

REACTIONS TO NEW POLISH LAW

03.02.2018

Holocaust law wields a 'blunt instrument' against Poland's past

(Originally: **"New Holocaust law threatens 'whitewash' of Polish history**)

"In 2012, Barack Obama made an uncharacteristic gaffe that set off a small diplomatic crisis - he referred to the "Polish" - and not "Nazi" - death camps of the Second World War."

(Originally: The Polish parliament passed a new Holocaust law. Historians say it threatens to whitewash the country's past)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-42920934>

07.02.2018

Poland Holocaust law: France criticises 'ill advised' text

"France has joined the US and Israel in criticising Poland's new Holocaust law, describing the text as "ill advised".

"You should not rewrite history, it's never a very good idea," Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-42965904>

Polish "Holocaust law" meets soft response by EU

"Last week the Polish parliament adopted the problematic "Holocaust law" which criminalizes certain statements on Poland's role in the Holocaust."

<http://www.brusselstimes.com/eu-affairs/10261/polish-holocaust-law-meets-soft-response-by-eu>

01.02.2018

Polish bill on Holocaust speech strains U.S. relations

"WARSAW, Poland -- Poland's Senate has backed legislation that will regulate Holocaust speech, a move that has already strained relations with both Israel and the United States."

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/poland-holocaust-speech-strains-relations-us-and-israel/>

09.02.2018

With Holocaust law, Poland imperils reconciliation with its past

"The new law, which makes blaming Poland for Nazi war crimes a criminal offense, is meant to correct a common error about Polish involvement in the Holocaust. But it also threatens growing introspection into what role Poles did have in the genocide."

<https://www.csmonitor.com/World/Europe/2018/0209/With-Holocaust-law-Poland-imperils-reconciliation-with-its-past>

07.02.2018

Poland's Holocaust law should terrify you

"When politicians manipulate history for political purposes, we should worry. When they write laws, ordering prison terms for those who counter their version of history, we should challenge them."

<https://edition.cnn.com/2018/02/06/opinions/poland-holocaust-denial-opinion-ghitis/index.html>

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Polish Holocaust law sows 'distortions,' Poland's chief rabbi says

"Warsaw (CNN) Poland's chief rabbi says a lack of clarity surrounding the country's controversial Holocaust law has led to a "distortion of facts."

<https://edition.cnn.com/2018/02/09/europe/poland-holocaust-bill-chief-rabbi-intl/index.html>

02.02.2018

FACT: The Polish People Still Bear Quite A Bit Of Responsibility For The Holocaust

"Poland passed a controversial bill this week providing criminal penalties for people who use phrases like "Polish death camps," or suggest any complicity at all on the part of the Polish people in the destruction of European Jewry."

<http://dailycaller.com/2018/02/02/fact-the-polish-people-still-bear-quite-a-bit-of-responsibility-for-the-holocaust/>

27.01.2018

Poland makes it a crime to use the phrase 'Polish death camps' - with up to three years in jail for any suggestion that the country was responsible for Nazi crimes

"Poland has fought for years against the false narrative that it helped the Nazis"

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5319117/Poland-makes-crime-suggest-helped-Nazi-crimes.html>

28.01.2018

Israel demands changes to 'Polish death camp' bill

"Israel has accused Poland of "distorting the truth" in a bill about references to Polish complicity in the Holocaust."

<http://www.dw.com/en/israel-demands-changes-to-polish-death-camp-bill/a-42344933>

06.02.2018

Polish president signs controversial Holocaust bill into law

"Andrzej Duda has signed a bill to penalize people who discuss to Poland's role during the Holocaust."

<http://www.dw.com/en/polish-president-signs-controversial-holocaust-bill-into-law/a-42471254>

10.02.2018

Poland's new law on death camps is divisive. That's the point

"The ruling Law and Justice Party wants to rewrite history so Poles were only victims, never perpetrators"

<https://www.economist.com/news/europe/21736546-ruling-law-and-justice-party-wants-rewrite-history-so-poles-were-only-victims-never>

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Angela Merkel Dodged Question On Poland's Controversial Holocaust Bill

"German Prime Minister Angela Merkel declined to comment on Saturday on Poland's controversial bill that criminalizes statements attributing any fault for the Holocaust to Polish people or the Polish state, the Irish Times reported."

