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questions and answers

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- 2. Consider the contemp stereotype (low heat - low competence) and recall examples of Nazi propaganda. What groups are presented in this way today? What do you think is the purpose of these representations? Look for some contemporary examples of stereotypes like these the internet.**
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There is no single correct answer to this question. It would be correct to indicate groups like Jews, Asians and LGBT people (if they are presented as a conspiratorial group). It would also be correct to point out images on the internet suggesting the existence of some conspiracy or influence on state authority. Representations of this kind usually play a mobilising role as regards the electorate (the common enemy).

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There is no one correct answer here either. It would certainly be correct to indicate refugees, Roma, the homeless but also LGBT people (as long as they are presented as unpleasant or disgusting). The purpose of propaganda of this kind is to promote social marginalisation and inhibit empathy and compassion.



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During the Third Reich, conformism involved observing laws that violated human rights, subordination to Hitler and committing murders in a state of blind obedience and authoritarian aggression against groups identified by the Third Reich as enemies like Roma, Jews, homosexuals etc. Today, conformism in not questioning existing principles and treatment of minorities, obedience to party leaders or the Government even when this violates human rights and finally authoritarian aggression towards those identified as enemies (e.g. LGBT). Examples of active politicians can be identified without difficulty on the Polish political scene (e.g. the various on-the-record statements by Kaczyński, Duda, Brudziński, etc.) and also ministers and other government figures.



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4. Consider what Milgram's experiments say about subordination in everyday life? Recall situations from your everyday environment, school and social media in which people obeyed authoritarian orders and harmed others. Discuss how, in your assessment, this can be prevented?

This is basically an open question without a single correct answer. Everything that resembles a situation in which someone obeys the instructions or commands of an authority and violates moral principles or principles of compassion is an example.

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Indicating elements of conspiracy theories (backstage string-pulling, conniving, lobbying), dehumanising imagery, contempt (biological or civilizational threats) will provide good answers to these questions. This was particularly apparent in the media content of the election campaigns during the so-called migration crisis of 2015 (WSieci, DoRzeczy, Najwyższy Czas, Tygodnik Solidarność, etc.).

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