

The Crimes of Bucha - “We were liberated but this was a new battle.”

- “Relentless in expounding the theme of vengeance against the fascist aggressor. As a result, rape, plunder and killings of civilians in Germany have been broadly explained as being [motivated by revenge](#).”
- “For women, “[political fear and shame](#) – mixed with guilt about Nazi atrocities – created a kind of code of silence.”
- “Another brutal crime committed by Soviet soldiers at the war’s end was the rape of Jewish women survivors of concentration camps, including Stutthof, Ravensbrück and [Auschwitz-Birkenau](#). The Soviet liberators of camps and forced marches terrorised survivors, many of whom had already endured imprisonment and the loss of families and homes. One Czechoslovakian-born woman survivor recalled in an interview for the [USC Shoah Foundation](#)’s Visual History Archive, “...we were liberated, but this was a new battle.”

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