<https://forward.com/fast-forward/394204/angela-merkel-dodged-question-on-polands-controversial-holocaust-bill/>

28.01.2018

Polish bill on Nazi war crimes sparks outrage in Israel

"Warsaw plans to make it illegal to suggest responsibility for crimes committed on its land"

"Israeli leaders have reacted furiously to a planned Polish law that would make it illegal to suggest that Poland bore responsibility for the crimes committed on its land by Nazi Germany during the second world war"

<https://www.ft.com/content/29c1d44e-0409-11e8-9650-9c0ad2d7c5b5>

29.01.2018

Poland's government is exploiting nationalist grievances

A parliamentary bill on Nazi war crimes has angered Israel

<https://www.ft.com/content/5072f438-04e0-11e8-9650-9c0ad2d7c5b5>

01.02.2018

Poland's Senate defies criticism to pass Holocaust bill

"US urges Warsaw to rethink law to bar mention of Polish involvement in Nazi crimes"

<https://www.ft.com/content/783cf97a-072c-11e8-9650-9c0ad2d7c5b5>

06.02.2018 (Jan Gross)

Poland's death camp law is designed to falsify history

"The rule barring debate of the country's role in the Holocaust is a policy disaster"

[...] *"Yet the law's ultimate goal is to falsify the history of the Holocaust."*

<https://www.ft.com/content/1c183f56-0a6a-11e8-bacb-2958fde95e5e>

06.02.2018

Polish president signs bill on Nazi war crimes

"Proposed law has provoked outrage in Israel"

"Poland's president Andrzej Duda said on Tuesday he will sign a bill that would make it illegal to suggest that the country bore responsibility for crimes committed on its soil by Nazi Germany during the second world war."

<https://www.ft.com/content/1600a506-0b30-11e8-839d-41ca06376bf2>

06.02.2018

Nazi war crimes bill angers Poland's allies but enthuses voters

"President seeks legal guidance on legislation in attempt to defuse tension"

<https://www.ft.com/content/a42badcc-0b20-11e8-839d-41ca06376bf2>

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Poland's Holocaust law has worrying echoes

"Attempts to control historical narratives recall the communist past"

"Poland's president Andrzej Duda this week signed a law with worrying echoes of communist-era attempts to control historical narratives."

<https://www.ft.com/content/ccaf3370-0da7-11e8-8eb7-42f857ea9f09>

09.02.2018

Why we forget the past at our peril

"What happens when momentous historical events get lost in the long-ago?"

<https://www.ft.com/content/20ce69ba-0bfc-11e8-8eb7-42f857ea9f09>

28.01.2018

Israel slams bill to outlaw blaming Poles for Holocaust crimes

"Israeli leaders slammed pending legislation in Poland that would outlaw blaming Poles for the crimes of the Holocaust, with some accusing the Polish government of outright denial Saturday as the world marked International Holocaust Remembrance Day."

<http://www.france24.com/en/20180128-poland-bill-israel-outlaw-blaming-poles-holocaust-crimes-wwii-nazis-jews-denial>

02.02.2018

Poland can't lay its Holocaust ghosts to rest by censoring free speech

"The Polish government is wrong to ban discussion of the nation's role in the Nazi slaughter of the Jews. It needs to face the demons of the past"

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/feb/02/poland-holocaust-free-speech-nazi>

05.02.2018

Polish law denies reality of Holocaust

"Why should the victims and witnesses of the Holocaust have to watch what they say for fear of being arrested?"

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/feb/05/polish-law-denies-reality-of-holocaust>

09.02.2018

Polish Holocaust law is about the truth

"Poland's ambassador Arkady Rzegocki defends his country's new legislation related to the fight against the term 'Polish camps' in foreign media"

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/feb/09/polish-holocaust-law-is-about-the-truth>

10.02.2018

Poland's Jews fear for future under new Holocaust law

"Behind the new law denying Polish complicity in Nazi atrocities, many fear there lies a growing strain of anti-Semitism"

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/feb/10/polands-jews-fear-future-under-new-holocaust-law-nazi-atrocities>

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27.01.2018 (Ofer Aderet)

Poland's New Government Looks to Rewrite Polish Role in the Holocaust

“The new government's conservative line is trying to portray Poland as a victim of the Nazis, with, among others, a move by the justice minister seeking to make use of term 'Polish death camp' illegal.”

