

# Europe: Hotbed of Hatred

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Some people love to hold up Europe as the ideal society upon which we should model the United States. There certainly are admirable qualities which we could learn from the “Old World”. But the video from the [BBC above](#) shows a very dark side which we must reject, abhor, and denounce.

The second half of the 19th century and the first half of the 20th century in Europe were some of the darkest times in human history -- one war after another where governments attempted to dominate the continent. Worse yet, the demonization, the dehumanization, and the attempted genocide against groups like the Jews, Gypsies, and darker skinned people exposed the evil that can overtake entire nations.

Xenophobia is the fear of those that are foreign or strange. Europeans killed tens of millions of people in that time period due to xenophobia, racial hatred, and religious hatred. And they are, terrifyingly, heading down that path again.

Take a closer look at that video. Watch it in its entirety. Terming the opposition “Jewish whores”, chanting “death to the Jewish whores”, referring to their own fans as “death to the hook noses (reference to Jews)”, banners celebrating “the anti-Jew front”, performing the Nazi salute while shouting, “Sieg Heil”, and making monkey noises along with shouting obscenities against dark skinned players of African or south Asian descent. Openly. In public with nearly zero repercussions from anyone including authorities sitting idly by watching it all happen.

The noises coming from Europe right now are the seedlings of hate sprouting from the ground. Resurgent fascism claiming nationalism while spouting “White Power”, these seedlings must be pulled by their roots before they become entrenched governments.

Strangely the video above was produced by the BBC which itself is part of a problem of Jew hatred in England.

Do you doubt that? How about headlines in The Guardian like, “[Israel simply has no right to exist](#)” or [BBC Host Tom Paulin](#), “I never believed that Israel had the right to exist at all.”

The Church of England is part of it as well. From Giulio Meotti’s “[The Church of England Battles the Israeli Satan](#)”:

In 2010 Manchester Cathedral, the seat of the Anglican Bishop, hosted a Palestinian drawings exhibition which accused [sic] Israel of “war crimes” and “crimes against humanity”. It was opened by Mona Baker, a University professor who sacked two Israeli academics just because they were Israelis.

Furthermore, the Queen of England herself, Elizabeth II, is part of the problem. In her sixty years as monarchic figurehead she has visited 129 countries, including non-Commonwealth Arab states, yet has steadfastly and intentionally skipped Israel.

Apparently certain tribalistic natures run deep in Europe: hatred of Jews, hatred of Africans, hatred of East Indians, and hatred of Gypsies. Like the mistake of the United States never finishing the Afghanistan war before misguidedly heading into Iraq, Europe didn't focus and finish off its racist and fascist tendencies after World War II. They just buried them and the seeds are again germinated and flowering hatred.

Europe is beautifully rich with culture, art, and history, but violence and hatred is nothing to admire. For as progressive as it is in some ways, when it comes to respecting people of all backgrounds Europe has a long way to go.