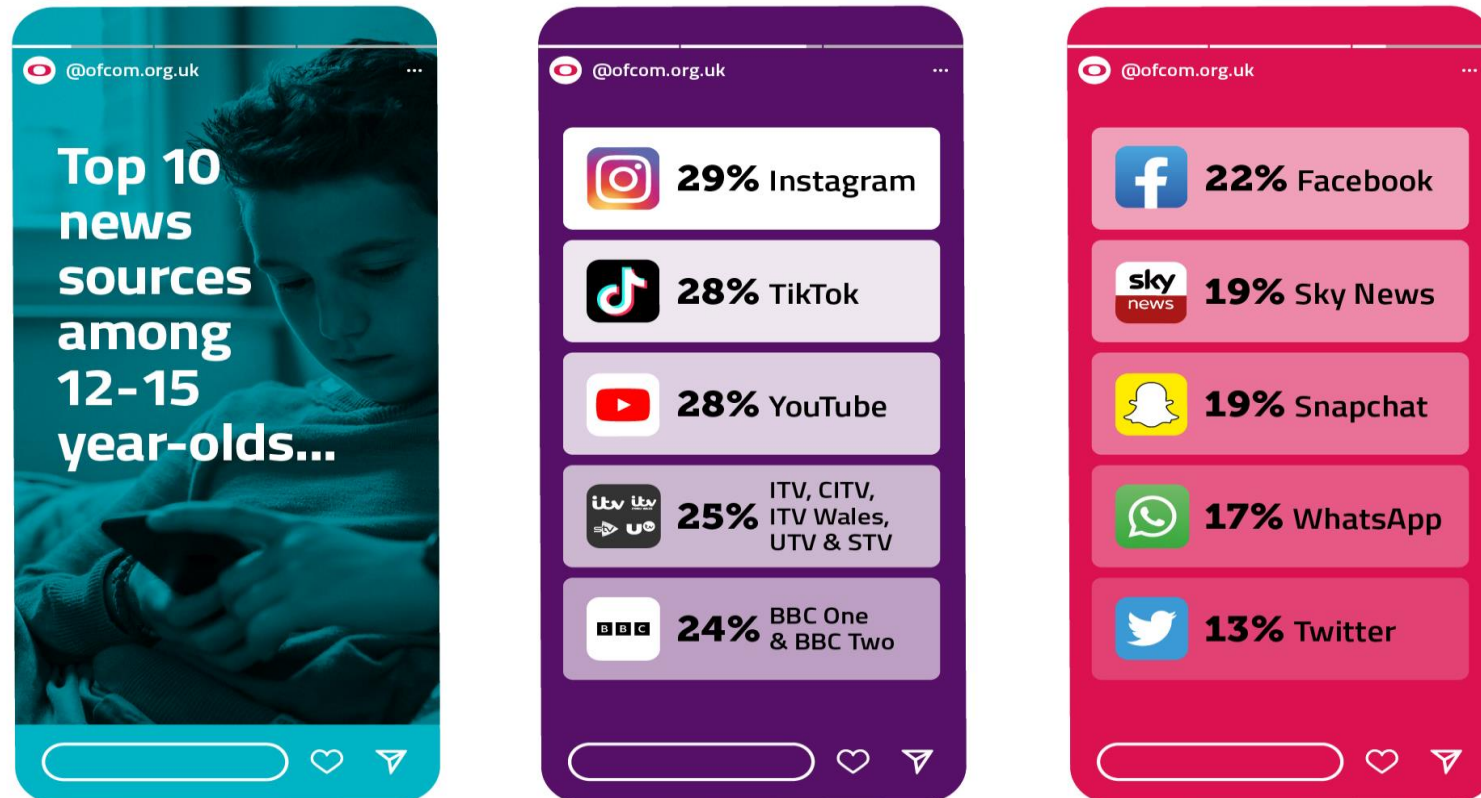




Instagram, TikTok and YouTube teenagers' top three news sources. 21 July 2022



- “Users of TikTok for news claim to get more of their news on the platform from ‘other people they follow’ (44%) than ‘news organisations’ (24%).⁴
- “Teenagers today are increasingly unlikely to pick up a newspaper or tune into TV News, instead preferring to keep up-to-date by scrolling through their social feeds.”



