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Claims Conference Holocaust Poll—GEORGIA
March 2020

Screening Questions

- {Age}

Under 18 [TERMINATE]	--
18-24	25%
25-29	26%
30-34	25%
35-39	24%
40+ [TERMINATE]	--

- Are you currently enrolled in college?

Yes	27%
No	73%

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Survey Questions

Intro: Thank you for your participation in this survey. The next questions in the survey are going to ask you about a particular historical topic that you may or may not know much about – the Holocaust. All answers and responses are confidential, so please be as honest and open as you can.

1. Have you ever seen or heard the word Holocaust before?

Yes, I have definitely heard about the Holocaust	76%
Yes, I think I've heard about the Holocaust	15%
No, I don't think I have heard about the Holocaust	3%
No, I definitely have not heard about the Holocaust	6%

IF NO, SKIP TO Q7

2. Who or what do you think caused the Holocaust? [OPEN ENDED AND MULTIPLE RESPONSES ALLOWED]

Adolf Hitler	72%
The Nazis	60%
Germany	38%
World War I	15%
Jews	15%
The United States	8%
The Great Depression	6%
Israel	3%
Franklin Delano Roosevelt/FDR	2%
Palestine	1%
Other	2%
Not sure	5%

3. Who were victims during the Holocaust? [SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]

The Jewish people	83%
Homosexuals	31%
The Disabled/People with disabilities	26%
Roma-Sinti (Gypsies)	20%
Resistance Workers	13%
Jehovah's Witnesses	12%
Non-Jewish Poles	9%
Communists	8%
Rescuers	8%
Other	7%
Not sure	5%

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4. In which country or countries listed below did the Holocaust take place? [SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]

Germany	66%
Europe (Generally)	25%
Poland	22%
Austria	13%
France	12%
Hungary	10%
Belgium	8%
Former Soviet Union	7%
Former Czechoslovakia/Czech Republic/Slovakia	6%
Romania	5%
Ukraine	5%
The Netherlands (Holland)	4%
Denmark	4%
Italy	4%
Former Yugoslavia	3%
Lithuania	3%
The United States	2%
Latvia	2%
Greece	2%
Estonia	1%
North Africa	1%
China	1%
Australia	--
All of the above	3%
Other	2%
Not sure	12%

5. During the Holocaust, Jews and many others were sent to concentration camps, death camps, and ghettos. Can you name any concentration camps, death camps, or ghettos you have heard of? [OPEN-ENDED AND MULTIPLE RESPONSES ALLOWED]

Auschwitz	39%
Dachau	5%
Buchenwald	3%
Bergen-Belsen	2%
Belzec	1%
Chelmno	1%
Treblinka	1%
Warsaw ghetto	1%
Other incorrect response	25%
Don't know/None	26%

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6. With which of the wars listed below is the Holocaust associated with? [SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]

The Civil War	4%
World War I	26%
World War II	57%
The Vietnam War	2%
Not sure	11%

7. You will now see the names of some historical figures who are associated with a particular point in history. For each, please indicate whether or not you are familiar with him or her. [SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]

- Adolf Hitler

TOTAL FAMILIAR	94%
TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR	4%
Very familiar	62%
Familiar	32%
Not very familiar	2%
Not at all familiar	2%
Not sure	2%

- Anne Frank

TOTAL FAMILIAR	80%
TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR	16%
Very familiar	46%
Familiar	34%
Not very familiar	12%
Not at all familiar	4%
Not sure	4%

- Oskar Schindler

TOTAL FAMILIAR	32%
TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR	58%
Very familiar	14%
Familiar	18%
Not very familiar	37%
Not at all familiar	21%
Not sure	10%

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- Elie Wiesel

TOTAL FAMILIAR	27%
TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR	62%
Very familiar	11%
Familiar	16%
Not very familiar	33%
Not at all familiar	29%
Not sure	11%

Intro: The term Holocaust refers to the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of the Jewish people by the Nazi regime and its collaborators during World War II. You will now see some questions about the Holocaust.