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-poland-seeking-to-rewrite-roles-role-in-shoah-1.5404986>

27.01.2018 (Ofer Aderet)

Yad Vashem Condemns Poland's New Holocaust Law, but Says Warsaw Is Right to Object to Term 'Polish Death Camps'

“Yad Vashem explains that 'there is no doubt that the term is a distortion of history' after new Polish law draws widespread condemnation”

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/yad-vashem-condemns-new-polish-law-and-term-polish-death-camps-1.5767868>

27.01.2018 (Ofer Aderet)

Polish Parliament's Lower House Votes to Criminalize Mention of Polish Crimes in the Holocaust

“The bill, which still requires the approval of the upper house, would also make it illegal to use the term 'Polish death camp' anywhere in the world”

<https://www.haaretz.com/world-news/europe/.premium-poland-votes-to-criminalize-any-mention-of-polish-holocaust-crimes-1.5767561>

27.01.2018 (Ofer Aderet)

Polish Embassy Tries to School Israeli Lawmaker on Holocaust, Gets Lesson in Humility: 'My Grandmother Was Murdered in Poland' [Oh No She wasn't! CJ]

“Yair Lapid called out Poland for a new law which he says 'tries to deny Polish complicity in the Holocaust,' so their embassy decided to have a Twitter argument with him”

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/my-grandma-was-murdered-in-poland-i-don-t-need-holocaust-education-1.5767630>

27.01.2018

Netanyahu Orders Embassy to Meet With Polish PM Over New Holocaust Law: 'We Cannot Allow Holocaust Denial'

“Netanyahu calls Polish law 'baseless' ■ Israeli Arab lawmakers join their Jewish counterparts in calling out Poland ■ Rivlin emphasizes 'our duty to remember'”

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/israel-blasts-poland-s-holocaust-bill-no-law-can-change-the-history-1.5767743>

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Death Camps Weren't 'Polish' - but Poles Were Bad Enough to Jews Without Them, Holocaust Historian Says

"New bill 'is creating an atmosphere of fear in Poland to talk about these issues' and will make work of those who research Poland during the Holocaust difficult, if not impossible"

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/historian-death-camps-were-not-polish-but-poles-were-bad-to-jews-1.5768896>

28.01.2018 (Ofer Aderet)

Israeli Guides Leading Holocaust Tours Fear Prosecution Over Poland's New Holocaust Bill

"Chairman of guides organization asks for clarification regarding the legislation, which criminalizes holding Poles responsible for Nazi crimes"

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-guides-for-holocaust-tours-in-poland-fear-prosecution-after-new-bill-1.5768457>

28.01.2018

The Polish Were Once Victims of Historical Whitewashing. Now They Are Doing the Same

"Seventy-three years since Stalin tried to suppress the story of Auschwitz and deny Polish suffering, it is now the nationalist majority in Polish politics that is trying to enforce historic revisionism"

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/polish-victims-of-the-whitewashing-of-history-are-now-the-perpetrators-1.5767939>

29.01.2018

Israeli Survivors Respond to Polish Legislation: 'No Law Can Wipe Out the Memory of the Holocaust for Us'

"Israeli Shoah survivors are outraged by Polish move to outlaw any mention of the Polish nation's complicity with Nazi Germany. 'Poland was always a very anti-Semitic place,' charges one man"

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-holocaust-survivors-express-outrage-at-proposed-new-polish-law-1.5769419>

30.01.2018

When Israel Ignorantly Blames the Holocaust on the Poles, It Boosts Their Illiberal Nationalists

"Poland's authoritarian curb on debating its complicity in the Holocaust is odious, but the Israeli backlash has been foolish - and smells of anti-Polish prejudice"

<https://www.haaretz.com/opinion/.premium-in-defense-of-poland-israel-cannot-blame-the-holocaust-on-the-poles-1.5769759>

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04.02.2018

Poland's Holocaust Controversy and Donald Trump's Rubber-stamp of Polish Nationalism

"In Warsaw last July, Trump himself embraced the Polish government's right-wing narrative"

<https://www.haaretz.com/us-news/.premium-donald-trump-s-rubber-stamp-of-polish-nationalism-1.5786217>

