The ramifications of World War II and Adolf Hitler's policies on the Jewish population are indisputably terrible to a huge extent. It is hard to find a similar instance or group that is treated quite that terribly. The treatment of immigrants in the United States is also horrendous in many cases, often not to the same magnitude, but in some ways are well on their way of getting there. The attitude towards this demographic in the country is becoming scarily similar to how the European Jews were treated during the Holocaust in ways such as mass deportations and the terrible misinformation surrounding them.

Mass deportations are being brought up more and more often nowadays, especially because they are prioritized in the president's agenda for his current term. In addition to this protocol being inhumane at its core, recent studies have also shown that the conditions in these situations are often below the ideal standard. As shown in an investigation run by the American Civil Liberties Union, 95% of the deaths in ICE custody could have been easily preventable with proper medical help ("95 Percent of Deaths in ICE Detention Could Likely Have Been Prevented with Adequate Medical Care"). Along with this, 60% of people in ICE are in "mandatory detention" meaning they are not given the chance for a bond release or the chance to make their case to a judge ("Snapshot of ICE Detention: Inhumane Conditions and Alarming Expansion"). Both opportunities should be provided out of basic human decency, but they are oftentimes not. While this is on a smaller scale, these situations are comparable to the inhumane ways the Nazis transported and treated the Jewish population on the way to the concentration camps.

The most obvious and biggest similarity between the treatments of the two groups is the propaganda and misinformation centered around them. As explained by NBC News, Donald Trump stated "They [immigrants] are poisoning the blood of our country" in a speech to his supporters. Not only is this just an absolutely horrible statement, but it is also similar to one of

Hitler's quotes from his manifesto, *Mein Kampf*, where he says, "[the Jews] poison the blood of others." This phrase "blood poisoning" was used rather often by Hitler and was not just a one-time occurrence (Terkel and Lebowitz). Along with this dangerously similar wording, one of the most baseless, ridiculous, and blatantly fantastical claims made about immigrants in the past year became widespread by way of a current Neo-Nazi group (Zadrozny). The rumor about immigrants eating pets reached many people before being publicly stated during the presidential debate, even though there was absolutely no evidence to support the statement at all. As stated by the Center for Migration Studies, there is a lot of blatant misinformation believed about these groups. Many anti-immigrant people base their opinion on the belief that immigrants will steal jobs away from people who lived here before. Not only is this statement false, immigrants have helped the amount of open jobs increase, while also keeping inflation lowered. These claims and beliefs ingrain a sense of suspicion and apprehension toward immigrants that is hard for certain people to overcome (Center for Migration Studies). Again, this is like how Hitler turned people against the Jewish population by making them a common enemy for the country.

In summary, the way the immigrants are treated in our country can be compared to the European Jews in the 1940s because their treatment in captivity is also callous. They are not given the same basic rights and first aid that they are owed, similarly to how the Jews were transported on the trains. Misinformation and propaganda surround their existence in our country, and they are often treated with minimal respect and kindness because of it. In conclusion, there are many similarities between the two groups and how they are treated currently.

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