

Not long ago I was in Poland, near to the Nazi concentration camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau. I visited them once, but it was back in 1978. Having a private tour guide my host university gave me, I had a chance to ask many questions that otherwise I could not have. I will not spend time describing the horror in those camps; many people have ably done it. But let me say this, because it belongs to my –usually unconventional- observation; these two camps (an most all others) were not "death camps"; they were "death factories". As workers in a factory prepare products for packaging then shipment, these places did the same with German precision. We are talking about two, approximately five football field long campsites with a train-track ramp running in between. As people got off the train, they were selected, and close to 70% of them were escorted to the gas chamber; all the way being told that they have to take a shower before they get into the camp. It was done with such precision, that they were told: they must tag their belongings, because after shower they have to pick them up. As we were taking a stroll, the tour-guide explaining the ins and outs of daily life in Birkenau, something hit me in my gut; and it has been with me ever since, not letting me go. So, I stated to read more, and do research.

Before I get too much ahead of myself, let me lay down a thesis I developed many years ago, and to the greatest tragedy of the world, my thesis has proven to be correct in a large number of countries. Way back when, I became convinced that *"minimum of 60% of any society on the planet is a heard mentality, unable to think moron. This thesis has zero correlation with the 'participating 60%'s' education level"*. At that time, I used an example of how the Austrians (to Hitler's utter amazement) were cheering Hitler while he was occupying them.

There are literarily countless examples proving the "60% Rule" (the 2008 US election is one of those), but my thesis was elevated to a whole new plateau in Birkenau. I asked myself and the tour guide: *"How is it that in a country with a cultural and educational system that gave a Richard Strauss, Schuman, Beethoven and Brahms; an Arthur Schopenhauer and a Friedrich Nietzsche; an Albert Einstein and a Werner Heisenberg to world; developed dozens of world famous universities such as Heidelberg; in a country like that, people could be talked into willingly escorting other human beings into the gas chamber?"* I mean Germany was not a third (or fourth) world backwater country, where eight out of ten people did not know how to read and write; this was Germany, with hundreds of years of high education. One can look at this thesis in another way, which is even more frightening; "If a 'silver tongue picture framer with a stupid looking mustache' could talk an educated society such as Germany into this madness, then anything can happen anywhere in this world. And we better watch what the "60%" is doing".

As I was researching the topic, I found that the contemporary German "60%" had several, well formulated excuses why they were doing the deeds. It ranged from "I was told to do", through "I could thank him so much", "I believed in him", "I trusted Hitler that he is right", all the way to "They 'up there' must know more than I do, so they must be right". All sub-categories could easily be grouped into four main ones (in order of priority): **"Self-interest"**, **"Wanting to get along"**, **"Dumbness"** and **"Fear"**; where "Self-interest" occupies 80% of the total spectrum. You can sit down with a representative of each category, and ask this: "Didn't you have eyes and ears?", or "How is it that you could not think for yourself?".

But, as we now understand, Hitler was an off the chart ideologue, a political madman, who really believed that killing all Jews is the fountain of all solutions. At the end, the world had a large and significant country with a political madman as its leader, who sang like a canary, with ruthless people surrounding him; and there was the ever-present "60%".

I believe this is "the" real teaching of Birkenau; probably more significant than the "Nazis killed six million Jews" aspect of this horrible part of the world's history.

...The reason it all came to mind, because the more one watches the US socialist media (ABC, CNN, NBC, CBS and the offshoots of these –MSNBC-, practically all large printed newspapers, and some slime publications such as the Huffington Post), the more similarities in "excuse segmentation" could be identified between Germany in 1933-1945, and in America today; underlying the conclusion of "history, countries, political systems are changing, the human nature is not".

And of course we –again- have a "large and significant country", a "silver tongue" canary (with no picture

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framing, but community organizing background, and the stupid looking mustache yet to be grown), and of course, we have the "60%" with no eyes, ears, or any kind of meaningful "own thinking" (or in most cases: with "no thinking" at all). The **"significant country + silver tongue canary + ruthless enablers + 60%"** equation has been edged in stones for thousands of years. The "60%" is always there, always "just wants to get along", always "understands the reason", always "hopes", always "wants to do good" and in the end, the most surprised why the country went down the drain.

Just think about the European Union; how people were talked into a financial madness, and a system where they all but lost their economical and political sovereignty. But "they believed in it" and "were hoping". The "60%" is always there. If one reads the news coming from the EU, 8 out of 10 terminologies are about "help", "assistance", "rescue", "grant system" ... which is exactly what my argument was above: *"Self-interest occupies 80% of the total spectrum"*.

So the question can be asked: how many times we have to wait, until the "60%" (by believing the canary, instead of using its own eyes, ears, and brain) screws everything up?

Because if the functional illiteracy rate in Detroit was 47% in 2010 (Source: Detroit Literacy Coalition, and CBS Detroit, May 4, 2011), and we did not send the entire Teachers' Union's leadership, along with a quarter century worth Secretaries of Education and their deputies to jail, then we have a systemic problem on our hands, and it proves that the "60%" plays active role again.

Because if we spent 5 trillion dollars, our unemployment is north of 17% (no, it is not 8.1%. The "8.1%" is a lie. "8.1%" are only those, who are currently registered in the government tally), and the guy in the White House has more chance to be reelected than Eichmann had for acquittal in Jerusalem, we have a systemic problem on our hands, and it proves that the "60%" plays active role again.

The list what the "60%" does not notice is long and undistinguished; from giving the missile shields in Poland and Czech Republic away, through the disastrous Libyan campaign, the impotence in Iraq and Afghanistan, President Putin spitting B. Hussein Obama in the eye by not showing up in Camp David, the Muslim Brotherhood that is running a presidential candidate in Egypt in spite they promised to our canary they will not, all the way of Pakistan is showing the middle finger by jailing a doctor who helped to find the world's greatest terrorist. Or you wish to talk about Syria?; or China refusing to receive the US Secretary of Defense? But our canary still has 40%+ approval rate. ***That is a systemic problem.***

And God help us all if the "60%" carries the day on November 6th, 2012. That's the real teachings of Birkenau.