07.02.2018

Poland's Holocaust Bill Is a Shameful and Futile Attempt to Bury Its WWII Ghosts

"In Poland, heroism and complicity can coexist. But this legislation blocks that messy reality: it promotes the avoidance of historical responsibility, deflects blame, and grants the ownership of WWII 'truth' to an illiberal Polish government"

<https://www.haaretz.com/opinion/poland-s-shameful-futile-attempt-to-bury-its-wwii-ghosts-1.5799671>

08.02.2018

'Germany Bought Israel's Forgiveness With Money. Poland Couldn't Offer You a Thing'

"The lesson that the late Polish President Lech Kaczynski taught me about the Holocaust"

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-germany-bought-israeli-forgiveness-poland-had-nothing-to-offer-1.5803505>

12.02.2018

Israelis and Poles Who 'Refuse to Be Enemies' Launch Campaign to Ease Tensions Over Holocaust Bill

"After attracting over 1,000 signatures on online petition, activists to take message to political leaders: Do not tear us apart, again"

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-israelis-and-poles-who-refuse-to-be-enemies-launch-new-campaign-1.5810582>

14.02.2018

"Suppressing history: On Poland's 'Holocaust' law"

"Poland's 'Holocaust' legislation highlights its continued shift to the far right"

<http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/suppressing-history/article22755001.ece>

27.01.2018

'No law can change the historical truth': Israel slams Polish Holocaust bill

"While the law has yet to be passed, it is likely to be approved by the Poland's senate and president

Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Saturday led a chorus of outrage against new legislation in Poland that would make illegal suggestions it shared some responsibility for the Holocaust."

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/international/europe/166201-180127-poland-approves-law-to-criminalize-mention-of-its-role-in-the-holocaust>

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Analysis: The 'competitive victimhood' behind Poland's Holocaust bill

"The bill imposes prison sentences for implying Polish culpability for crimes committed during the Holocaust"

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/international/europe/166325-180129-analysis-poland-s-controversial-holocaust-bill-and-competitive-victimhood>

11.02.2018

Holocaust bill wrongly absolves Polish involvement

"This week, Polish president Andrzej Duda signed a bill that would prevent anyone from speaking in an inflammatory way about Poland's involvement in the Holocaust"

<http://www.idsnews.com/article/2018/02/column-garbacia-poland020718>

14.02.2018

Why new Poland law reopens wounds of WWII

"Rightwing nationalist government outlaws discussion on Polish involvement with Nazis to stop 'slander', Israel frowns."

<http://indianexpress.com/article/explained/why-new-poland-law-reopens-wounds-of-wwii-5062884/>

08.02.2018

Poland's Holocaust law is a licence to whitewash history

"The collaboration of some Poles with Nazis during the second World War is a fact"

<https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/poland-s-holocaust-law-is-a-licence-to-whitewash-history-1.3383516>

27.01.2018

PM Netanyahu slams Polish law: History cannot be changed

"PM Netanyahu, Pres. Rivlin, and MKs slam Poland for new bill to jail those who mention Poland's role in the Holocaust."

<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/241224>

30.01.2018

Polish President says country didn't take part in Holocaust

"Poland's President: Individual Poles took actions against Jews but there was no institutionalized participation by Poland in the Holocaust."

<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/241321>

28.01.2018

PM: ISRAEL WON'T TOLERATE POLAND 'DISTORTING TRUTH OR RE-WRITING HISTORY'

"The Polish envoy was summoned to the Foreign Ministry to hear Israeli objections."

<http://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Benjamin-Netanyahu/PM-Israel-wont-tolerate-Poland-distorting-truth-or-re-writing-history-540024>

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POLISH DENIAL OF HOLOCAUST ROLE SHOULDN'T SURPRISE ISRAELIS

"He who denies his responsibility for war crimes that he himself perpetrates against the Palestinians should not be surprised by others," Zoabi said.

<http://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Politics-And-Diplomacy/Zoabi-Polish-denial-of-Holocaust-role-shouldnt-surprise-Israelis-540023>

28.01.2018

POLISH DIPLOMAT SUMMONED OVER DRAFT LAW BANNING TERM 'POLISH DEATH CAMPS'

"Auschwitz is the most bitter lesson on how evil ideologies can lead to hell on earth."

