

Quotations Used in Recorded Lecture: Understanding Perpetrator Behavior

"A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject". (Winston Churchill)

"the key to all fanatical beliefs is that they are self-confirming....(some beliefs are) fanatical not because they are 'false', but because they are expressed in such a way that they can never be shown to be false." (Neil Postman)

Theodor Adorno's "authoritarian personalities" defined: "prefer hierarchical relationships with a clear delineation of sphere of power. They enjoy obeying authority and enjoy exercising power over those below them." -- Ervin Staub

Claudia Koonz, *The Nazi Conscience*

- Conscience: "an inner voice that admonishes 'Thou shalt' and 'Thou Shalt not'." (p. 1)
- Carl Schmitt, "'Not every being with a human face is human.'" (p. 2)
- Nazis promoted an ideal, the *Volksgemeinschaft*; all members must fulfill the role of the *Volksgenossen*
- "ethnic Germans were exhorted to expunge citizens deemed alien and to ally themselves only with people sanctioned as racially valuable. The road to Auschwitz was paved with righteousness." (p. 3)

Ideological Soldiers on the Eastern Front

- Drawn together by comradeship either fighting for Nazism or nationalism (Bartov, *Hitler's Army*, p. 34)
- Egon Freitag, "We were never mercenaries, but – to use the hackneyed phrase – defenders of the Fatherland. There are certainly among our ranks those who fight for the idea of National Socialism, and others who fight for the Fatherland, that spot on the map for which risking one's life remains self-evident. We lie together in the tent." (28 August 1941, p. 34)