- **“UN report: Oxford analysis reveals up to half of Holocaust-related content on Telegram denies or distorts facts. 13th July 2022**
- Distortion and Holocaust denial is present on all social media platforms, but moderation and education can significantly reduce this, according to a landmark report today from UNESCO and the United Nations, supported by analysis by researchers from the Oxford Internet Institute. ‘

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- UNESCO and the UN sought to measure the extent of this phenomena on social networks and commissioned OII researchers to identify and analyse almost 4,000 posts related to the Holocaust, on five major platforms: Facebook, Instagram, Telegram, TikTok and Twitter.



- **The Findings of Holocaust denial and distortion**

Telegram 50% distortion and denial in English messages

Twitter 19%

TikTok 17%

Facebook. 8%

Instagram 3%

With many of them Anti-Semitic

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The researchers also identified that perpetrators have learned to evade content moderation, through use of humorous and parodic memes as a strategy intended to normalise anti-Semitic ideas and make them appear mainstream.

I did not know what anti-Semitic memes were,
but I found hundreds on the internet



Commenting on the UN report

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres said

The report shows how intimately linked its denial is to other forms of online violence, including those rooted in racism, misogyny, or xenophobia. Antisemitism, Holocaust denial and distortion, and other forms of religious bigotry and hatred are a seismograph. The more they rattle our world, the greater the cracks to the foundations of our common humanity. Today, the cracks are impossible to ignore. This report is an urgent wake-up call that must jolt us into action – to pursue truth, remembrance, and **education**, and together build a world of peace, dignity and justice for all.

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NEWS

Holocaust Memorial Day: 'Shocking' levels of denial remain.

Published 27th January 2019



Five per cent of UK adults (about 45 million) do not believe the Holocaust took place and one in 12 believes its scale has been exaggerated.

45% of those polled (20 million people) said they did not know how many people were killed in the Holocaust.

19% (8.5 million people) believed fewer than two million Jews were murdered.

5% (2.2 million people) believed that there was no Holocaust.

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Permanent Display over Two Floors. Imperial War Museum The Holocaust *Galleries*



The Holocaust *Galleries*

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“Spanning two floors, these vast new galleries bring together the stories of real people from diverse communities to examine the complex relationship between the Holocaust and the course and consequences of the Second World War.

2022 winner of the 'Museum + Heritage' Permanent Exhibition of the Year.

Individual stories from some of the six million Jewish people murdered in the Holocaust are told through over 2,000 photos, books, artworks, letters and personal objects ranging from jewellery and clothing to toys and musical instruments.”

Estimate of numbers of young people who might visit an underground learning centre in Victoria Tower Gardens.

- Approximately 12 million schoolchildren aged 5 - 18 in UK
- If each child to make one visit, then = 1 million per annum
- In 2019 40,000 schoolchildren visited our Parliamentary Learning Centre in the Gardens.
- Even if that increased to 100,000, then only 8% of all children would visit the centre.
- Statistics suggest that children closer to London more likely to make journey to London.
- A physical centre in London will not reach over 90% of our schoolchildren especially those far from London

Top attractions for all visitors to London including children

The Eye

Buckingham Palace

a River Cruise

Tower Bridge

British Museum

V & A Museum

Science Museum and others

Bus Tour

Westminster Abbey

The Tower of London

Madam Tussauds

Natural History Museum

Imperial War Museum

An old fashioned physical building will fail but....

- The proposed underground learning centre will not be high on the list of places children and tourists will want to visit.
- Nor should something as horrendous as the Holocaust be part of fun visits to tourist sites in London
- Some schools in places in the UK where Jewish hate may be the greatest will never visit
- **But...only virtual and on-line education can get the message to millions of children rather than ten of thousands**

More funding & education for all

It is vital to extend education on the evils of the Holocaust, and the calls for a new Holocaust far beyond the thousands of school children who may visit it in any year.

That is why I will seek to amend the Bill to increase funding to £50 million per annum for on-line education about the Holocaust. As the UN Secretary General said, we need...

UN Secretary General, António Guterres

.....an urgent wake up call to tackle Antisemitism, Holocaust denial and distortion, and pursue truth, remembrance, and **education**, and together build a world of peace, dignity and justice for all.

Is an on-line centre within the scope of the Bill?

- The Bill does not state that the “centre for learning” has to be physically attached to the monument nor adjacent to it. Nor does it actually stipulate that it has to be a physical building.
- The only requirements are that it has to be “related to the monument,” which it would be and built anywhere in England and Wales
- The bill would permit a building to be constructed anywhere in England and Wales to house an on-line team of experts who would be able to issue Holocaust learning to everyone in the UK 24 hours a day and update it daily as new lies emerged which needed to be rebutted.
- As we have seen over the last few years, physical buildings are now no longer necessary to get a message across.

