As many countries in Europe “swing right,” the way in which the Holocaust is recalled has become contentious. For example, there is currently a movement in Croatia to rehabilitate the Ustasha, the Croatian fascist movement during the Holocaust, which was responsible for the mass-murder of Serbs, Jews, and Roma. In Poland, an ultimately failed attempt to criminalize holding the Polish nation responsible for the atrocities committed on Polish soil during World War II has created an international controversy. And throughout eastern and central Europe, the crimes committed by Nazi Germany are being equated with those committed under Communist rule. These are just some examples of how the Holocaust has become embroiled in 21st century quests to develop national identities.

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