

We haven't won any hearts and minds by allowing SEAL Team Six—so many of those members on that Chinook—to be killed. We haven't. That strategy didn't work.

I am sorry. I want to be supportive. I was excited President Trump won, but when I know how this man, who I understand today has now been named to be the new National Security Adviser, was given the task of encouraging and being empathetic to the family members who lost those precious American family members in that Chinook that should never have been shot down, it should never have been allowed to take off, and the best he could do is say: Sorry, they had to die because we were trying to win hearts and minds instead of win the war.

I hope that his mentality has changed. I hope he will not be willing to expend the best trained, the best and brightest military members we have, as he tries to win hearts and minds instead of trying to win a battle and win the war; but I guess time will tell.

Mr. Speaker, I want to finish by saluting all those brave Americans that have defended freedom, that have fought for America, and who have responded in a voluntary military since 1979 and given their lives at the hands of radical Islamists. I hope and pray this President will pick people from here who will have the same feelings about precious American lives.

I know Donald Trump does, and I think he will be a good President. I think he blew it on this call, but time will tell.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) for 30 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I want to welcome my colleague, Congressman JOE CROWLEY, the chair of the Democratic Caucus who is joining us this evening as well. I know how very busy he is, and I appreciate it.

As author of the legislation that created our Nation's World War II Memorial here in Washington, I felt obligated and actually compelled to come to this well tonight.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the Trump administration's hollow January 27 statement commemorating International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT TRUMP ON INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY—JANUARY 27, 2017

"It is with a heavy heart and somber mind that we remember and honor the victims, survivors, heroes of the Holocaust. It is impossible to fully fathom the depravity and horror inflicted on innocent people by Nazi terror.

"Yet, we know that in the darkest hours of humanity, light shines the brightest. As we

remember those who died, we are deeply grateful to those who risked their lives to save the innocent.

"In the name of the perished, I pledge to do everything in my power throughout my Presidency, and my life, to ensure that the forces of evil never again defeat the powers of good. Together, we will make love and tolerance prevalent throughout the world."

Ms. KAPTUR. Astoundingly, the White House statement made no reference to the 6 million Jews that perished in the Holocaust. There was no mention of anti-Semitism nor a reference to Israel, as has been customary in prior statements issued by our past Presidents.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a statement by President George Bush in 2008.

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF COMMEMORATION IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST—JANUARY 27, 2008

On the third International Day of Commemoration, we remember and mourn the victims of the Holocaust.

I was deeply moved by my recent visit to Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust museum. Sixty-three years after the liberation of Auschwitz, we must continue to educate ourselves about the lessons of the Holocaust and honor those whose lives were taken as a result of a totalitarian ideology that embraced a national policy of violent hatred, bigotry, and extermination. It is also our responsibility to honor the survivors and those courageous souls who refused to be bystanders and instead risked their own lives to try to save the Nazis' intended victims.

Remembering the victims, heroes, and lessons of the Holocaust remains important today. We must continue to condemn the resurgence of anti-Semitism, that same virulent intolerance that led to the Holocaust, and we must combat bigotry and hatred in all forms in America and abroad. Today provides a sobering reminder that evil exists and a call that when we find evil, we must resist it.

May God bless the memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and may we never forget.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I will also include in the RECORD a statement by President Barack Obama from 2015 showing what the White House said about Holocaust Remembrance Day.

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT OBAMA ON INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY AND THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU—2015

On the tenth International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the American people pay tribute to the six million Jews and millions of others murdered by the Nazi regime. We also honor those who survived the Shoah, while recognizing the scars and burdens that many have carried ever since.

Honoring the victims and survivors begins with our renewed recognition of the value and dignity of each person. It demands from us the courage to protect the persecuted and speak out against bigotry and hatred. The recent terrorist attacks in Paris serve as a painful reminder of our obligation to condemn and combat rising anti-Semitism in all its forms, including the denial or trivialization of the Holocaust.

This anniversary is an opportunity to reflect on the progress we have made confronting this terrible chapter in human history and on our continuing efforts to end

genocide. I have sent a Presidential delegation to join Polish President Komorowski, the Polish people, official delegations from scores of nations, and many survivors, at today's official commemoration in Poland.

