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Shocking Photos Depict How French Women Were Punished In France For Collaborating With Nazis



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orangedogtag • 6y ago

The exact same thing happened in the netherlands too



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Whatevenhappenshere • 6y ago

It was the main reason my grandfather never got a ribbon from the queen. He left the resistance movement because he said they were behaving just as horrible as the SS had and didn't want to be a part of that. Still baffles me the rest got recognition and were applauded, even though they did something like this

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HKMasamune • 6y ago

The sad thing is that many of the men that punished these women were either "last-minute resistance" or collaborators themselves by one way or the other.



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KylesHandles • 6y ago

Exactly. The "resistance" more than quadrupled in the months following the D-Day landings. When victory looked in grasp, suddenly everyone had opposed the Nazi occupation...



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When trying to subtly play both sides suddenly becomes painfully transparent

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It's true, there are tons of stories of actual-Nazi-collaborators pointing public mobs at women who



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**ohitsasnaake** • 6y ago

Yea, this definitely reeks of, and I hate to use the term, virtue signaling. A lot or most of it likely wasn't done by Resistance members or others who had actually done something to oppose the Nazis during the occupation, but by collaborators and passive bystanders, who jumped on the opportunity to convince others and themselves that they were against the Nazis the whole time, and symbolically punished those who they knew couldn't fight back: women, many likely already in precarious social positions to begin with (if you have to get a job doing laundry for Nazi officers or even to be a live-in girlfriend for one to stay clothed and fed and have a house over your head in wartime, you likely also don't have much in the way of family or other support networks to protect you once the war was over and these "punishments" started).

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**Jeffreyrock** • 6y ago

It's honestly not that shocking really...in pretty much every nation historically treason/treachery has always drawn the most severe punishments. It's too bad all the industrialists and bankers in allied nations who

⊖ aided and made possible the Nazi war machine weren't similarly punished.

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**dfinkelstein** • 6y ago

Pretty much

Every

Always

I've never heard a historian talk like that 🤔

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sweetdaiseymae • 6y ago

I was unaware of this. Thanks for sharing

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**dratthecookies** • 6y ago

Geez. I understand the sentiment, but it seems weird that these are all women and mostly men doing the

⊖ hair cutting.

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>but it seems weird that these are all women

⊖ Because by "collaborating" they mean "they slept with Nazis to gain favor during occupation".

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Yeah I get that. But I'm sure men collaborated as well, if not sexually then politically and socially.

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Kiriikat • 6y ago

You need someone to blame and they seems to be the easiest one, you can't touch all the politics and businessmen that really did collaborate with the nazis. This really shows how horrible mob mentally is, they will turn into monsters themselves if they feel is justified, another witch hunt. I feel bad for these women, probably most of them do what they had to to survive themselves or even for their families.

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**NicholasPileggi** • 6y ago

It's not shocking if you've seen Band Of Brothers and I think it's safe to assume if you're on Reddit posting here you have.

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RepresentativeFlan • 6y ago

i think what gives me most pause for thought is how gendered these punishments are: i feel like to shave their hair and strip them naked/to their underwear is an attack on the "good" or "necessary" markers of femininity. to strip a woman naked in public feels like a double knife edge of punishment, especially considering, as others have pointed out, that some of these women's sexual encounters with nazis (some of which must definitely have been acts of rape) were presented as evidence of their "known sympathies"

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Dude the men were straight up butchered.

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Tbh this is one of the lesser horrific things that happened in ww2

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Shocking? Rather benign if you ask me. This happened all over occupied Europe.

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ka6emusha • 6y ago

Sometimes I'm not so sure there was a 'good' or 'evil' in the war, the lines can become blurred.

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DC-3 • 6y ago

What the fuck? One side were facists, the other weren't. I'm not saying these pictures represent the proudest moment of French history, but come on!

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It was a lot of shit-tier imperialists fighting each other. Americans were half on Hitler's side until Japan attacked Pearl Harbor (and US colony the Philippines, but that was edited out of FDR's address since the majority population of the Philippines isn't white and FDR thought Americans wouldn't care enough about them dying to go to war over it).

While Churchill was rightfully decrying Hitler's treatment of Jewish people, he was starving millions of Bengalis to death in India. This is also why Hitler and the Nazis are still somewhat popular in India since they opposed the British and told Indians to rise up against the people who made them slaves and were killing them at the time, and a few years later they got their independence after the war left Britain too weak to keep colonizing India. Plus all the Gandhi stuff.

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