

10 STAGES OF GENOCIDE

Genocide occurs in foreseeable phases; at each stage, individuals can act to prevent genocide from occurring. In 1996, Dr. Gregory Stanton presented these stages of genocide to the U.S. Department of State and in 2013, expanded the original eight stages to ten, **now including DISCRIMINATION and PERSECUTION.**

The following posters depict each of the ten stages and ask the questions about what we as individuals can do to prevent genocide. Included are links to more detailed discussion about each stage and videos of Dr. Stanton addressing the original eight (note that numbers of the videos are now out of sequence due to the insertion of the new stage 3, discrimination, and stage 8, persecution).

It Starts with You
RECOGNIZE
COMPREHEND
& ACT!



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“IF **BULLYING** GROWS UNCHECKED, WHAT COULD IT LEAD TO?”

LEARN TO RECOGNIZE, COMPREHEND, AND ACT
AGAINST **THE TEN STAGES OF GENOCIDE.**

**THE CHOICE IS YOURS
& THE TIME IS NOW**



“IT NEVER HAPPENED!”

“WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?”

“YOU JUST DON’T UNDERSTAND.”

“THEY TREAT US LIKE ANIMALS.”

“THEY REFUSE TO LOOK US IN THE EYE.”

“THEY’RE DIFFERENT THAN WE ARE!”

“THEY SYSTEMATICALLY SCARRED US. WE’RE FOREVER BRANDED!”

“YOU’RE EITHER WITH US OR AGAINST US!”

“OUR FIRST STEPS ARE TO IDENTIFY AND CATEGORIZE.”

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We are all Human Beings With Equal Rights

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CLASSIFICATION

VICTIMS ARE SINGLED OUT AND CATEGORIZED.

- "We've been thrown into the lowest class."
- "They don't think much of any of us."

PERPETRATORS WILL THEN DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THOSE BEING CLASSIFIED.

"They're barely useful even for menial labor."

WHAT WILL it **TAKE**
to **STAND** on
COMMON GROUND?



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SYMBOLIZATION

VICTIMS ARE SCARRED & MARKED WITH HATE SYMBOLS.

- "They intentionally and maliciously scarred us. They branded us!"
- "In their eyes, we're the problem."

GOVERNMENTS, STATES, AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS START TARGETING EFFORTS.

"They have to carry documents at all times."

How do I Stand Up for
DIVERSITY & DIFFERENCES?

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DISCRIMINATION

VICTIMS ARE DENIED RIGHTS THROUGH LAWS, CUSTOMS, AND POLICIES.

- "We were considered an inferior race."
- "The propaganda by extremists showed how fear was inculcated: the enemy was described as infiltrating, insidious, ubiquitous."

THE DOMINANT GROUP NOW HAS ALL THE POWER.

- "No food or medical supplies were allowed into the enclave. Apart from never ending starvation, the civilian population was subjected to constant artillery attacks."

Will you have
the courage to
**GO AGAINST
THE NORM?**

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DEHUMANIZATION

VICTIMS ARE DENIED IDENTITIES, SEEN AS UNIMPORTANT, CALLED NAMES, AND ANIMALIZED.

- "They treat us like animals."
- "We're called cockroaches."
- "They refuse to look us in the eye."

STATES, SCHOOLS, FAMILIES, AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS EASILY DISTANCE THEMSELVES.

- "They're very different than we are."

Is **CRUELTY** to another
HUMAN BEING EVER JUSTIFIED?

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ORGANIZATION

GENOCIDE BECOMES COLLECTIVE AND GROWS FROM A GROUP IDENTIFICATION.

- "Armed and trained, they will be next to unstoppable."
- "We are the superior culture and people."

MOBILE KILLING UNITS ARE FORMED AND EVERYONE IS FORCED TO PARTICIPATE.

"What choice do I have?"

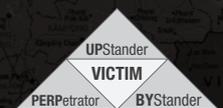
When is it necessary

TO ASK WHY?

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POLARIZATION

**THOSE IN THE MIDDLE, MODERATES,
WHO COULD SLOW THE CYCLE, ARE ELIMINATED.**

“You’re either with us or against us. There is no middle or neutral ground.”

**MEDIA IS CONTROLLED BY HATE GROUPS. LAWS ARE IMPLEMENTED
CURBING INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM.**

- “We have to try to make them see reason.”
- “They live in a world of absolutes and they see us as ‘in the way.’”

How do you discern

**BETWEEN RIGHT
& WRONG?**

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PREPARATION

WHEN PREPARING, VICTIMS ARE TRACKED ON LISTS, BY MARKING HOUSES, AND BY ISSUING SPECIFIC I.D. CARDS.

“They keep records and maps on all our comings and goings. We’re tracked at all times.”

BUREAUCRACY DIRECTS THE TRANSPORTATION OF VICTIMS TO ORGANIZED KILLING CENTERS.

- “It’ll be easier to concentrate them all together.”
- “We’ll keep meticulous records and archives, ensuring efficiency.”

Do you want to be a
BYSTANDER?

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P E R S E C U T I O N

HOSTILITY AND ILL TREATMENT TOWARDS VICTIMS BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE, ETHNICITY, RELIGIOUS IDENTITY, AND POLITICAL BELIEFS.

- "Their identity cards will tell us whether they need to be killed."
- "They sent us to a concentration camp and chose us for medical experiments."

MASS KILLING BEGINS.

- "They organized the mass killing of ideologically suspect groups, ethnic minorities, former civil servants, former government soldiers, clerics, secular intellectuals and professionals, and former city dwellers."

Are you
going to **WAIT**
UNTIL IT'S
TOO LATE?



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What are you going to do to
STOP IT?

EXTERMINATION

THOSE COMMITTING GENOCIDE WILL OFTEN DESCRIBE THE KILLING AS “PURIFICATION”.
“We must bring about the final cleansing!”

VICTIMS’ BODIES ARE BURIED IN MASS GRAVES OR BURNT LIKE GARBAGE.
“They’re trying to wipe us off the face of the Earth.”
“This is the eleventh hour and we have to do something now to stop this.”



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DENIAL

EVERY GENOCIDE IS FOLLOWED BY THE DENIAL OF THOSE INVOLVED.

“Those are all lies; it didn’t at all happen like that!”

ACCOUNTS BY THE VICTIMS ARE DISMISSED AS “UNCONFIRMED” OR “ALLEGED”.

“Those days will forever live in our memories.”

SOME BYSTANDERS WILL EVEN DISMISS REPORTS AS PROPAGANDA.

“Those are all gross exaggerations!”

Are you going
to let them
**GET AWAY
WITH THAT?**



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— READ: [THE 12 WAYS TO DENY GENOCIDE](#)

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Learn

Educate

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