<http://www.jpost.com/Diaspora/Polish-diplomat-summoned-over-draft-law-banning-term-Polish-death-camps-540015>

29.01.2018 (SETH J. FRANTZMAN)

SETTING HISTORY STRAIGHT – POLAND RESISTED NAZIS

"Historical truths are a good start, and the truth is that Poland was one of the countries that sent large numbers of men and women to resist the Nazis."

<http://www.jpost.com/Diaspora/Setting-history-straight-Poland-resisted-Nazis-540092>

29.01.2018 (LAHAV HARKOV)

HOW I BECAME PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1 IN POLAND

"All because of one tweet."

<http://www.jpost.com/Diaspora/Antisemitism/How-I-became-public-enemy-No-1-in-Poland-540089>

31.01.2018

MAJORITY OF KNESSET BACKS BILL ACCUSING POLAND OF HOLOCAUST DENIAL

"The historic truth of the Jewish People is not for sale," MK Shmuly says; Nazi hunter Zuroff: Post-communist countries have a Holocaust distortion problem."

<http://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Majority-of-Knesset-backs-bill-accusing-Poland-of-Holocaust-denial-540311>

06.02.2018

CANCEL STUDENT TRIPS TO POLAND, MOVE MARCH OF LIVING TO JERUSALEM

"Each year, an estimated 40,000 students from Israel and abroad take part in schools trips to Poland."

<http://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Official-Cancel-student-trips-to-Poland-move-March-of-Living-to-Jerusalem-540871>

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ON THE LINGUISTICS OF POLISH DEATH CAMPS AND OTHER THINGS ANTISEMITIC

"I'm on the side of free speech and informed discussion."

<http://www.jpost.com/Opinion/On-the-linguistics-of-Polish-death-camps-and-other-things-antisemitic-540893>

02.02.2018

Dispute over Polish law feeds anti-Polish hysteria in Israel and online

"A dispute over a Polish law that would punish those who claim Poland was responsible for the Holocaust has led to an outpouring of hysterical anti-Polish bashing online."

<https://medium.com/@sethfrantzman/dispute-over-polish-law-feeds-anti-polish-hysteria-in-israel-and-online-b29bb796596c>

09.02.2018

Law can't obscure Poland's anti-Semitism problem, then and now

"Polish authorities maintain Poles were innocent not only of building death camps, but of anti-Semitism as well. A recent book tells a different story"

<http://nationalpost.com/opinion/robert-fulford-law-cant-obscure-polands-anti-semitism-problem-then-and-now>

08.02.2018

Bizarre laws that could land you in hot water overseas

"THE world is filled with unusual rules that you might not even realise you're breaking. Here are some of the most bizarre and dangerous examples."

<http://www.news.com.au/travel/travel-ideas/weird-and-wacky/bizarre-laws-that-could-land-you-in-hot-water-overseas/news-story/9085901e9ef363b11e12d01a94ea7dde>

29.01.2018

Poland's Holocaust Blame Bill

"It is baffling why Poland's nationalist-controlled Parliament would mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day — the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp on Polish soil — with a needless, foolish and insulting draft bill that would penalize any suggestion of complicity by the Polish state or the Polish nation in the Nazi death machine."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/29/opinion/poland-holocaust-bill-parliament.html>

01.02.2018

Poland and the Holocaust: The Ambassador's View

"Poland is one of the principal guardians of the memory of the victims of the Holocaust and protector of sites sanctified by the blood of innocent Jewish and Polish victims of Nazi German terror"

<https://mobile.nytimes.com/2018/02/01/opinion/poland-holocaust.html>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/01/opinion/poland-holocaust.html>

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Poland Passes Bill Criminalizing Claims Of Its Complicity In The Holocaust

"Is it an attempt to preserve the Polish name from wanton historical slander, or a reckless attempt to erase an uncomfortable part of Poland's past?"

<https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2018/02/01/581896647/poland-passes-bill-criminalizing-claims-of-its-complicity-in-the-holocaust>

02.02.2018 (NB – US not UK).

Poland Tries to Alter History by Outlawing Holocaust Terminology

"Poland is defending its honor. And that is why both houses of Parliament passed a bill to ban the use of phrases like "Polish death camps," in reference to Nazi concentration camps."

<http://observer.com/2018/02/poland-tries-to-alter-history-by-outlawing-holocaust-terminology/>

28.01.2018

Israel and Poland clash over proposed Holocaust law

"JERUSALEM/WARSAW (Reuters) - Israel's prime minister and Holocaust survivors on Sunday bridled at a draft Polish law that would make it illegal to suggest Poland bore any responsibility for Nazi atrocities committed on its soil."

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-israel-poland/israel-and-poland-clash-over-proposed-holocaust-law-idUSKBN1FHOS3>

31.01.2018

Polish lawmakers back Holocaust bill, drawing Israeli outrage, U.S. concern

"WARSAW (Reuters) - Polish lawmakers approved a bill on Thursday that would impose jail terms for suggesting Poland was complicit in the Holocaust, drawing concern from the United States and outrage from Israel, which denounced "any attempt to challenge historical truth""

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-israel-poland-usa/polish-lawmakers-back-holocaust-bill-drawing-israeli-outrage-u-s-concern-idUSKBN1FK3EL>

04.02.2018 (Alex Storozynski)

Poland's Holocaust faux pas

"Poland's Senate has passed a bill establishing prison terms for anyone who besmirches the nation's good name by using the phrase "Polish Concentration Camp," or suggests that Poles were culpable during the Holocaust. The plan has blown up like an exploding cigar."

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-storozynski-poland-commentary/commentary-polands-holocaust-faux-pas-idUSKBN1FM2OP>

01.02.2018

Poland Just Passed a Holocaust Bill That Is Causing Outrage. Here's What You Need to Know

"Poland's Senate passed a controversial bill on Thursday that outlaws blaming Poland for any crimes committed during the Holocaust."

<http://time.com/5128341/poland-holocaust-law/>

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PM slams 'baseless' Polish bill, says 'the Holocaust cannot be denied'

"Netanyahu calls for urgent meeting between Israeli envoy in Poland, Polish PM to express opposition to law prescribing jail time for use of phrases such as 'Polish death camps'"

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/pm-slams-absurd-polish-bill-says-the-holocaust-cannot-be-denied/>

27.01.2018

Lapid: Poland was complicit in the Holocaust, new bill 'can't change history'

"Yesh Atid leader, son of survivor, condemns law prescribing jail time for using phrases such as 'Polish death camps'; Poland played active role in WWII killing of Jews, he stresses"

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/lapid-poland-was-complicit-in-the-holocaust-new-bill-cant-change-history/>

27.01.2018

Yad Vashem: Poland Holocaust law risks 'serious distortion' of Polish complicity

"World Holocaust Remembrance Center says Nazis set up the camps, but new Polish legislation may 'blur historical truths' on the help Germans received from Poles in Holocaust"

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/decrying-new-bill-yad-vashem-says-polish-death-camps-a-misrepresentation/>

28.01.2018

Bennett orders more Holocaust study in schools, including Polish role in WWII

'IT'S HISTORIC FACT THAT MANY POLES AIDED IN MURDER OF JEWS'

"Education minister says Polish bill seeking to criminalize statements on Polish complicity in Holocaust a 'shameful disregard of the truth'"

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/bennett-orders-more-holocaust-study-in-schools-including-polish-role-in-wwii/>

28.01.2018

Poland and the Jewish World: A Defining Moment

"When I went to my first Polish-Jewish encounter, in Chicago, in the early 1980s, I was struck by how thin was the veneer of relationships."

<http://blogs.timesofisrael.com/poland-and-the-jewish-world-a-defining-moment/>

02.02.2018

Israeli embassy in Poland protests 'wave' of anti-Semitic messages

"Amid Holocaust law spat, diplomatic mission says racist statements are 'overflowing the internet, many of them targeting Ambassador Anna Azari personally'"

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/israeli-embassy-in-poland-inundated-with-wave-of-anti-semitic-messages/>

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Holocaust survivors storm Polish embassy to protest contentious bill

“Dozens surround diplomat's car, share stories of suffering; woman holds sign saying 'I still have nightmares because of what the Poles did’”

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/holocaust-survivors-storm-polish-embassy-in-protest-of-contentious-bill/>

13.02.2018

YouTube Keeps Serving Me Ads for Poland's 'Holocaust Law'

“A controversial law about Poland's role in the Holocaust shows how Google serves up different versions of history”

https://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/4373m3/youtube-google-poland-holocaust-law

08.02.2018

Why Poland is right about World War II: They were German death camps

“There are few Polish people who haven't lost a family member during World War II. The country was attacked, occupied and destroyed by both Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union”

<https://voiceofeurope.com/2018/02/why-poland-is-right-about-world-war-ii-they-were-german-death-camps/>

01.02.2018

I oppose but can understand Poland's Holocaust bill

“Poland's Senate has passed a bill that would render illegal any claim of Polish national or government culpability in the Holocaust.”

