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This is the first systematic exploration of the nature and extent of sympathy for Nazi Germany at American universities during the 1930s. Universities were highly influential in shaping public opinion, and many of the nation's most prominent university administrators refused to take a principled stand against the Hitler regime. Universities welcomed Nazi officials to campus and participated enthusiastically in student exchange programs with Nazified universities in Germany. American educators helped Nazi Germany improve its image in the West as it intensified its persecution of the Jews and strengthened its armed forces. The study contrasts the significant American grassroots protest against Nazism that emerged as soon as Hitler assumed power with campus quiescence, and with administrators' frequently harsh treatment of those students and professors who challenged their determination to maintain friendly relations with Nazi Germany.

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## Abbreviations

AAUP	American Association of University Professors
ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union
ACUA	American Catholic History Research Center and University Archives
ADL	Anti-Defamation League
AFL	American Federation of Labor
AJC	American Jewish Committee
AJCongress	American Jewish Congress
AL	Alexander Library
ALDJR	American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights
ASU	American Student Union
AUA	American University Archives
BL	Butler Library
BMCA	Bryn Mawr College Archives
BTCI	Board of Trustees Committee, Investigation of the Charges of Lienhard Bergel
CCNY	City College of New York
CF	Central Files
CU	Columbia University
CUACL	Columbia University Archives – Columbian Library, Low Library
CURBML	Columbia University Rare Book and Manuscript Library
EC	Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced German Scholars



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FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FC	Foreign Counterintelligence
FS	Foreign Study
FSPDS	Records of Foreign Service Posts of the Department of State
FSR	Foreign Study Records
FUA	Fordham University Archives
GLLD	German Language and Literature Department
HAA	Harvard Athletic Association
HLSP	Herbert Lehman Suite and Papers
HUA	Harvard University Archives
ICASR	Intercollegiate Committee to Aid Student Refugees
IPA	Institute of Public Affairs
JBCPP	James B. Conant Presidential Papers
JGMP	James G. McDonald Papers
JHU	Johns Hopkins University
JRAPP	James R. Angell Presidential Papers
JSS	Jewish Students Society
JTA	Jewish Telegraphic Agency
JWV	Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America
LC	Library of Congress
MAD	Manuscripts and Archives Division
MHCA	Mount Holyoke College Archives
MIT	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
MSEL	Milton S. Eisenhower Library
NA	National Archives
NCCJ	National Conference of Christians and Jews
NCWC	National Catholic Welfare Conference
NJC	New Jersey College for Women
NSANL	Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights
NSL	National Student League
NYPL	New York Public Library
NYU	New York University
OAF	Office Administrative Files
QCA	Queens College Archives
RBML	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
RG	Record Group

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ROP	Records of the Office of the President
RU	Rutgers University
RUBTME	Rutgers University Board of Trustees, Minutes and Enclosures 1935
SA	<i>Sturmabteilung</i>
SC	Special Collections
SCA	Smith College Archives
SCRC	Special Collections Research Center
SCUA	Special Collections and University Archives
SL	Sterling Library
UC	University of Chicago
UCLA	University of California at Los Angeles
UDA	University of Delaware Archives
UFA	Universum-Film Aktiengesellschaft
UN	United Nations
UVA	University of Virginia
VCA	Vassar College Archives
VFW	Veterans of Foreign Wars
WYC	World Youth Congress
YU	Yale University
YWCA	Young Women's Christian Association