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A. THE CONCEPT

1. Definition
 - a. Impersonality and Detachment from Reality
2. Bosnian Civil War
3. Euphemism for **Genocide**
 - a. **Purge** and **Elimination**
4. Similarity to **Euthanasia**

B. IDEOLOGICAL ORIGINS

1. Nineteenth-Century Racial Theory and Nationalism
 - a. **Miscegenation** (Mixed Marriages)
 - b. **Eugenics**
2. H. G. Wells

C. ITS LINGUISTIC CHARACTER

1. Public Health Analogy
2. George Orwell: "Politics and the English Language"
 - a. **Pacification**
 - b. **Transfer of Population, Rectification of Frontiers**
 - c. **Elimination of Unreliable Elements**

D. ITS ETHICAL AND PRACTICAL CHARACTER

1. Simone Weil: "The Iliad, or The Poem of Force"
2. Murder of Rwandan Orphans
3. Penitentiary Inmates

4. Hannah Arendt: "Eichmann in Jerusalem"

a. The Banality of Evil

E. IDEOLOGY AS EUPHEMISM AND RATIONALIZATION

1. "Deep Ecologists"

2. "Useless Eaters"

3. Igor Shafarevich: "Socialism Past and Future"

4. Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn on Vladimir Lenin

F. TWENTIETH CENTURY CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

1. World War I (1914-1918); World War II (1939-1945)

2. Hundreds of Brushfire Wars

3. **Pogroms** [Massacres] against Jews in the Ukraine

4. Massacre of Armenians by Turks Starting in 1894

5. Mass Starvation of Ukrainian Peasants, 1932-33

6. Deportation of Crimean Tatars to Siberia

7. **Gulags** [Prison Camps] and Concentration Camps

8. Medical Atrocities

9. The Holocaust during World War Two

10. Destruction of Major Cities by Aerial Bombing

G. CHEAPENING OF HUMAN LIFE

H. DESTRUCTION OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION