

THE TEN STAGES OF GENOCIDE

- STAGE 1 CLASSIFICATION**
The differences between people are not respected. There's a division of 'us' and 'them'. This can be carried out through the use of stereotypes, or excluding people who are perceived to be different.
- STAGE 2 SYMBOLISATION**
This is a visual manifestation of hatred. Jews in Nazi occupied Europe were forced to wear yellow stars to show that they were 'different'.
- STAGE 3 DISCRIMINATION**
The dominant group denies civil rights or even citizenship to identified groups. The Nuremberg Laws of 1935 in Nazi Germany stripped Jews of their German citizenship and prohibited their employment by the government and by universities.
- STAGE 4 DEHUMANISATION**
Those who are perceived as 'different' are treated with no form of human right or personal dignity. During the Genocide in Rwanda, Tutsis were referred to as 'cockroaches'; the Nazis referred to Jews as 'vermin'.
- STAGE 5 ORGANISATION**
Genocides are always planned. Regimes of hatred often train those who are to carry out the destruction of a people.
- STAGE 6 POLARISATION**
Propaganda begins to be spread by hate groups. The Nazis used the newspaper *Der Stürmer* to spread and incite messages of hate about Jewish people.
- STAGE 7 PREPARATION**
Perpetrators plan the genocide. They often use euphemisms to cloak their intentions, create fear of the victim group and build armies, buy weapons and train their troops and militias.
- STAGE 8 PERSECUTION**
Victims are identified and separated out because of their ethnic or religious identity and death lists are drawn up. People are sometimes segregated into ghettos, deported or starved and property is often expropriated. Genocidal massacres begin.
- STAGE 9 EXTERMINATION**
The hate group murders their identified victims in a deliberate and systematic campaign of violence. Millions of lives have been destroyed or changed beyond recognition through genocide.
- STAGE 10 DENIAL**
The perpetrators or later generations deny the existence of any crime.

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