

Altruistic Nazis

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A blatant demonstration that selfless altruism (mentioned in previous post “Romantic Love vs Selfless Love”) - is *not* a morality of benevolence or compassion but actually the ethics for tyranny - is the rise and dominance of Nazism leading into WW2. Two centuries earlier, Immanuel Kant had constructed his elaborate philosophical system of abject selflessness (culminating in his *Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals*), which the Nazis later put into practice. (Auguste Comte coined the term “altruism” a century after Kant; “Nazism” translates to National Socialism.) Russia’s and China’s Communism are other examples. Countries like Canada and the U.S. are examples of diluted altruism and partial tyranny.

The following is from *Mein Kampf*, Ch.11, 1926, by Adolf Hitler, the chosen leader of the Nazis, the SS, and Gestapo:

This state of mind, which subordinates the interests of the ego to the conservation of the community, is really the first premise for every truly human culture...

What applies to work as the foundation of human sustenance and all human progress is true to an even greater degree for the defense of man and his culture. In giving one's own life for the existence of the community lies the crown of all sense of sacrifice....

Our own German language possesses a word which magnificently designates this kind of activity: *Pflichterfilllung* (fulfillment of duty); it means not to be self-sufficient but to serve the community.

The basic attitude from which such activity arises, we call - to distinguish it from egoism and selfishness - idealism. By this we understand only the individual's capacity to make sacrifices for the community, for his fellow men.

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