

Comparison of Holocausts

Holocaust

- **Pre-trauma Context**
 - Ethic-religious group living within European Societies
 - Mainly Urban
 - Many Highly integrated into local communities
 - Literate tradition
 - Racial Ideologies of degeneracy
- **Types of Violence**
 - Isolation in ghettos
 - Appropriation of property
 - Deportation to labor and concentration camps
 - Systemic mass genocide
- **Types of loss**
 - Massive loss of life through murder and starvation in camps
 - Destruction of communities
- **Post-trauma context**
 - Survivors moved to other countries to join existing communities of diaspora
 - Achieved high level of social integration
- **Larger social context**
 - Longstanding recognition of holocaust as genocide

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Indigenous Historical Trauma

- **Pre-trauma Context**
 - Many Culturally distinct groups
 - Mainly small-scale communities
 - Many Rural and remote
 - Limited exchange between other indigenous groups
 - Oral traditions
 - Racial ideologies of primitivism
- **Types of Violence**
 - Colonized, violent conflict
 - Forced displacement by settlers and soldiers
 - Forced assimilation through residential schools, with separation from family, physical and sexual abuse
 - Systemic out adoption
- **Types of loss**
 - Massive loss of life through spread of life infectious diseases
 - Sporadic losses from violent conflict
 - Destruction of communities
 - Suppression of culture, language, religion
- **Post-trauma context**
 - Survivors returned to rural and remote communities or removed to urban settings where indigenous communities are loosely organized
- **Larger social context**
 - Recent recognition of impact of residential schools
 - Limited recognition of other forms of cultural oppression or discontinuity