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Claims Conference Holocaust Poll—Nebraska  
March 2020

**Screening Questions**

- {Age}

Under 18 [TERMINATE]	--
18-24	24%
25-29	22%
30-34	26%
35-39	28%
40+ [TERMINATE]	--

- Are you currently enrolled in college?

Yes	16%
No	84%

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<b>Survey Questions</b>
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**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	82%
Yes, I think I've heard about the Holocaust	8%
No, I don't think I have heard about the Holocaust	5%
No, I definitely have not heard about the Holocaust	5%

**IF NO, SKIP TO Q7**

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

Adolf Hitler	86%
The Nazis	70%
Germany	29%
World War I	10%
Jews	10%
The Great Depression	2%
The United States	--
Israel	--
Palestine	--
Franklin Delano Roosevelt/FDR	--
Other	2%
Not sure	3%

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

The Jewish people	99%
Homosexuals	46%
The Disabled/People with disabilities	40%
Roma-Sinti (Gypsies)	36%
Non-Jewish Poles	23%
Resistance Workers	20%
Rescuers	14%
Jehovah's Witnesses	13%
Communists	10%
Other	5%
Not sure	--

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

Germany	83%
Poland	42%
Europe (Generally)	29%
Austria	28%
Former Czechoslovakia/Czech Republic/Slovakia	16%
Hungary	14%
Belgium	14%
France	13%
Former Soviet Union	9%
Former Yugoslavia	9%
Italy	9%
Ukraine	8%
The Netherlands (Holland)	6%
Romania	6%
Denmark	5%
Latvia	3%
Greece	3%
Lithuania	2%
Estonia	2%
North Africa	2%
The United States	--
China	--
Australia	--
All of the above	1%
Other	--
Not sure	9%

**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	59%
Dachau	9%
Bergen-Belsen	5%
Belzec	1%
Treblinka	1%
Warsaw ghetto	1%
Chelmno	--
Buchenwald	--
Other incorrect response	7%
Don't know/None	33%

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6. With which of the wars listed below is the Holocaust associated with?

The Civil War	1%
World War I	19%
World War II	67%
The Vietnam War	3%
Not sure	10%

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.

- Adolf Hitler

TOTAL FAMILIAR	96%
TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR	2%
Very familiar	56%
Familiar	40%
Not very familiar	2%
Not at all familiar	--
Not sure	2%

- Anne Frank

TOTAL FAMILIAR	84%
TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR	14%
Very familiar	50%
Familiar	34%
Not very familiar	7%
Not at all familiar	7%
Not sure	2%

- Oskar Schindler

TOTAL FAMILIAR	33%
TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR	57%
Very familiar	13%
Familiar	20%
Not very familiar	26%
Not at all familiar	31%
Not sure	10%

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- Elie Wiesel

TOTAL FAMILIAR	20%
TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR	67%
Very familiar	11%
Familiar	9%
Not very familiar	28%
Not at all familiar	39%
Not sure	13%

**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	99%
Other	--
Not sure	1%

**9. Approximately** how many Jews were killed during the Holocaust?<sup>1</sup> Please select from the following list:

25,000	2%
100,000	2%
1 million	6%
2 million	16%
6 million	44%
20 million	9%
Not sure	21%

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<sup>1</sup> 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	42%
Shooting	30%
Gassing	13%
Slave labor camps	10%
Starvation	7%
Death camps	5%
Ghettos	4%
Medical experiments	1%
Other	21%
Not sure	12%

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

Concentration camp	64%
Death/extermination camp	11%
Forced labor camp	2%
Other	7%
Not sure	21%

**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	92%
No, I do not believe the Holocaust happened	2%
Not sure	6%

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

The Holocaust happened, and the number of Jews who died in it have been fairly described	91%
The Holocaust happened, but the number of Jews who died in it has been greatly exaggerated	4%
The Holocaust is a myth and did not happen	--
Not sure	5%

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<sup>2</sup> Adapted from ADL Global 100 [https://global100.adl.org/static/ADL\\_GLOBAL\\_100\\_SURVEY\\_QUESTIONNAIRE.pdf](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	43%
TOTAL NO	52%
Yes, often	3%
Yes, occasionally	16%
Yes, but only once or twice	24%
No	52%
Not sure	5%

**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.<sup>3</sup>

TOTAL AGREE	11%
TOTAL DISAGREE	68%
Strongly agree	3%
Agree	8%
Neutral—neither agree nor disagree	18%
Disagree	37%
Strongly disagree	31%
Not sure	3%