As a founding member of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, the United States joins the Alliance's thirty other member nations and partners in reiterating its solemn responsibility to uphold the commitments of the 2000 Stockholm Declaration. We commemorate all of the victims of the Holocaust, pledging never to forget, and recalling the cautionary words of the author and survivor of Auschwitz Primo Levi, "It happened, therefore it can happen again. . . . It can happen anywhere." Today we come together and commit, to the millions of murdered souls and all survivors, that it must never happen again.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, let me be clear: between 1933 and 1945, 14 million unarmed men, women, and children were murdered in Eastern Europe. These bloodlands were where most of Europe's Jews lived and where Hitler's and Stalin's imperial plans overlapped. Of the 14 million human beings who were killed, at least 6 million were Jewish souls. Their carnage was the largest in human history.

Thus, the brevity of the Trump administration's statement was surprisingly and unusually short and general—only about 100 words. When the White House was asked about these glaring omissions, multiple officials in the new administration at the White House merely confirmed "the statement was no mistake."

The Trump White House statement chose not to explicitly acknowledge the deaths of 6 million Jews during the Holocaust. This is atypical of any former President of our country. Moreover, the Trump statement implies that the recognition of the death of Jews during the Holocaust would come at the exclusion of other groups. The tone of those remarks takes the reader in the direction of denying the suffering of the Jewish people.

For the President not to mention Jews is a terrible omen.

So let us go through some history. The term "holocaust," arising from World War II, has come to mean annihilation of Jewish persons. From 1933 to 1945, those Jewish souls who perished in Europe totaled at least 6 million human beings. Between 2.7 million and 3 million Jews were murdered in Nazi-run death camps. In the USSR, 1,340,000 Jewish deaths were ordered by Joseph Stalin. At least 1.5 million of the victims forcibly killed by Hitler and Stalin were children.

Cumulatively, this carnage represented about two-thirds of the 9 million Jews who had resided in Central Europe. By way of explanation, for the 8 million Christians and others who were also murdered, the term generally used to describe their carnage is martyrdom. As an example, in Poland, 3 million Catholic Christian Poles were martyred by Nazi and Soviet killing machines.

The Holocaust also included Stalin's mass executions and forced starvation

and relocation of Soviet prisoners of war to fight in horrendous places like the Battle of Monte Cassino after being marched through the Middle East. Many of them were buried in Tehran.

Stalin also perpetrated a massive post-war ethnic and religious cleansing of Jews and non-Jews. As Hitler and Stalin fought for control of the European continent, over 14 million innocent people—these aren't soldiers I am talking about. This was in addition to the 14 million—women, children, and men who were civilians died in their vastly evil plunder. Millions of Eastern Europeans were trapped between the two most murderous regimes in not only European history, but human history: Nazi Germany and Communist Soviet Union.

As an aside, I found it chilling that President Trump's top adviser, Steve Bannon, in an address to the Vatican in 2014, referenced in a most troubling line of thought the name of Julius Evola and his murderous movement.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD excerpts of an article entitled "This is How Steve Bannon Sees the Entire World," which is also available at www.buzzfeed.com.

[From BuzzFeed News Reporter]

THIS IS HOW STEVE BANNON SEES THE ENTIRE WORLD

(By J. Lester Feder)

Donald Trump's newly named chief strategist and senior counselor Steve Bannon laid out his globalist nationalist vision in unusually in-depth remarks delivered by Skype to a conference held inside the Vatican in the summer of 2014.

Bannon: I think it's a little bit more complicated. When Vladimir Putin, when you really look at some of the underpinnings of some of his beliefs today, a lot of those come from what I call Eurasianism; he's got an advisor who harkens back to Julius Evola and different writers of the early 20th century who are really the supporters of what's called the traditionalist movement, which really eventually metastasized into Italian fascism. A lot of people that are traditionalists are attracted to that.

One of the reasons is that they believe that at least Putin is standing up for traditional institutions, and he's trying to do it in a form of nationalism—and I think that people, particularly in certain countries, want to see the sovereignty for their country, they want to see nationalism for their country. They don't believe in this kind of pan-European Union or they don't believe in the centralized government in the United States. They'd rather see more of a states-based entity that the founders originally set up where freedoms were controlled at the local level.

