

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00:11:06,400 --> 00:11:09,910

You may think that some
of those who were involved

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00:11:09,910 --> 00:11:12,310
would have written
autobiographies which

199
00:11:12,310 --> 00:11:15,280
they may have published
only after their death.

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00:11:15,280 --> 00:11:16,900
No, just nothing.

201
00:11:16,900 --> 00:11:18,770
Just absolutely nothing.

202
00:11:18,770 --> 00:11:22,810
And this is something which I
have difficulty to understand.

203
00:11:22,810 --> 00:11:26,380
That this torture--
how can you go on

204
00:11:26,380 --> 00:11:31,450
after such a disaster afterwards
as if nothing has happened?

205
00:11:31,450 --> 00:11:34,720
How can you believe
that you enter again

206
00:11:34,720 --> 00:11:37,630
in psychiatric hospital
after these things which

207
00:11:37,630 --> 00:11:39,250
happened there?

208
00:11:39,250 --> 00:11:46,060
How can you believe that you say
any sentence to a psychiatrist

209
00:11:46,060 --> 00:11:48,260
after this, what

has happened there?

210
00:11:48,260 --> 00:11:53,440
And again, I find it very
difficult to understand.

211
00:11:53,440 --> 00:11:55,390
Very difficult.

212
00:11:55,390 --> 00:12:00,390
You have no theories,
shall we say,

213
00:12:00,390 --> 00:12:05,460
as to how this was able to be?

214
00:12:05,460 --> 00:12:06,412
Yeah, theories.

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00:12:06,412 --> 00:12:09,750

216
00:12:09,750 --> 00:12:12,750
Unbelievable stupidity.

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00:12:12,750 --> 00:12:14,295
Unbelievable, unbelievable.

218
00:12:14,295 --> 00:12:22,650
You know, that the history--
there, let's put it that way.

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00:12:22,650 --> 00:12:28,070
Obviously, after now, after 50
years, one can talk about it.

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00:12:28,070 --> 00:12:29,640
But it's a little bit too late.

221
00:12:29,640 --> 00:12:30,570
Yeah.

222

00:12:30,570 --> 00:12:32,340

I think then one
should have been

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00:12:32,340 --> 00:12:34,920

able to talk about that then.

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00:12:34,920 --> 00:12:38,700

For example, when my book
appeared in '84 in Germany,

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00:12:38,700 --> 00:12:40,860

there was total silence.

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00:12:40,860 --> 00:12:45,210

There was one single
journal in which there was--

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00:12:45,210 --> 00:12:49,080

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00:12:49,080 --> 00:12:52,680

in which it was reported.

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00:12:52,680 --> 00:12:55,170

Just one journal, yeah.

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00:12:55,170 --> 00:12:57,720

And yeah, silence.

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00:12:57,720 --> 00:13:01,200

Silence, silence, silence.

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00:13:01,200 --> 00:13:03,390

And that, I find I
find disquieting.

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00:13:03,390 --> 00:13:06,930

I find truly disquieting.

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00:13:06,930 --> 00:13:08,130

Truly disquieting.

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00:13:08,130 --> 00:13:11,710

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00:13:11,710 --> 00:13:12,640

Thank you.

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00:13:12,640 --> 00:13:13,240

OK.

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00:13:13,240 --> 00:13:13,740

OK.

239

00:13:13,740 --> 00:13:17,470

If you could just sit
there for about 30 seconds.

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00:13:17,470 --> 00:13:21,490

We do room tone where we
just pick up the sound.

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00:13:21,490 --> 00:13:22,300

Room tone.

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00:13:22,300 --> 00:13:23,296

There you go.

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00:13:23,296 --> 00:14:01,220

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00:14:01,220 --> 00:14:02,570

OK, thank you.

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00:14:02,570 --> 00:14:04,120

OK.

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00:14:04,120 --> 00:16:02,368