**16.** Something like the Holocaust could happen again today.

TOTAL AGREE	64%
TOTAL DISAGREE	17%
Strongly agree	23%
Agree	41%
Neutral—neither agree nor disagree	15%
Disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	8%
Not sure	4%

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**17. Holocaust education should be compulsory in school.**

TOTAL AGREE	68%
TOTAL DISAGREE	5%
Strongly agree	35%
Agree	33%
Neutral—neither agree nor disagree	22%
Disagree	2%
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	86%
TOTAL DISAGREE	3%
Strongly agree	53%
Agree	33%
Neutral—neither agree nor disagree	8%
Disagree	3%
Strongly disagree	--
Not sure	3%

**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	80%
At home	8%
Television	4%
Books	3%
Movies	2%
Social Media	--
Online, not on social media	--
At a house of worship (church/synagogue/mosque/temple)	--
From a friend	--
Museums	--
Other	--
Not sure	3%



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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]**

Schindler’s List	33%
Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl	26%
Social Media	--
Life is Beautiful	--
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas	--
A film adaptation of the Diary of Anne Frank	--
Night (book)	--
Number the Stars	--
The Pianist	--
Shoah (film)	--
Jojo Rabbit	--
All the Light We Cannot See	--
The Zookeeper’s Wife	--
Other	23%
Not sure	18%

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

Middle school/Junior high school	53%
Elementary school	39%
High school	31%
All of the above	11%
Did not learn about the Holocaust in school	1%
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	57%
Social studies/Government/Civics	23%
English/Language arts	6%
A special class dedicated to the Holocaust	1%
School trip to a museum	--
Special assembly	--
Other	2%
Not sure	11%

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**23.** In your opinion, are lessons taught in schools about the Holocaust historically accurate?

Lessons about the Holocaust are completely historically accurate	30%
Lessons about the Holocaust are mostly historically accurate, but could be better	55%
Lessons about the Holocaust are historically inaccurate	1%
Not sure	14%

**24.** Who do you think should be responsible for providing education about the Holocaust?

Schools/teachers	71%
Parents	6%
It is no one's responsibility	6%
The government	5%
The private sector	2%
Religious institutions	1%
Non-profit organizations	--
Not sure	9%

**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	74%
To learn from past mistakes and prevent genocide and mass atrocity today	55%
Teaches about racism, intolerance, and indifference	47%
To prevent something like the Holocaust from happening again	45%
To study the past and consider our roles as citizens today	15%
Learning about the Holocaust is the right thing to do	7%
Other	--
None	2%

**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	44%
I have not visited, but someone I know has visited	24%
I have personally visited a Holocaust museum in the United States	19%
Not sure	13%

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

I personally know a survivor of the Holocaust	5%
I personally knew a survivor of the Holocaust who has passed away	3%
I know of a survivor of the Holocaust but not personally	23%
I do not know or know of a survivor of the Holocaust	67%
Not sure	2%

**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	9%
Yes—on social media	31%
Yes—both in my community and on social media	12%
No	43%
Not sure	5%

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

TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	8%
TOTAL NOT ACCEPTABLE	80%
Strongly acceptable	3%
Somewhat acceptable	5%
Somewhat unacceptable	11%
Strongly unacceptable	69%
Not sure	12%

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

Yes, there is antisemitism in the United States today	69%
No, there is not antisemitism in the United States today	9%
Not sure	22%

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

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<b>Demographics</b>
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**Intro:** We're just about finished...

**31. {Gender}**

Male	45%
Female	54%
Other	1%

**32. {Race}**

White or Caucasian	78%
Hispanic or Latino	10%
Black or African American	5%
Native American or American Indian	1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2%
Other	4%

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

Conservative	30%
Moderate	23%
Liberal	18%
Progressive	6%
Other	10%
Not sure	13%

**34. What is your religion?**

Protestant	19%
Evangelical	7%
Catholic	19%
Jewish	--
Muslim	--
Atheist/Agnostic	7%
Other [specify]	20%
None/Not affiliated	23%
Not sure	5%

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

Some high school or less	3%
High school graduate	23%
Some college	30%
College graduate	30%
Some graduate school	3%
Graduate/post-graduate degree	10%
Technical school	1%

**36. What is your annual household income?**

You and your family earn less than \$20,000 annually	17%
\$20,000 to \$40,000	26%
\$40,000 to \$60,000	18%
\$60,000 to \$75,000	15%
\$75,000 to \$100,000	10%
More than \$100,000	14%
Not sure	--