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The making of the Hungarian  
Anti-Semite

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# Fight and identity

- Threat of Nothingness
- Identity and otherness
- The need to reduce uncertainty
- Ingroup loyalty and outgroup hostility
- Construction and destruction

# Ethnocentric love

- Love of the ingroup
- No room for love of strangers
- The desire to grow and to be rich
- Destructive entitlement
- Double standard

# Christian love

- Universalism
- The battle between Good and Evil
- Torture in the service of Good
- Persecution of the Jews and women

# Political love

- As a consequence of the Enlightenment the battle between Evil and Good has moved from the heaven to the earth
- Love for the nation
- Love for the party
- True believers
- Friends and enemies

# Anti-Semitic love

- Anti-Semitism as a convergence of the ethnocentric, Christian and political kinds of love
- Dichotomization of the world into „Jews” and „non-Jews”
- Utopia free of Jews
- „Good cause” justifying the means
- Lack of remorse

# Empirical test

- 2013, representative sample of 1000 respondents
- Social distance
- Political role
- Estimation of size
- Holocaust as a Hungarian tragedy
- Responsibility for the Holocaust
- Arrow Cross Party program

# Social distance

	partner	neighbor	fellow worker
• Jewish	41 %	66 %	80 %
• Roma	25 %	59 %	73 %



# Political role

- Can you imagine a Jewish Hungarian Premier?
- 43 % yes)
- What is the attitude of the majority?
- 27 % yes

# Size of the Jewish population in Hungary

Less than 100 000	1 %
Between 100 000 and 200 000	3 %
Between 200 000 and 500 000	22 %
More than 500 000	55 %
No response	19 %

# Hungarian tragedies

- Trianon Peace Treaty 68 %
- 1956 revolution 48 %
- Don River military defeat (1942) 37 %
- Hungarian Holocaust 37 %
- Battle of Mohács (1526) 26 %
- Defeat of the 1848/49 revolution 25 %
- Arrow Cross coup d'état (1944) 23 %
- Soviet occupation in 1945 14 %
- Hungarian Soviet Revolution in 1919 9 %

# Responsibility for the Holocaust (%)

Hitler, and his government	92
SS and the Gestapo	85
The Sztójay government	54
Gendermerie, public administration	49
Regent Horthy	48
Stalin	31
Rich Jews	24
Christian Churches	27
German people	27
Churchill	23
Roosevelt	22
Jewish Council	21
The Pope	18
Jewish people	9
Hungarian people	9

# Agreement with the program of the Arrow Cross Party (%)

- Limits on then monthly salaries 47
- Nationalization of private companies 21
- Classless worker's society 19
- Hungary free of Jews 15
- Planned economy 11
- Sterilization of homosexuals 7
- Singles must live in community houses 3
- Bad fathers replaced by good ones 3
- Marriage ban for persons unable to  
procreate 3
- Forced divorce of childless couples 2

# Clusters

Non anti-semites (20 %)

Covert anti-semites (34 %)

Overt anti-semites (46 %)

# Anti-Semitism and dimensions of national love

•	NonAS	CvAS	OvAS
• National sentiment	4.69	4.57	4.67
• National feeling	4.45	4.37	4.43
• National pride	4.09	4.08	4.12
• National preference	3.82	<b>4.03</b>	<b>3.99</b>
• National superiority	3.19	<b>3.41</b>	<b>3.45</b>
• Nationalism	3.17	<b>3.37</b>	<b>3.57</b>

# Anti-Semitism and national love

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- Covert anti-Semites 3.98
- Overt anti-Semites **4.05**



# Conclusion

- The results of the investigation into the attitudes toward the Jews and national love corroborate the hypothesis that there is a strong relationship between anti-Semitism and love for the national ingroup that has nothing to do with interpersonal love rather it is a passionate love for the imagined nation seen darkly in the glass of national ideology.

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