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Warmest Wishes,

Jean

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Name: _____ Date: _____


4 Corner Debate




Directions: The statements below relate to Civil Rights. **Circle** how you feel about each statement and provide evidence to justify your choice.

| STATEMENTS | HOW DO I FEEL? |
|---|--|
| Statement 1: Violence is necessary for social change. | AGREE STRONGLY AGREE DISAGREE STRONGLY DISAGREE JUSTIFY: |
| Statement 2: Human nature makes absolute equality an impossible goal. | AGREE STRONGLY DISAGREE DISAGREE STRONGLY JUSTIFY: |

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

HISTORICAL CONTEXT:

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DOCUMENT 1

Testimony of Zhou Xiuhua, survivor of the Japanese invasion of Manchuria

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According to his last words, another man surnamed Chen was also killed with him. The Japanese soldiers said he was Chinese soldier and pulled out his intestines with bayonets. My elder brother was only 20 years old then, and the man surnamed Chen was in his 30s. Soon my elder brother stopped his breathing. Later we found the body of Chen in a vegetable field, with a saber (knife) still poking into the body. The man surnamed Chen died miserably and left two mute teenage orphans.

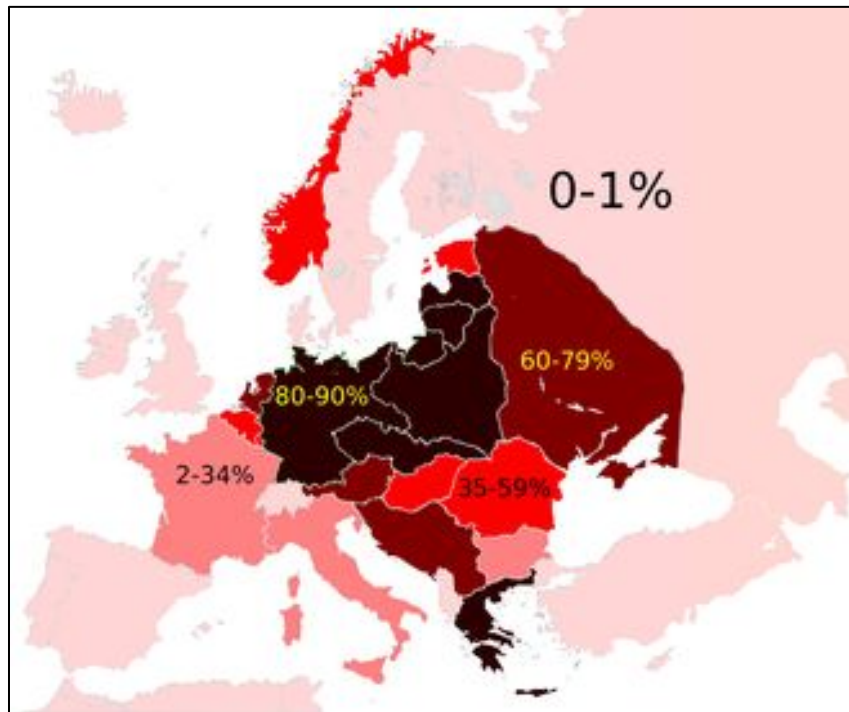
Why did the Japanese soldiers accuse Chen of being a soldier?

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"Today I will once more be a prophet: If the international Jewish financiers in and outside Europe should succeed in plunging the nations once more into a world war, then the result will not be the bolshevization (making communist) of the earth, and thus the victory of Jewry, but the annihilation of the Jewish race in Europe!" – Adolf Hitler

What is Hitler promising to do in this quote?

DOCUMENT 3



Holocaust death toll as a percentage of the total pre-war Jewish population in Europe -Source Wikipedia

Based on the map how was the European Jewish population affected by the Holocaust?

DOCUMENT 4

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How was the post-war treatment of Japanese leaders similar to Nazi leaders.

