

What is truth?

‘The Holocaust’ is a highly sophisticated, highly distorted, highly dishonest and highly coercive ideology. It seems to me that this is true whether, like Norman Finkelstein, you accept in broad outline the orthodox historical account of the treatment of Jews during the Second World War, but are critical of the use of this story, or, like a growing number of revisionists, you reject the very idea of a systematic plan of extermination of Jews, the use of gas chambers for this purpose and the figure of six million Jewish victims.

This ideology at present dominates Western, and to some extent even global, discourse. Its dominance enables it to label those who do not accept any aspect of ‘the Holocaust’ as ‘Holocaust deniers.’ Those who seek to deny that they are ‘Holocaust deniers,’ but simply revisionists, fail because the ‘Holocaust’ ideology, by its dominance of the discourse, determines what they are. In several European countries ‘what they are’ justifies a prison sentence, while in all other Western countries it can involve ostracism and various forms of banishment.

It is in this context that I am proud to call myself a ‘Holocaust denier.’ The pride is necessary, because without it I would be in danger of feeling ashamed of myself, such is the power of the dominant ideology. A ‘Holocaust denier’ is regarded as the lowest form of life, so it requires courage and conviction to ‘come out’ as such. Holding your head up high is therefore essential.