



# ***How Do You Kill 11 Million People?***

## **Why the Truth Matters More than You Think**

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Or, to be precise, 11,283,000 people.

Andy Andrews believes that good answers come only from asking the right questions. Through the powerful, provocative question, "How do you kill eleven million people?"-the number of people killed by the Nazi German regime between 1933 and 1945-he explores a number of other questions relevant to our lives today:

- Does it matter that millions of ordinary citizens have checked out of participating in the decisions that shape the future of our country?
- Which is more dangerous: politicians with ill intent, or the too-trusting population that allows such people to lead them?
- How are we supposed to tell the difference between the "good guys" and the "bad guys"?
- How does the answer to this question affect not only our country but our families, our faith, and our values?
- What happens to a society in which truth is absent?

Andrew issues a wake-up call: become informed, passionate citizens who demand honesty and integrity from our leaders, or suffer the consequences of our own ignorance and apathy. Furthermore, we can no longer measure a leader's worth by the yardsticks provided by the left or the right. Instead, we must use an unchanging standard: the pure, unvarnished truth.

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## **My Synopsis:**

Short and powerful book that everyone should read. Whether you're a Democrat, Republican, or a third (not lesser) party, it's important to hold elected officials accountable for their actions. Too many people simply vote a party line without learning about the issues at hand or even understanding how the political machine works. For me, I believe that the office of the President – regardless of which party is in charge – receives too much credit and too much blame for the events that happen. It's really the Congressmen, Congresswomen, and the Senators that we elect that hold the sway in our government. As citizens, we need to demand the truth; not only from our elected officials, but from each other as well.

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- Intro The punishment which the wise suffer who refuse to take part in the government, is to live under the government of worse men. – Plato
- p.7 The past is what is real and true, while history is merely what someone recorded.
- p.21 How do you kill eleven million people? Lie to them.
- p.32 How fortunate for leaders that men do not think. Make the lie big, make it simple, keep saying it and eventually they will believe it. – Hitler
- p.32 The great masses of the people will more easily fall victim to a big lie than a small one. – Hitler
- p.33 Mothers and fathers held their voices, covered their eyes, and closed their ears. The vast majority of an educated population accepted their salaries and avoided the uncomfortable truth that lingered over them like a serpent waiting to strike.
- p.42 Speaking truth should be the least we require of our elected leaders.
- p.42 The most dangerous thing any nation faces is a citizenry capable of trusting a liar to lead them.
- p.42 ...history has shown time and again that a nation of fools is surely doomed.
- p.50 It is direction, not intention, that determines destination. – Andy Stanley
- p.54 It has become standard operating procedure for many politicians to say whatever is needed to get elected.
- p.55 They were sincere in those beliefs. But as we know now, they were sincerely wrong.
- p.59 ...each of us must stop blindly believing everything someone with an agenda says.
- p.66 It has become an accepted political strategy for politicians to tell voters the lies we want to hear.