



14 February 2009

Gathering of the European right-wing extremist movement

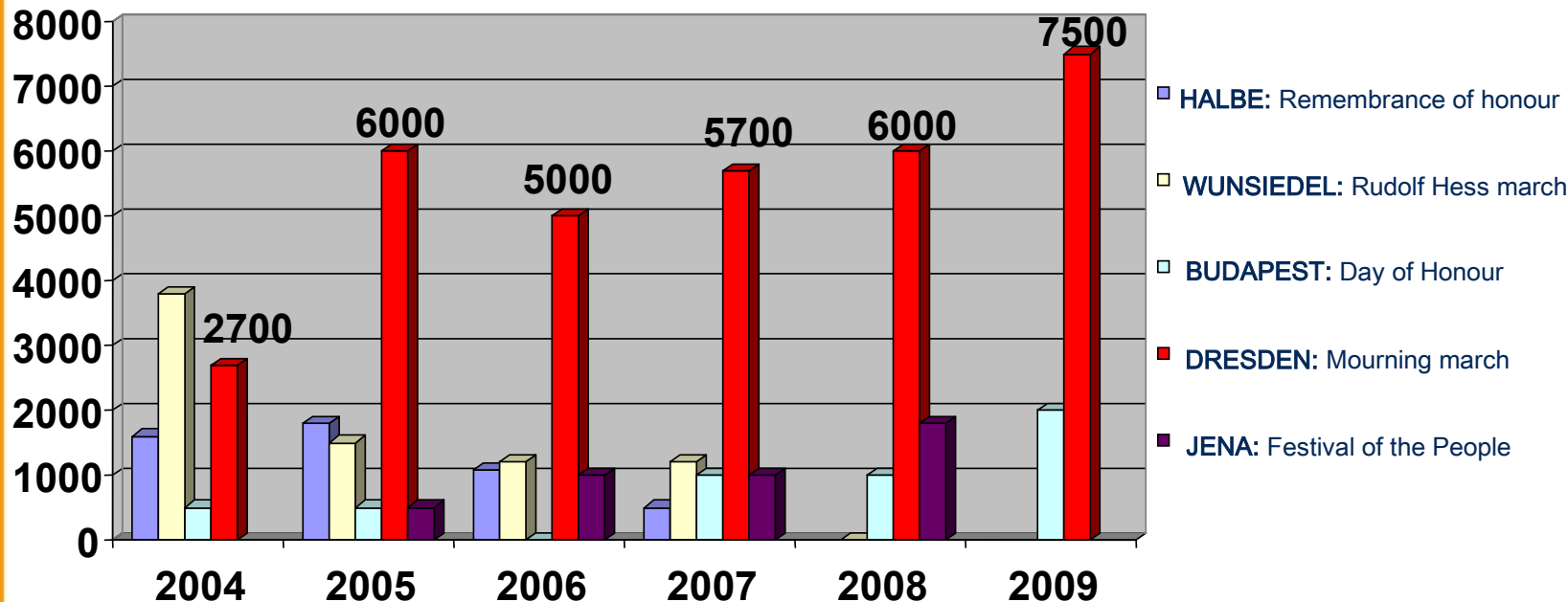
THE PERFIDY OF THE VICTIM MYTH





Dresden – Platform for the largest yearly neo-nazi demonstration

- On 14 February 2009, 7.500 neo-nazis from all over Germany and Europe participated in the largest neo-nazi demonstration in the post-war history.
- The number of participants has been increasing permanently for years.





Heide cemetery, 13 February 2009

Dominance of extreme right groups and symbols



Wreath of the extreme right NPD covers wreath of the Central Consistory of Jews in Germany

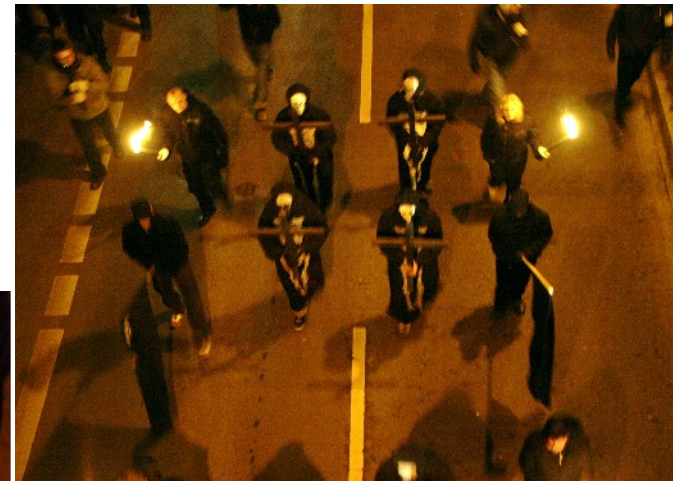


Wreath of the Liberal Free Democrats (FDP), surrounded by NPD wreaths



Torch march, 13 February 2009

- Around 1.100 demonstrators, in particular young people from Saxony
- Motto: „commemorate the victims, not the perpetrators“



Torch march of the „Aktionsbündnis gegen das Vergessen“, 13 February 2009



„Moarning march“, 14 February 2009



„Yesterday
Dresden –
today Gaza.“

Antisemitic banner: „The USA are our misfortune.“ (based on the slogan of Heinrich Treitschke, a nineteenth-century historian: „The Jews are our misfortune.“)



„Mourning march“, 14 February 2009

Speakers

- Franz Schönhuber (The Republicans):
“Winston Churchill is at the top of the war criminals for all time.”
- Holger Apfel (NPD):
„Anglo-American genocide“
- Unknown teacher:
“We must stop the one-sided commemoration, also the German victims of the war have the right to being remembered.”
- Mathias Faust (DVU):
„Dresden can be compared to a German Hiroshima.“
- Speakers from Spain, Great Britain and Slovakia



„Mourning march“, 14 February 2009

Evaluation

- biggest nazi march since 1945 (7.500 participants)
- uncritical approval by the city authorities
- peaceful protest along the demonstration route was immensely prevented by the city authorities



„Mourning march“, 14 February 2009

Evaluation

At least five serious attacks:

- Attack on counter-demonstrators during departure from Dresden
- Attack on a journalist
- Racist infringement at the Dresden central station
- Attack on departing trade union demonstrators
- Attack on youngsters in the train



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