

# Extremes of Nationalism

Hyper-Nationalism, Ethnic Cleansing,  
Genocide

# Hyper-Nationalism

- Extreme nationalism, the belief in the superiority of one's nation and of the paramount importance of advancing it
- Often used as an excuse to commit acts of “Ethnic Cleansing”



# Ethnic Cleansing and Genocide

- Genocide – The attempt to eradicate all peoples of a racial, ethnic, or religious group
  - Has been criminalized in 1948 and requires action under international law
- Ethnic Cleansing – The aim of establishing cultural homogeneity
  - Does not necessarily use methods of mass killings
  - Linked by International Criminal Court as a “War Crime” or “Crime Against Humanity” and since 1998 is punishable

# Genocide

- Term phrased in 1944 as a way to describe German actions against Jews in World War II
  - Created by the Greek words *Genos* “Race or Tribe” and *Cide* “To Kill”
  - Immediately applied to Turkish actions against Armenians in World War I

# United Nations Definition of Genocide

- Any of a number of acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group.
  - Killing or causing serious bodily or mental harm
  - Inflicting conditions of life intended to cause demise of group
  - Imposing measures to prevent births
  - Forcible removing a groups children

# Armenian Genocide

- Undertaken by Ottoman government during World War I in 1915
  - Led to death of estimated 1.5 million Armenian Christians (Roughly 66%)
    - Use of primitive gas chambers
    - Death Marches
  - Witnessed by German soldiers and used as justification for Genocide
- Those responsible not punished