I'm not justifying Vladimir Putin and the kleptocracy that he represents, because he eventually is the state capitalist of kleptocracy. However, we the Judeo-Christian West really have to look at what he's talking about as far as traditionalism goes—particularly the sense of where it supports the underpinnings of nationalism—and I happen to think that the individual sovereignty of a country is a good thing and a strong thing. I think strong countries and strong nationalist movements in countries make strong neighbors, and that is really the building block that built Western Europe and the United States, and I think it's what can see us forward.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, Julius Evola has been described as one of the most influential Fascist racists in Italian history, admired by the Nazi SS, its commander, Heinrich Himmler, and Benito Mussolini. Nazi SS Reichsführer Heinrich Himmler was most certainly responsible for the Holocaust.

Hitler's madness obsessed over creating an Aryan nation. Joseph Stalin's depraved dream of conquest knew no bounds. Stalin even conscripted Jews to lead hunts to exterminate other ethnic groups, and then killed the Jews when the mission was completed. The level of Stalin's depravity is difficult for sane people to understand.

Violent anti-Semitism and hatred did not end with the defeat of Nazi Germany and the ultimate collapse of the Communist Soviet Union. We can observe a resurgence in certain places in Europe and, sadly, even in isolated incidents here in the United States.

□ 1930

History tells us that the rising anti-Semitic violence is not just a threat to civil society today, but the future of free people everywhere. The recent anti-Semitic terrorist incidents in Paris at the Bataclan, Jewish-owned enterprises, or Nazi symbols appearing in hateful situations here in our own beloved country demand that decent people find peaceful means to stare down hate.

Timothy Snyder's masterful book "Bloodlands" documents the 6 million souls of the Holocaust and 8 million souls of martyrdom and murder. The Nazis established killing centers for efficient mass execution. These killing centers, also referred to as "extermination camps" or "death camps," were almost exclusively "death factories." German Schutzstaffel and police murdered nearly 2.7 million Jews in these killing centers either by asphyxiation with poison gas or by shooting.

For the non-Jewish populations of Europe, the 8 million non-Jewish victims of Nazi and communist campaigns of mass murder include Romas, Soviet prisoners of war, Aktion T4 patients, Ukrainian Holodomor famine victims, Serbs, the disabled, the LGBTQ communities, and others known only to God.

There were also unfathomable crimes against entire nations, as Poland and Belarus were both slated for complete extinction. Poland lost an astounding 20 percent of its entire population, with 6 million killed in the war, and Belarus, though smaller in population, lost 25 percent of its population.

In Poland, leaders were annihilated. Many members of the Catholic clergy were either threatened with deportation, kept in custody, or sent to camps. The Catholic Church was particularly suppressed, for nearly a fifth of all priests—over 3,000—were killed between 1939 and 1945, most in concentration camps.

From 1932 to 1933, Joseph Stalin's forced famine engulfed much of

present-day Ukraine and its eastern flank. The heaviest losses were in Ukraine—which is struggling for its freedom today—which had been the most productive agricultural area of the Soviet Union. Stalin was determined to crush all evidence of Ukrainian pride. As with Poland's leadership, the famine was accompanied by a devastating purge of all of Ukraine's intelligentsia.

Millions of peasants were condemned to death by starvation. Troops and secret police units waged a merciless war against peasants who refused to give up their grain. Any man, woman, or child caught taking even a handful of grain from a collective farm could be, and often were, executed or deported to work camps. Stalin's system of internal passports and brutal secret police forced collectivization of the land to Communist-run production.

After a long search through history and recordkeeping, I can personally give testimony and even learned that the Catholic Church located in today's Ukraine, in which our maternal grandparents were married, held a dark secret. Joseph Stalin's secret police, the People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs, the NKVD, killed 168 people in its basement as Stalin's Black Raven trucks drove the innocents to their death.

Historians continue to seek truth even until today about what happened. Their painstaking research includes information from the Soviet archives. Though some people try to erase history or ignore it, others work diligently to record it and learn from it.

I recall how fondly our grandmother spoke of Jewish storekeepers in the region from which she emigrated, welcoming her before and after church on Sunday and telling her to change into her church shoes there before attending mass and after her 5-mile hike from her village and the 5-mile hike back. The Jewish storekeeper would always give her a piece of candy.

There are other Members here tonight that wish to speak. I am so grateful for their presence here tonight because we are the bearers of liberty's torch.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York, (Mr. CROWLEY), the great leader of the Democratic Caucus, and I thank him for taking time from his busy schedule to be here with us.