Justification for the ugliness of the Fins by the architect, Mr. Adjaye,

“disrupting the pleasure of being in a park is key to the thinking of the memorial.” BBC 12th Feb 2019



The 22 gaps between the 23 Fins apparently represent the countries from which Jews were taken to be exterminated.

Completely irrelevant and confusing numbers.

Why not 1 fin representing the country which did it – Nazi Germany?

Why not 20 – the number of concentration camps,? or

Why not 6 – the number of large extermination camps?

Many numbers could be chosen but all irrelevant except – 6 million.

6 million Jews exterminated.

Over 2 million people in this country denying that it ever happened;

over 8 million believing that it was only 2 million murdered.

Any physical memorial needs to represent that 6 million figure time and time again and not some other obscure number no one has heard of before.

6 million Jews exterminated.

Fun selfies at Berlin Holocaust Memorial



Fun selfies at Auschwitz - Berkenau



More fun selfies at Auschwitz - Berkenau



How to depict in a monument, 6 million Jews murdered?

We all saw the amazingly moving display of 888,246 ceramic poppies at the Tower of London in 2014 commemorating the dead of The First World War and that certainly got the message across about that extraordinary loss of life.

Is that a concept we can represent symbolically in a Holocaust monument?



The wrong location for political and public impact

- I go through the gardens twice every day Parliament sitting.
- Very rarely one can see an MP being interviewed
- Memorial should be right in the faces of senior government ministers.
- I want the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary to see it every day
- As well as tens of thousands of young people and tourists.

Put it in St James Park, on Horseguards, opposite Churchill War Rooms

- Will be seen by top ministers and 100,000s of tourists
- Close to Churchill War Rooms symbolically important.
- The war did not start the Holocaust, but it ended it.
- When you enter the Commons you see the broken stones from the bombed Chamber – a reminder of the horrors of war.
- A physical monument must be where political leaders will see it and never forget.
- We do not have The Cenotaph in a back garden and a Holocaust Monument should be in the same category.

Lets build something better which will work

This proposal for an underground physical museum for learning was even out of date in 2015. It is utterly irrelevant now since the future of Holocaust education is digital, virtual and on-line and it must be able to address the new phenomenon of the huge rise in current Jewish hate.

Friday December 29 2023

Antisemitic hate crimes soar since start of Israel-Hamas war

[Ben Ellery](#) Crime Editor. Thursday December 28 2023, 5.15pm, The Times

The British Transport Police (BTP) recorded an almost 1000 per cent increase in antisemitic offences in the month after October 7, freedom of information data has revealed. Islamophobic offences have also risen since the Hamas attacks.

The figures, obtained by the PA news agency, showed that Greater Manchester police recorded 74 antisemitic offences in the month following the Hamas attacks compared with 15 for the same period last year.

Summary of Blencathra Proposals

- A physical monument in a location seen by most politicians and the public, E.G. opposite The Churchill War Rooms.
- A related on-line learning centre which would require a building, or space in a building, to house the learning centre staff.
- An annual, index linked budget, starting at £50 million for continuous and up-dated teaching of the 1940s Holocaust and countering current anti-Semitism sweeping the UK.
- Only the annual budget would require an amendment to the Bill as it currently stands.

The Benefits of on-line, and only on-line

- Most young people get their news and views from social media.
- Only a fraction of school children would visit a physical building.
- The physical building will have nothing to see which cannot be better seen on-line.
- On-line can reach every person in the UK 24/7.
- On-line can be updated daily, counteracting new lies about the Holocaust and Jews.
- Thousands of schools in the UK would not be able to make the journey to London.

All of us in this UK Parliament have a pressing duty to get this right.

It was British soldiers who found and liberated Belsen.

Here is the sign they erected.



A prophetic message from a Military Observer - 1945

‘Why did I visit Belsen? Given the opportunity I went because I know that in a few years’ time only, clever people will say, “Nonsense! Don’t you realise that was just wartime propaganda?” I shall know how to reply. And the more who do the better for the peace of the world.’

‘Belsen Concentration Camp – the Final Degradation, by a Military Observer’ - April 1945



This is the result of
hatred of Jews in
1945 in Germany.

Belsen

This is the hatred of Jews in 2023 in the UK. What will we do now to stop it?



**My proposals will tackle both the
original Holocaust and the calls for a
new one
and I commend them to the Committee**