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Jan and I had nine students who joined the first session. We spent the first half hour getting to know each other along with learning about their expectations about the seminars and what they hoped to learn. We are not teaching a "fact based" or historical approach to the Shoah, although we do rely upon factual information from time to time. More so, we have designed the course to be a discourse or a discussion about major issues outlined in the syllabus that I sent you all regarding the seminars. We will rely more on asking good questions that generate good discussions.

One major aspect that emerged from the first seminar was the political parallels between the current situation in the US and the past of Nazi Germany. We are not focusing on the political but the psychological, ideological, or philosophical underpinnings of the run-up and implementation of Nazi policies as seen in the Shoah. Our next seminar will focus on "bystanders."

Many in the course have greater knowledge and experience with this subject matter than we do, so we have taken a humble learning stance as we facilitate the seminars.

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Steven,
How was the class you taught?

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