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### On nationalism

**Is the Nazi holocaust & colonization of Europe an expression of a reactionary political strategy?**

**Bougeois nationalism often consolidates power within one nationality - Germany stripped the Jewish nation of their right to life, without contradicting class intrests**

Nazis stoked the racist bougeois nationalism in Germany. Nationalism has historically been used to suppress the class contradiction below one of national oppression.

Ex: (Parenti) Nazi propaganda described themselves as a classless nation, and the oppressed jews as the enemy.

Ex: (Nokhem Shtif - "the pogroms in Ukrain") in Ukraine, during the Civil War of 1918-1919, the white army propagated the Jeudo-Bolshevik conspiracy, and called for the Ukrainian nation to fight the red army and the Jewish people - leading to brutal pogroms & a swollen white army

Ex: (J. Sakai - Settlers) in America, a privileged, white settler nationality was produced and cultivated as a loyal garrison army, which could dominate the indigenous and African nationalities, at the benefit of the European bourgeois state.

Ex: (Ibrahim Kaypakkaya - "on the national question") in the 1970s, (oppressed) Kurdish and (oppressor) Turkish nationalism entailed the proletariat of each nation fighting for the benefit of their national bourgeoisie, instead of their liberation.

Ex: (Stalin - "Marxism, & the national question") bougeois nationalism amongst the soc-dems of 1913 Russia & Austria represented an opportunism that betrayed the push for equality of nations & socialism via the push for national privileges at the expense of socialist ideals, even.

Summation: Nationalism is a powerful tool for reactionaries. It consolidates bougeois power within one nation, creates a civil society that super-exploits the nationally oppressed, and diffuses direct opposition to the bourgeois state.

Nationalism can cannibalize the particular capitalists of the bourgeois order, as does imperialism. This is simply war, on the world scale, between competing capitalists.

Why would competing imperial powers support Nazi Germany as it ramped up its imperial war efforts?

Because Hitler was explicitly against the USSR - a country training revolutionaries world wide for their own revolutions, as well as being proof that revolution could succeed...

He wrote incessantly of Judo-Bolshevism, & described the Ukraine - a part of the USSR - as land that was integral to solidifying the 1000 year Reich.

The competing nations saw the Nazi party as willing to crush the socialist party in Germany, & as a likely ally against the USSR

Reaction is often strategic, and its form varies across space and time; it is either blind action, or an intervention that aids the state.

As Marx said: "History does nothing, it 'possesses no immense wealth', it 'wages no battles'. It is man, real, living man who does all that"