



## 2006–2007 DARFUR OP-ED WRITING CONTEST

*First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.*

—Attributed to Pastor Martin Niemöller, a German minister imprisoned during World War II for opposing the Nazi party

Pastor Niemöller's words on the walls of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum are a reminder of the world's silence during the Holocaust. This powerful statement challenges us to speak out about the genocide in Darfur today.

**For nearly two years students have spoken out and played a key role in the movement to end genocide in Darfur, but the situation on the ground continues to deteriorate. What *more* can students do to stop the genocide?**

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Committee on Conscience is asking high school and university students to write an op-ed article responding to the question above. Publish your piece in your school or local newspaper and enter it in the Committee on Conscience's Darfur Op-Ed Writing Contest.

**Have your op-ed judged by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Illinois Senator Barack Obama, and *New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristof.**

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Committee on Conscience has declared a Genocide Emergency for the Darfur region of Sudan. To learn more about the Holocaust, genocide, and the work of the Museum, visit [www.ushmm.org](http://www.ushmm.org).

The Committee on Conscience was established by the United States Holocaust Memorial Council to alert the national conscience, influence policy-makers, and stimulate worldwide action to confront and work to halt acts of genocide and related crimes against humanity.

Win a trip to Washington, D.C., where you will have the opportunity to tour the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and attend the Days of Remembrance ceremony in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda.

**Visit [www.ushmm.org/conscience/darfur-contest](http://www.ushmm.org/conscience/darfur-contest) for contest details, entry form, and to read the winning op-eds from last year's contest.**

The contest is open to all students currently enrolled in a secondary school, college, or graduate program.

Editorials must be published by a school or local newspaper between September 1, 2006, and March 1, 2007. Entries must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2007.

For suggestions on how to write an op-ed, visit [www.ushmm.org/conscience/darfur-contest](http://www.ushmm.org/conscience/darfur-contest).