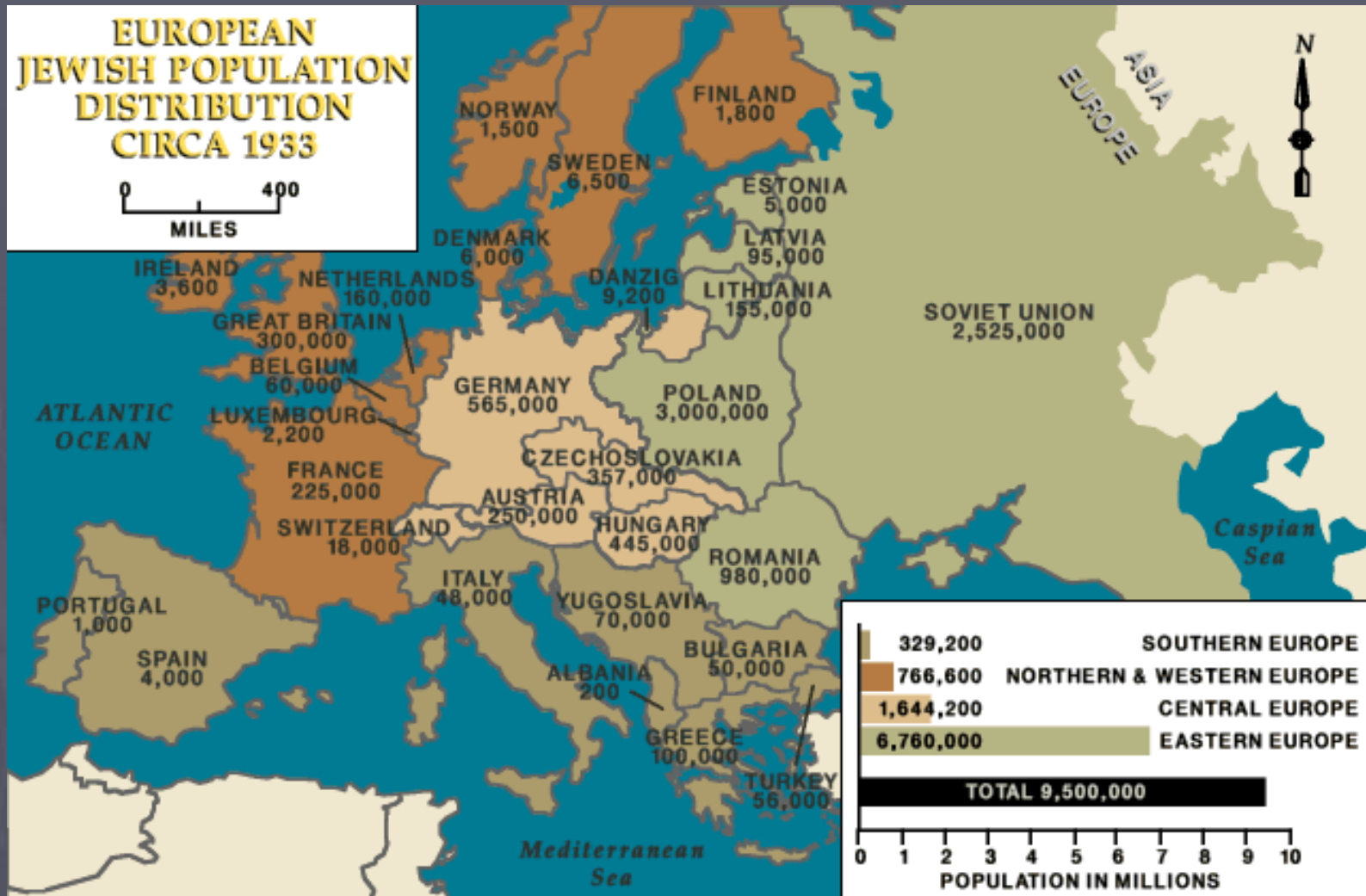


# The Holocaust

- Measures taken out by the Nazi government in German between 1933 and 1945 to eliminate “undesirables”
  - Jews – Almost 6 Million
  - Gypsies – Around 200,000
  - Homosexuals – Unknown - less than 10,000
  - Mentally/Physically Disabled – Around 200,000
  - Poles – Roughly 3 Million
  - Slavs – Between 2-3 Million
- Also caused the forced migration of countless others



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# Nuremburg War Tribunals

- Military Trial established by Allies put high ranking officials of Nazi government on trial for holocaust
  - 24 Tried
    - 12 death sentences
    - 7 imprisoned



# Cambodian Genocide

- Led by communist leader Pol Pot of the Khmer Rouge from 1975 to 1979
  - Tried creating classless society
  - 1.5 million died from starvation, overwork, and execution
    - Bodies buried in mass graves called “Killing fields”
    - Out of total population of 7-8 million
- Pol Pot and Khmer Rouge removed by Vietnamese
  - Few leaders of Khmer Rouge tried as war criminals



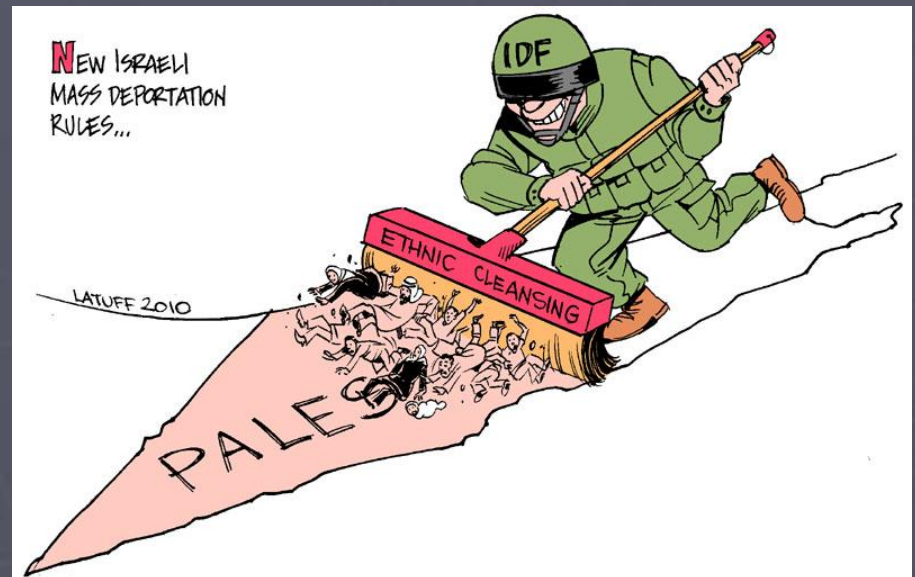
# Rwandan Genocide

- Ethnic difference between Hutu and Tutsi
  - Tutsi were minority group placed in power by Belgians
  - Hutu used position to persecute Tutsi
    - Leading to 800,000 to 1 million dead
    - 2 Million Displaced
- International criminal tribunal established for trials



# Ethnic Cleansing

- The act of removing “unwanted” ethnicities from an area to attempt to create a ethnically homogenous geographic area
  - Forced deportations
  - Displacement
  - Mass killings



# Bosnia

- In 1992 Bosnia separated from Yugoslavia
  - Bosnia Serbs backed by Serbian and Yugoslavia military embarked on Ethnic cleansing mission
    - Targeting Bosniaks(Bosnian Muslims) and Croats
    - Around 100,000 killed
  - Lasted until 1995
- NATO stepped in and ended hostilities
- International court placed leaders on trial



# Kosovo

- In 1996 Kosovo attempted to gain independence from Yugoslavia
- Slobodan Milosevic ordered Serbian military in against Ethnic Albanians
  - Only lasted from 1998-1999
    - 10,000 Kosovar Albanians killed
    - 850,000 expelled from Kosovo
    - 600,000 Displaced
  - NATO responded quickly
  - Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic arrested and put on trial



# Darfur

- Struggle between African Darfuri and Arabic Sudanese Government
  - Government using *Janjaweed* or “Devils on Horseback”
  - To date over 400,000 killed and 2.7 million displaced
- Sudanese president indicted by ICC
  - Including other top officials
- Conflict is ongoing