Mr. CROWLEY. I thank my friend, the gentlewoman from Ohio, for being here this evening to have this Special Order to speak on an issue of such magnitude, of importance to we the people of the United States, important to the world, that we never forget what took place: the horror, the utter destruction of humankind during the Holocaust, but, in particular, the focus of that destruction upon the Jewish race.

It is important because we are seeing a rise, quite frankly, of anti-Semitism not only around the world, but right here in the United States. It takes different forms in different places, but, in

the end, has the same result of targeting and hurting one of the historically most vulnerable groups in our world: the Jewish people.

One of the things that has been the most concerning to me is the minimizing of the suffering of the Jewish people during the Holocaust. Frankly, it is really outright disturbing—I don't know if that does it justice—that the White House of the United States of America, the home of our President, our present administration, representing the same country that defeated Nazi Germany, the same country that bore the Greatest Generation, the same country that led the fight against anti-Semitism worldwide, while recognizing from time to time it had to douse it here in the United States, our country, this same White House that I referred to deliberately refused to mention that the Holocaust was designed to eliminate the Jewish people from the face of the Earth. Not a single mention of the Final Solution. The Final Solution was to obliterate, eliminate the Jewish people off the face of the Earth.

Yes, many people died in the Holocaust, as the gentlewoman made reference to so eloquently—disturbingly, but eloquently. Of the tens of millions of people who died, we know of them historically, but no race or religion was designated for elimination like the Jewish people were. The Final Solution was about ridding the Jewish people from the face of the Earth. It is that simple. It is imperative that this moment does not pass without some clarity.

What is clear is that the White House purposely removed the reference. They are proud of it. They doubled down. They tripled down. They removed the reference to the Jewish people in its statement on International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Why does this matter, you may ask? Well, first and foremost, it feeds the extremists. We know they exist. Let's face it, extremists have welcomed this White House statement. They love it, they glorify it, not just theoretically, but literally. Literally, White supremacists have welcomed the White House decision to leave any mention of the Jewish people out of the Holocaust remembrance.

Secondly, it matters because a lot of people in the world today either don't know that the Holocaust happened or don't believe that the Holocaust happened—not just theoretically, but literally don't believe that the Holocaust took place.

Literally, a 2014 global survey of anti-Semitic attitudes found that 35 percent of people around the world have never heard about the Holocaust. Maybe you can understand that. But an additional 32 percent, more importantly, believe it is a myth or greatly exaggerated.

Thirdly, it matters because there are many Holocaust survivors—I know them and their descendents—in the

United States and throughout the world.

The actions behind the statement were just downright cruel and inhumane to them, not just theoretically, but literally cruel and inhumane.

Literally, groups that are dedicated to this issue are deeply, deeply disturbed. The Anne Frank Center and others have raised their voices.

This is not just coming from Democrats. I don't want to mislead here at all. There are a range of Republican leaders—and there are four of them—and Republican groups that have expressed their anger at the White House position on the Holocaust, but one entity. We will come back to this House in a moment.

The White House hasn't seemed to have heard their outcry, but the gentlewoman from Ohio and I, the Democratic Caucus, we have heard.

What has taken place is wrong; simply wrong. You would think that the President would correct the situation. In fact, today, he had the opportunity to condemn anti-Semitism at his press conference with Prime Minister Netanyahu, and he didn't do it. In fact, when he was asked on this very subject of the failure to mention the Jewish people of the Holocaust, he used the opportunity not to clarify his position, but to make reference to how great his election victory was.

In watching that press conference, as disturbed as I was about the answer from our President, I was more than a bit disappointed, quite frankly, by Prime Minister Netanyahu's failure to challenge the President on that. I wish Prime Minister Netanyahu would have asked President Trump to change his statement; not to whitewash what was done, but to change his statement on the Holocaust. I still hope that the Prime Minister does that in the time that he is here.

So this Special Order tonight will help us set the record straight, not just on behalf of the millions of Jewish Americans across this country, but to send a clear message to all those who engage in this type of behavior.

I ask this question: Where are our Republican colleagues on this issue?

Do you hear that? Silence.

We have given them opportunity after opportunity to speak out against what the White House has done, but our Republican colleagues refuse to criticize the White House for the omission of the Jewish people in the Holocaust resolution.

