

## Dr. Gregory Stanton's 10 Stages of Genocide summary

Classification: Us versus them based on ethnicity, race, religion, or nationality

Example: German and Jew (German Jew), Hutu and Tutsi

Symbolization: Distinguishing a group by colors or style of dress

Example: Yellow Star of David

Discrimination: Dominant group holds power of another; legal, traditional, or political

Example: Nuremberg Laws in 1935

Dehumanization: One group equates another the with vermin, bugs, diseases, and animals

Organization: The use of a paramilitary or military group, typically at the state's behest

Example: militias, mobs, secret police

Polarization: Targeting 'moderates' for elimination through propaganda, law, or intimidation

Preparation: Decision to eliminate another group

Examples: The Final Solution

Persecution: Extrajudicial targeting for displacement, torture, or death

Extermination: Mass killing, mass sexual assaults

Denial: Attempts to hide evidence by perpetrators and intimidation of witnesses while often blaming the victims