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# Bystanders

1. Dictionaries define “bystander” as “a witness to events,” “one who is present but not taking part in what is occurring.” During the holocaust, bystanders included those, for example, who did not speak out when they witnessed the persecution of individuals targeted simply because they were Jewish, or during the phase of mass murder, did not offer shelter to Jews seeking hiding places. **Is it morally wrong to be a bystander like this?**

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2. Many ordinary Germans took advantage of the acquired Jewish businesses, homes, or belongings sold at bargain prices or benefited from reduced business competition as Jews were driven from the economy. **Could they still be considered just bystanders (one who is present but not taking part in what is occurring)**

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3. The number of “rescuers” who either actively worked to save Jews, often as part of resistance networks, or who responded to requests to shelter them, was relatively small. This form of help, if discovered, especially in Nazi Germany and occupied eastern Europe was punished by arrest and often execution. **For those who did not get involved for this reason, are they morally wrong?**

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4. In small acts of kindness, some individuals publicly embraced Jewish friends and neighbors when they were being taken from their homes to trains for “resettlement” or pressed sandwiches or blankets into their hands. Jewish survivors often vividly remembered these moments because of their humane and exceptional character. **They did not save their Jewish friends, but were they bystanders? Explain**

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5. This September 1942 German poster, issued during mass deportations to the Treblinka killing center, threatens death to anyone aiding Jews who fled the Warsaw ghetto. If someone knew of a Jew not in their mandatory Jewish residence, they had to turn them in. **If someone did not say anything to either help or to turn the Jew in, are they still just a bystander?**