

history of GENOCIDE by the numbers

genocide:

An act "committed with the **intent to destroy**, in whole or in part, a **national, ethnic, racial or religious group.**"

The Genocide Convention adopted by the United Nations in 1948 was meant as a pledge to ensure the atrocities of the Holocaust would

NEVER AGAIN be repeated.



THE GENOCIDE



The 1994 Rwandan genocide resulted in the systematic killings of 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus in less than 100 days.

8 STAGES OF GENOCIDE

as described by Gregory H. Stanton, President of Genocide Watch*

CLASSIFICATION



Distinguishing people into "us and them" by ethnicity, race, religion, or nationality: German & Jew, Hutu & Tutsi.

SYMBOLIZATION



Giving names or symbols to the classifications. Distinguishing people by colors or dress and applying symbols to group members.

DEHUMANIZATION



Denying the humanity of the other group. Members are equated with animals, vermin, insects or diseases.

ORGANIZATION



Organizing plans for genocide—usually by the state—often using militias to provide **deniability of state responsibility**.

POLARIZATION



Hate groups broadcast **polarizing propaganda**. Laws may forbid intermarriage or social interaction.

PREPARATION



Separating victims because of ethnic or religious identity. **Death lists** are drawn up; property is expropriated.

EXTERMINATION



The **mass killing** legally called "genocide." It is "extermination" to the killers because they do not believe their victims to be fully human.

DENIAL



Deny committing any crimes, often blaming what happened on the victims, **covering up evidence** & intimidating witnesses.

*The process is not linear. Logically, later stages must be preceded by earlier stages. But all stages continue to operate throughout the process.



CLOSER LOOK: DARFUR

2.7M
Darfuris remain in internally displaced persons camps

4.7M
Darfuris rely on humanitarian aid

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