Could you imagine for a moment what the outcry would have been had President Obama accidentally omitted this, putting aside purposely omitting it, but the outcry if he had accidentally omitted the mentioning of the Jewish people in his annual statement? He never did that, though, nor did President Bush, as the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) has pointed out. This was no mistake. It was a willful omission. Yet still, nothing from our Republican colleagues.

The gentlewoman from Ohio knows that I have offered a resolution. We will continue to ask our Republican colleagues to join us on that resolution asking the White House to set the record straight and to include the mentioning of the Final Solution and the attempt by the Nazi regime to eliminate the Jewish people from the face of the Earth.

□ 1945

We will use every legislative mechanism possible to do that, whether it is a motion to discharge, whatever that will be. I am putting my Republican colleagues on notice, because they must raise their voices. They must raise their voices to what has taken place in this White House. Whether it is Steve Bannon and those who work within the cellar, the deep cellar of the White House who came up with this resolution to purposely omit the mentioning of the Jewish people, our Republican colleagues will either have to answer for the White House and defend it or condemn it. You can't have it both ways.

I want to thank the gentlewoman from Ohio once again for bringing us together. It needed to be done. We will continue to raise this question until the White House comes to its senses and sets the record straight and does no longer continue to enable Holocaust deniers. I thank the gentlewoman from Ohio for holding this Special Order this evening.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I am so grateful for Mr. CROWLEY's presence and his eloquent remarks this evening, representing one of the major cities in our country where Jewish leaders from all walks of life have helped elevate America. I know how proud they are of him and what he is attempting to do. I hope every one of our colleagues, all 435, sign on to his resolution. It is most worthy. I thank him so very, very much for joining us this evening.

I want to tell a story in the region that I represent, though this particular neighborhood was cut out of my district. A Nazi swastika was painted on a garage door recently of the home of a Muslim family. It was really repugnant and very cruel, but what happened in our community? What did the American people do? One neighbor came over with a bottle of red paint and she made a big heart over the swastika. Then the conductor of the symphony came and musicians came, and they played "Ode to Joy" to the family, and other friends came and the American people.

I love the American people because deep in their hearts they live the values of liberty and justice for all. The garage door itself was replaced by the Toledo Overhead Door Company. They gave the family a new door for free. I am just so proud of them. I am just so proud of them.

Our communities don't have to bear this sadness of anti-Semitism and of degradation by those who really don't

get what this country is made of. I know the Trump White House statement on the Holocaust falls far short of the administration's ability to properly recognize and record history accurately.

The Trump White House has the means to hire appropriate staff to prepare thoughtful, carefully researched statements, and their 2017 statement is out of touch with history. History teaches us that wherever anti-Semitism has gone unchecked, the persecution of others has been present or not far behind. Presenting historical truth and defeating anti-Semitism must be a cause of great importance not only for Jews but also for us, for people who value liberty, truth, free expression of religion, justice for all. I know that is the vast majority of the American people.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of our Special Order this evening.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

Ms. KAPTUR. I want to thank Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania also for coming to the floor this evening. If there is any remaining time, I would just like to read a couple of the sentences of Congressman BOYLE's remarks because they are so incredible.

He talks about Deborah Lipstadt, an American historian and author of influential books such as "Denying the Holocaust," who wrote an important article in *The Atlantic*, entitled, "The Trump Administration's Flirtation With Holocaust Denial."

He talks about "hardcore Holocaust denial." In this type of rhetoric, anti-Semites argue that the Holocaust simply did not occur; that there was no systematic plan to destroy the Jewish people based solely on their religion.

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But he talks about a more insidious form of denial in rhetoric that has begun to creep into our national discussion. Lipstadt terms this "softcore Holocaust denial." This form of denial, argues Lipstadt, uses different tactics but has the same end-goal. . . . It does not deny the facts, but it minimizes them, arguing that Jews use the Holocaust to draw attention away from criticism of Israel. . . .

"Softcore denial also includes Holocaust minimization, as when someone suggests it was not so bad. Softcore denial, then, is potentially more insidious than our traditional form of denial, by minimizing the suffering of the Jewish people and suggesting that while the Holocaust may have oc-

curred, it was not just about the Jews per se."

