

# Discorso negazionista e libertà di espressione

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## *Denialism and Freedom of Expression*

*Abstract:* This paper explores forms and contents of Holocaust denial, which is presented as a puzzling discourse both in epistemic and moral terms. This explains the deep debate around 1) how to consider this kind of discourse; 2) whether and how it is justifiable to ban it. I argue that the question of freedom of expression and of its peripheral or pivotal relevance as a political value plays a large role in the normative evaluation of the available restrictivistic answers. I will consider, as possible answers, penalization (restricting Holocaust denial as a criminal discourse), epistemic rebuttal (restricting Holocaust denial as a false discourse) and political rejection (restricting Holocaust denial as hate speech). The conclusion will be that restrictivistic answers are unconvincing because the only countermeasure to false discourse is more discourse.

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