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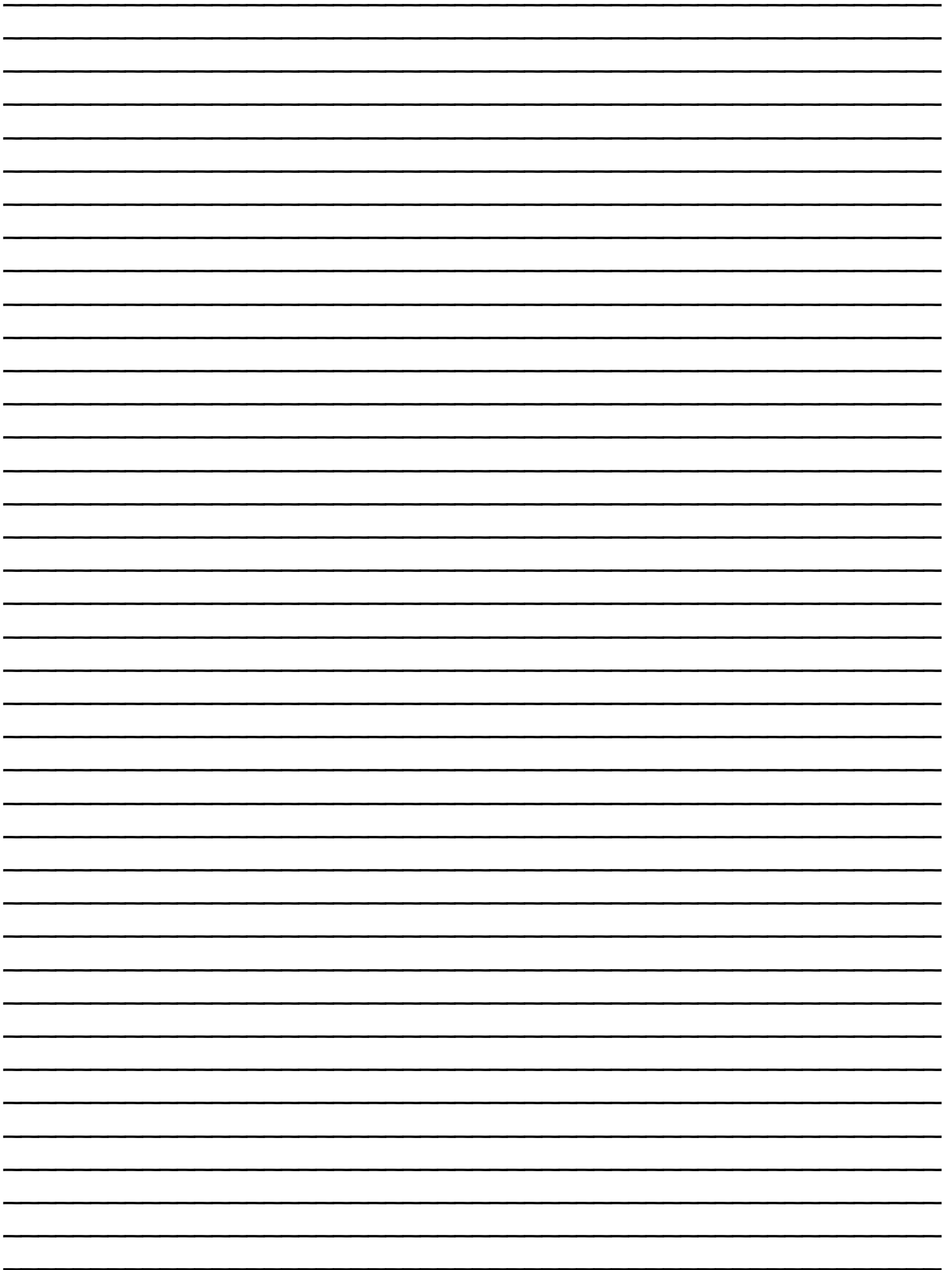
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Identify 2 laws that were violated by the defendants during the Nuremberg trials.

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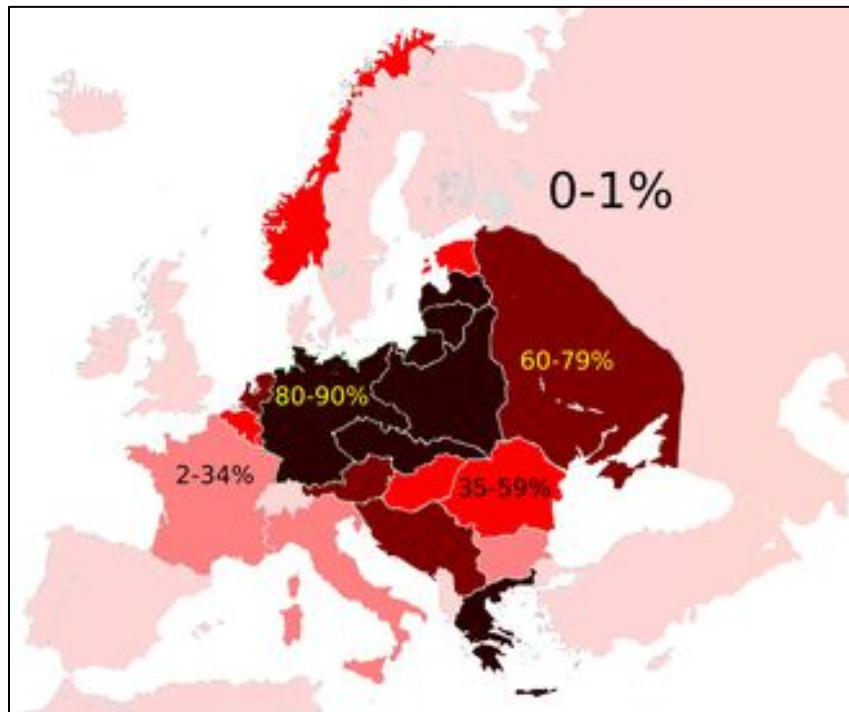
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Hitler is promising to execute all Jews because he states that the war is their fault and to stop communism from spreading.

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The European Jewish population was greatly decreased, particularly in Germany and nearby nations

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Both the Nazi and Japanese leaders were put on trial for war crimes.

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What acts of human rights violations did the Japanese commit in China?

The Japanese soldiers raped and murdered civilians and looted and burned homes.