8. Who was the leader of Nazi Germany during the Holocaust? [OPEN ENDED]

Adolf Hitler	88%
Other	7%
Not sure	5%

9. Approximately how many Jews were killed during the Holocaust?¹ Please select from the following list:

25,000	2%
100,000	7%
1 million	10%
2 million	17%
6 million	38%
20 million	12%
Not sure	14%

¹ UCL Study <https://www.holocausteducation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/What-do-students-know-and-understand-about-the-Holocaust1.pdf>

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10. Okay, and how was the Holocaust carried out? [OPEN ENDED AND MULTIPLE RESPONSES ALLOWED]

Concentration camps	25%
Gassing	13%
Death camps	6%
Starvation	5%
Shooting	4%
Slave labor camps	4%
Ghettos	4%
Medical experiments	1%
Other	23%
Not sure	23%

11. From what you know or have heard, what was Auschwitz? [OPEN ENDED AND MULTIPLE RESPONSES ALLOWED]

Concentration camp	43%
Death/extermination camp	10%
Forced labor camp	1%
Other	13%
Not sure	35%

Intro: Thank you for your answers so far. You will now be asked some questions regarding your opinion about the Holocaust. After each, please select the answer choice that best represents what you think.

12. Some believe that the Holocaust did not happen. Do you believe the Holocaust happened?

Yes, I believe the Holocaust happened	88%
No, I do not believe the Holocaust happened	3%
Not sure	9%

13. Which of the following statements comes closest to your views about the Holocaust in Europe during World War Two? ²

The Holocaust happened, and the number of Jews who died in it have been fairly described	71%
The Holocaust happened, but the number of Jews who died in it has been greatly exaggerated	16%
The Holocaust is a myth and did not happen	4%
Not sure	9%

² ADL Global 100 https://global100.adl.org/static/ADL_GLOBAL_100_SURVEY_QUESTIONNAIRE.pdf

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Intro: We will now be asking you about Holocaust denial and distortion. Holocaust denial is defined as a claim that the Holocaust did not take place. Distortion of the Holocaust intentionally excuses or minimizes the Holocaust’s impact, such as the number of victims; blames the Jews for the Holocaust, or portrays the Holocaust as a positive event.

14. Have you seen Holocaust denial or distortion on social media or elsewhere online?

TOTAL YES	44%
TOTAL NO	47%
Yes, often	9%
Yes, occasionally	20%
Yes, but only once or twice	15%
No	47%
Not sure	9%

Intro: Switching gears slightly, you will now see a list of statements that have been made about the Holocaust. For each, please tell me if you agree or disagree:

15. People still talk too much about the Holocaust.³

TOTAL AGREE	16%
TOTAL DISAGREE	55%
Strongly agree	9%
Agree	7%
Neutral—neither agree nor disagree	24%
Disagree	31%
Strongly disagree	24%
Not sure	5%

16. Something like the Holocaust could happen again today.

TOTAL AGREE	60%
TOTAL DISAGREE	14%
Strongly agree	22%
Agree	38%
Neutral—neither agree nor disagree	16%
Disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	4%
Not sure	10%

³ Adapted from ADL Global 100 https://global100.adl.org/static/ADL_GLOBAL_100_SURVEY_QUESTIONNAIRE.pdf

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17. Holocaust education should be compulsory in school.

TOTAL AGREE	58%
TOTAL DISAGREE	9%
Strongly agree	31%
Agree	27%
Neutral—neither agree nor disagree	28%
Disagree	6%
Strongly disagree	3%
Not sure	5%

18. It is important to continue teaching people about the Holocaust, in part, so it doesn't happen again.

TOTAL AGREE	78%
TOTAL DISAGREE	4%
Strongly agree	48%
Agree	30%
Neutral—neither agree nor disagree	13%
Disagree	3%
Strongly disagree	1%
Not sure	5%

Intro: You will now be asked some questions about how you learned about the Holocaust as well as questions on Holocaust education in the United States today.

19. Where did you first hear about the Holocaust?

At school	68%
At home	10%
Television	6%
Books	3%
Movies	3%
Social Media	2%
From a friend	1%
Online, not on social media	--
At a house of worship (church/synagogue/mosque/temple)	--
Museums	--
Other	1%
Not sure	6%

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**20. [IF book/television program/movie/site] Okay, and through what book/television program/movie/site did you first learn about the Holocaust?
 [OPEN ENDED]**

Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl	24%
A film adaptation of the Diary of Anne Frank	10%
The Pianist	10%
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas	6%
Social Media	7%
Night (book)	7%
Jojo Rabbit	7%
Schindler’s List	3%
Life is Beautiful	3%
Number the Stars	3%
Shoah (film)	3%
All the Light We Cannot See	--
The Zookeeper’s Wife	--
Other	6%
Not sure	11%

21. At what level of school did you learn about the Holocaust? [SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]

Middle school/Junior high school	55%
High school	34%
Elementary school	31%
All of the above	8%
Did not learn about the Holocaust in school	2%
Not sure	7%

**22. [If ANY CHOICE BESIDES “Did not learn about the Holocaust in school”]
 Okay, and in which class or classes did you learn about the Holocaust at school?**

History/European history/World history	48%
Social studies/Government/Civics	29%
English/Language arts	5%
A special class dedicated to the Holocaust	3%
School trip to a museum	2%
Special assembly	1%
At Home	--
Television	--
Books	--
Movies	--
Other	2%
Not sure	10%

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23. In your opinion, are lessons taught in schools about the Holocaust historically accurate? [OPEN ENDED]

Lessons about the Holocaust are completely historically accurate	32%
Lessons about the Holocaust are mostly historically accurate, but could be better	48%
Lessons about the Holocaust are historically inaccurate	4%
Not sure	16%

24. Who do you think should be responsible for providing education about the Holocaust? [SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]

Schools/teachers	56%
The government	12%
It is no one's responsibility	8%
Parents	6%
Religious institutions	4%
The private sector	2%
Non-profit organizations	2%
Not sure	10%

25. In your opinion, what are the biggest benefits of teaching the Holocaust in school? [MULTIPLE CHOICES ALLOWED]

The Holocaust is a historically significant event	58%
To learn from past mistakes and prevent genocide and mass atrocity today	49%
To prevent something like the Holocaust from happening again	40%
Teaches about racism, intolerance, and indifference	33%
To study the past and consider our roles as citizens today	11%
Learning about the Holocaust is the right thing to do	12%
Other	2%
None	7%

26. Have you personally or has anyone you know visited a Holocaust museum in the United States?

I have not visited a Holocaust museum and do not know anyone who has visited one	35%
I have personally visited a Holocaust museum in the United States	26%
I have not visited, but someone I know has visited	22%
Not sure	17%

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27. Do you personally know or know of a survivor of the Holocaust?

I do not know or know of a survivor of the Holocaust	55%
I know of a survivor of the Holocaust but not personally	18%
I personally know a survivor of the Holocaust	8%
I personally knew a survivor of the Holocaust who has passed away	8%
Not sure	11%

INTRO: We're almost finished. We are now going to ask some questions about the United States today.

28. Have you personally seen Nazi symbols in your community or on the social media platforms you visit or have used in the past 5 years?

Some common examples of Nazi symbols include: flags with swastikas, pictures idealizing Hitler, flyers with pro-Nazi messages, pictures glorifying Nazi soldiers, "Heil Hitler" symbols such as Nazi-imagery or tattoos with "88" a numerical code for "Heil Hitler."

Yes—in my community	11%
Yes—on social media	29%
Yes—both in my community and on social media	12%
No	44%
Not sure	4%

29. Do you think that it is acceptable for an individual to hold neo-Nazi views?⁴

TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	19%
TOTAL NOT ACCEPTABLE	62%
Strongly acceptable	6%
Somewhat acceptable	13%
Somewhat unacceptable	10%
Strongly unacceptable	52%
Not sure	19%

30. Okay, and in your opinion, is there antisemitism in the United States today?

Yes, there is antisemitism in the United States today	59%
No, there is not antisemitism in the United States today	11%
Not sure	30%

⁴ <http://apps.washingtonpost.com/g/page/politics/washington-post-abc-news-poll-aug-16-20-2017/2235/>

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Demographics

Intro: We're just about finished...

31. {Gender}

Male	52%
Female	48%
Other	--

32. {Race}

White or Caucasian	55%
Hispanic or Latino	6%
Black or African American	33%
Asian/Pacific Islander	5%
Other	1%

33. In terms of political orientation or ideology do you consider yourself....?

Conservative	28%
Moderate	24%
Liberal	18%
Progressive	7%
Other	6%
Not sure	17%

34. What is your religion?

Protestant	20%
Evangelical	4%
Catholic	14%
Jewish	1%
Muslim	--
Atheist/Agnostic	7%
Other [specify]	27%
None/Not affiliated	19%
Not sure	8%

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35. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Some high school or less	4%
High school graduate	24%
Some college	32%
College graduate	21%
Some graduate school	5%
Graduate/post-graduate degree	13%
Technical school	1%

36. What is your annual household income?

You and your family earn less than \$20,000 annually	18%
\$20,000 to \$40,000	24%
\$40,000 to \$60,000	22%
\$60,000 to \$75,000	8%
\$75,000 to \$100,000	12%
More than \$100,000	13%
Not sure	3%