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/i-oppose-but-can-understand-polands-holocaust-bill/article/2647823>

28.01.2018

Israel and Poland try to tamp down tensions after Poland's 'death camp' law sparks Israeli outrage

“JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki spoke by phone Sunday and agreed to open a dialogue to avoid further diplomatic fallout following Poland's initial approval of a law making it a criminal offense to mention Polish complicity in crimes committed during the Holocaust.”

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2018/01/27/it-could-soon-be-a-crime-to-blame-poland-for-nazi-atrocities-and-israel-is-appalled/>

30.01.2018

'Polish death camps'

“THE PHRASE in our headline is a controversial one, and rightly so. As Polish diplomats have pointed out for decades, the extermination camps established on Polish territory during World War II were created and operated by the German Nazi regime, not by Poles.”

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/polish-death-camps/2018/01/31/13c4dcd6-05e4-11e8-8777-2a059f168dd2_story.html

REACTIONS TO NEW POLISH LAW

(04.02.2018)

Anti-Semitism has a long history in Poland

“As the Feb. 1 editorial “ ‘Polish death camps’ ” said, the extermination camps on Polish soil were operated by the German Nazi regime, not by Polish people. However, Poles, as a nation, and as a people, were notorious anti-Semites for hundreds of years.”

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/anti-semitism-has-a-long-history-in-poland/2018/02/04/4eb76ca6-07a0-11e8-aa61-f3391373867e_story.html

02.02.2018 (Anne Applebaum)

The stupidity and unenforceability of Poland’s speech law

“The Streisand effect is one of the curious byproducts of the Internet age. Named for the singer — who tried to suppress a photograph of her Malibu mansion, only to have the picture seen far more widely as a result — it occurs when an attempt to hide, remove or censor something from public view backfires badly.”

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/the-stupidity-and-unenforceability-of-polands-speech-law/2018/02/02/95888e36-082b-11e8-8777-2a059f168dd2_story.html

02.02.2018

Poland’s Senate passes Holocaust complicity bill despite concerns from U.S., Israel

“Despite Israeli and U.S. criticism, Poland’s Senate approved a highly controversial bill Thursday that bans any Holocaust accusations against Poles as well as descriptions of Nazi death camps as Polish.”

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2018/02/01/polands-senate-passes-holocaust-complicity-bill-despite-concerns-from-u-s-israel>

07.02.2018

Why Poland's 'Death Camp' Law Should Have All Of Us Worried

“Poland's president signed legislation Tuesday meant to combat claims that Poles colluded with the Nazis during World War II. The legislation singles out the phrase “Polish Death Camps” for particular scrutiny; anyone using it would face imprisonment.”

<http://www.wbur.org/cognoscenti/2018/02/07/holocaust-blame-law-nir-eisikovits>

30.01.2018 (Business Insider UK)

Israeli criticism sparks anti-Jewish remarks in Polish media

“WARSAW, Poland (AP) — A diplomatic dispute between Poland and Israel over pending legislation that would outlaw blaming Poland for the crimes of the Holocaust has led to an outburst of anti-Semitic comments in Poland, including some in the government-controlled media.”

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/israeli-criticism-sparks-anti-jewish-215657639.html>

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31.01.2018 (Reuters)

U.S. voices concern about Poland's proposed Holocaust law

“WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. State Department on Wednesday urged Poland to re-evaluate a draft law that would make it illegal to suggest Poland bore any responsibility for crimes against humanity committed by Nazi Germany on its soil during World War 2.”

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/u-voices-concern-polands-proposed-holocaust-law-234038241.html>

12.02.2018

After Holocaust law, Poland moves to ban kosher slaughter

“The lower house of the Polish parliament is expected to vote this week on a new bill on animal welfare, which includes restrictions on Jewish slaughter and kosher meat exports that could affect many of Europe's Jewish communities as well as meat prices in Israel.”

<https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-5108605,00.html>