I appreciate those listening this evening and am very grateful to have this privilege of entering into the RECORD materials we believe important not only to our Republic, but to free people everywhere.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, recently, Deborah Lipstadt, American historian and author of influential books such as *Denying the Holocaust*, wrote an important article in *The Atlantic*. In this article, entitled "The Trump Administration's Flirtation with Holocaust Denial," Lipstadt specifies an important distinction in types of Holocaust denial.

Most people are familiar with what Lipstadt identifies as "hardcore Holocaust denial." In this type of rhetoric, anti-Semites argue that the Holocaust simply did not occur; that there was no systematic plan to destroy the Jewish people based solely on their religion.

This type of hate speech has unfortunately been espoused by those who seek to delegitimize the suffering of the Jewish people since the Holocaust began. It is not acceptable and we must do all we can to teach our children the tragic events of the Holocaust and how to counter such hateful rhetoric.

Yet, perhaps a more insidious form of denial rhetoric has begun to creep into our national discussion.

This is what Lipstadt terms "softcore Holocaust denial." This form of denial, argues Lipstadt, "uses different tactics but has the same end-goal. . . . It does not deny the facts, but it minimizes them, arguing that Jews use the Holocaust to draw attention away from criticism of Israel. . . ."

"Softcore denial also includes Holocaust minimization, as when someone suggests it was not so bad." Softcore denial, then, is potentially more insidious than our traditional form of denial, by minimizing the suffering of the Jewish people and suggesting that while the Holocaust may have occurred, it was not about the Jews per se.

By minimizing the suffering of the target of the Holocaust and the six million Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis, we are denying the truth and setting ourselves up to forget the worst genocidal massacre in human history.

What is more disgusting and unacceptable, though, is that the President of the United States is now espousing these dangerous and hateful ideas.

By refusing time and again to acknowledge that Jews were the targets and victims of the Holocaust, our President is denying the truth of the Holocaust and is aiding and abetting the Holocaust deniers and White Nationalists in their goals of once again persecuting individuals based on their ethnicity, religion, race, etc.

We must do better. I call on the President to recall his statement and make clear that the Holocaust was a systematic persecution of the Jewish people.

Anything less than this outright admission is Holocaust denial.

AMERICA 2.0

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of Jan-

uary 3, 2017, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN) for 30 minutes.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity. I just want to say thank you to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) for her great words and Congressman CROWLEY, who was here a little bit earlier, for his good words as well.

I am starting tonight a segment that I am calling America 2.0. I think we are in the midst of, obviously, some chaos in the United States, in Washington, D.C., and in so many communities across the country that feel we are disoriented with our politics, disconnected from our politics, and we are disoriented around the idea of what is happening in our economy. Globalization, automation, all of these things have dramatically affected the American economy and American wages and standard of living.

We have actually seen, Mr. Speaker, over the course of the last 20 years, a huge decline, a sucking out of middle class wages that have gone primarily to the top 1 percent. Now, I am not here to bash rich people. I am not here to make any enemies, but I think it is important and instructive for us to look at where we were and where we are now.

If you look at where we were in 1980, of all the income growth in the Nation in 1980, 70 percent of all income growth went to the bottom 90 percent of Americans. So we had some significant income growth, and 70 percent of it went to the bottom 90 percent, 30 percent went to the top 10 percent. The wealthy were getting more, but the middle class, the upper middle class and the lower middle class, the bottom 90 percent saw 70 percent of the gains.

Fast forward from the early 1990s until just recently just a few years back, the bottom 90 percent, Mr. Speaker, got zero percent of the income growth that happened in the United States—zero. So the economy in 1980, for average families in Youngstown, Ohio, or Struthers, Ohio, or Akron, Ohio, saw that hard work paid off; that if you worked hard, you played by the rules, you did what you were supposed to do, and if you were in the bottom 90 percent, you saw some income gains. Fair enough.

Where the anxiety has come in now is that people are working harder, they are working longer hours, and they are not seeing any growth in their incomes. We have teachers, for example, in the Youngstown City Schools who have not seen a cost-of-living raise in 9 years—9 years. Police and fire, people who cut hair, people who are waitresses, people who take showers after work instead of before work, those people aren't getting ahead, and the cost of everything is going up. So that is where we are, erosion of our manufacturing base and globalization and automation.

I was just looking at an article earlier about a new Amazon project—I