

## Who is David Irving?

Twenty-five years ago, David Irving was one of the most respected and cited historians of the Third Reich, despite his lack of formal education and training as a historian and his obvious right-wing bias.

However, when he began deflecting blame for the war crimes of the Nazis away from Hitler and, in 1988, served as a defense witness for then-Canadian-based Holocaust denier Ernst Zündel, Irving became more famous as a Nazi apologist and, eventually, a Holocaust denier in his own right.

Shunned by the mainstream publishing and historical communities since the mid-1990s, he has thrown his lot with the extremists and malcontents of the world — those who wish that Hitler had won the war and “finished the job.”

The Holocaust History Project  
<http://www.holocaust-history.org>

## Irving is a Deadbeat and Unwelcome Guest

He has been banned from Australia, Canada, Germany, Italy, Israel and New Zealand.

[www.disinfo.com](http://www.disinfo.com)

The **pro-Nazi author David Irving** was yesterday declared bankrupt after **failing to pay £150,000** in costs after his disastrous libel action against charges that he was a Holocaust denier.

The Guardian, March 5, 2002.

“... the High Commission has now raised the issue of an **‘unpaid debt of \$35,140 for the Australian Government** for litigation costs awarded to the Minister [of Immigration].”

[www.nizkor.org](http://www.nizkor.org)

In 1992, ... he was issued a departure notice to leave Canada on or before midnight, November 1, 1992.

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“... Irving was **arrested by the Austrian police in Vienna on suspicion of neo-Nazi activity** and deported from the country; he is still banned from entry.”

Harris, Robert, *Selling Hitler*.

New York: Pantheon Books, 1986.

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**“Britain’s leading anti-Semite lunatic.”**

The London Times 12/12/2002

**“That awful falsifier.”**

Vice President Al Gore 5/9/2000

**“... he is an active Holocaust denier; ... he is anti-Semitic and racist and he associates with right-wing extremists who promote neo-Nazism.”**

Judge Gray 4/11/2000

## Irving Lies Under Oath

On May 3, 1994, the Australian Minister for Immigration denied Mr. Irving the right to enter Australia, finding that he did not meet the “good character requirements” of Australian law. Mr. Irving appealed this decision, and, in August of 1995, the Federal Court of Australia released its Judgment:

“... Mr. Irving had **lied on oath** to the Immigration Adjudicator.”

“... Mr. Irving has been found to ... have **lied on oath** to a quasi-judicial tribunal and more recently of the High Court of Justice in England...”

“... He was found in **contempt of court** in the High Court of Justice in London and imprisoned. Later he was found to be a **person who deliberately gave false evidence.**”

On September 20, 1996, David Irving was the featured speaker at a meeting of the National Alliance, the “largest neo-Nazi group in America.” (Klanwatch)

Two months later, Irving told an Australian radio interviewer, “I don’t give speeches to neo-Nazis.”

## Irving Distorts Evidence

“Irving’s conclusions were completely untenable. I thought his scholarship was sloppy and unreliable and did not meet even the most basic requirements of honest and competent historical research.”

Evans, Richard, *Lying about Hitler*.  
New York: Basic Books, 2001.

In 1993, Irving related a conversation between Adolf Eichmann and Reinhard Heydrich:

*Heydrich utters to him the fateful words, “The Fuehrer has given the order for the physical destruction of the Jews.”*

But Irving doesn’t want to believe Hitler said this, so Irving claims:

*“... You’ve only got to **change one or two words** and you get a completely different meaning.”*

Historians don’t change words if their documents contradict their opinions.

## In His Own Words

**“Hitler was the best friend the Jews had in the Third Reich.”**

The Jewish Journal, March 24, 2000.

“I don’t see any reason to be tasteful about Auschwitz. It’s baloney, it’s a legend.”

The Guardian, January 12, 2000.

“I say quite tastelessly, in fact, that **more women died on the back seat of Edward Kennedy’s car at Chappaquiddick than ever died in a gas chamber in Auschwitz.**”

The Guardian, January 12, 2000.

“I’m going to form an Association of Auschwitz survivors, survivors of the Holocaust and other liars, or the ASSHOLS.”

The Guardian, January 12, 2000.

“Irving admitted that in writing Hitler’s War he had **‘identified’ with the Fuehrer**. Looking down upon him as he worked, from the wall above his desk, was a self-portrait of Hitler, presented to him by Christa Schroeder. He did not smoke or touch alcohol (‘I don’t drink,’ he would say. ‘Adolf didn’t drink you know.’)”

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