

No, Bishop Strickland, Gaza Is Nothing Like the Holocaust

THE LIE

Israel is carrying out a genocide in Gaza comparable to Nazi Germany's systematic extermination of six million Jews.

THE TRUTH

The Gaza conflict is a war, not a genocide, and comparing it to the Holocaust cheapens the meaning of genocide itself.

BACKGROUND

- On March 30, 2026, Tucker Carlson aired an interview with Bishop Joseph Strickland, who called the conflict in Gaza "the holocaust of our time." ([YouTube](#))
- The comparison between Gaza and the Holocaust is a common one among pro-Palestinian activists, who also regularly compare Israelis to Nazis.

TRUTH EXPLAINED

- **Holocaust vs. Gaza conflict:** Jews in the Holocaust were targeted for extermination simply for being Jews. In Gaza, Israel is targeting Hamas, a terror group that massacred Israelis on October 7, 2023 and continues to target Israeli civilians. ([Statista](#)), ([National Archives](#)), ([Jerusalem Post](#))
- **Deaths:** The Holocaust was the deliberate extermination of six million Jewish civilians. By contrast, Hamas claims about 70,000 deaths in Gaza—many of them combatants, with the remainder unintended casualties of war. That is not a holocaust by any stretch. ([Hamas](#)), ([Henry Jackson Society](#)), ([JCFA](#)), ([New York Post](#))
- **Intent:** Nazi Germany had an explicit policy of total Jewish extermination with no military objective. Israel's goal is to defeat Hamas militarily, while Hamas openly seeks the extermination of Jews and embeds itself among civilians. ([Statista](#)), ([National Archives](#)), ([Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#))
- **Civilian reality:** Jews in the Holocaust had no control over their fate, no political agency, and no escape from extermination camps. In Gaza, Hamas governs the territory, maintains armed control, and enjoys significant public support from Gazans for continued conflict with Israel. ([History](#)), ([Hamas](#)), ([PalWatch](#))
- **Casualty interpretation:** Holocaust deaths were entirely civilian Jews murdered by design. In Gaza, even using Hamas-reported figures, a large share of the dead are Hamas fighters, making it a war casualty environment rather than a civilian genocide. ([Statista](#)), ([Henry Jackson Society](#)), ([JCFA](#)), ([New York Post](#))
- **Scale:** The Holocaust involved the systematic murder of six million Jews across Europe in a coordinated industrial extermination system. Gaza, by contrast, has continued population growth and large-scale humanitarian activity such as over 500,000 children vaccinated in 2025, which is inconsistent with genocidal population destruction. ([World Health Organization](#)), ([CIA](#))
- **Military conduct:** Jews in the Holocaust faced deliberate extermination through gas chambers, death camps, and mass shootings. In Gaza, Israel conducts targeted strikes on Hamas infrastructure and uses evacuation warnings, leaflets, phone calls, and other measures intended to reduce civilian harm. ([IDF](#))
- **Ideology:** Jews in the Holocaust had no ideological movement calling for German extermination. Hamas's founding charter and rhetoric, however, include explicit calls for Israel's destruction and the genocide of Jews. ([CSS](#))
- **Exit and mobility:** Jews in Nazi-controlled Europe were trapped in a closed system of deportation and extermination with no legal or physical exit. In Gaza, tens of thousands of civilians have left freely, showing it is not a sealed extermination system. ([JNS](#))

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QUOTES

- “The Nazis wanted utterly to wipe out what they called the Jewish ‘race.’ By 1945, they had succeeded in destroying one-third of the Jews in the world. Like the Nazi ideology, that of Hamas is dedicated to Jewish destruction, not alone of the State of Israel but, at least in ideology, also of the Jewish people as a whole.” – Dr. Michael Meyer

TAKEAWAY

While Jews in the Holocaust were powerless civilians herded into death camps with no escape and no agency, many Gazans—per poll after poll—have backed Hamas's October 7 massacre and oppose disarming the terrorists who embed among them. Gazans are not trapped in extermination machinery. They have exited Gaza in significant numbers. Hamas's own charter, rooted in Islamic texts that call for the killing of Jews until the end times, openly declares its intent to obliterate Israel. Bishop Strickland's rhetoric excuses that ideology and dishonors the memory of the six million by handing propaganda victories to those who would finish what the Nazis started.