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Online store slammed for selling Auschwitz skirts - 11th May, 2019

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A website is being criticized for selling items with images of Auschwitz - the Nazi concentration camp. The site apologized for selling skirts and other products and is taking "immediate action to remove" them. The Auschwitz Memorial Museum called this "disturbing and disrespectful". It questioned the acceptability of using such images. It called Auschwitz, "a place of enormous human tragedy where over 1.1 million people were murdered."

Over 1.3 million people were sent to Auschwitz in German-occupied Poland during World War II. Around 1.1 million of them were killed. Over 90% were Jews. Poles, Romani and Russian prisoners of war also died, mostly in the gas chambers. Others died of starvation, hard labor and disease. The site said it, "takes a strong stance against...the atrocities committed". A Twitter user said it was, "disrespectful to the memories of those murdered by the Nazis".

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A website has come under criticism for selling items with images of Auschwitz - the Nazi concentration camp. The website Redbubble has apologized for selling skirts, pillows and other products with photos of Auschwitz printed on them. The Auschwitz Memorial Museum called the products "disturbing and disrespectful". It questioned the acceptability of selling products like pillows, skirts or bags with the images. It called Auschwitz, "a place of enormous human tragedy where over 1.1 million people were murdered." Redbubble is taking "immediate action to remove" the items.

At least 1.3 million people were sent to Auschwitz in German-occupied Poland during World War II. Over 90 per cent were Jews. The Nazis murdered 1.1 million of the detainees between 1940-45. Poles, Romani, Russian prisoners of war and others also died, mostly in the gas chambers. Others died of starvation, hard labor and disease. Redbubble said it, "takes a strong stance against...the atrocities committed in Nazi concentration camps". A Twitter user wrote: "How very disrespectful to the memories of those murdered by the Nazis and the pain of their families."

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An online store has come under a storm of criticism for selling items with images of Auschwitz-Birkenau - the Nazi German concentration camp. The website Redbubble has apologized for selling skirts, pillows, bags and other products that had photos of Auschwitz printed on them. The Auschwitz Memorial Museum tweeted that the products were "disturbing and disrespectful". It asked: "Do you really think that selling such products as pillows, mini skirts or tote bags with the images of Auschwitz - a place of enormous human tragedy where over 1.1 million people were murdered - is acceptable?" Redbubble quickly responded and said it was taking "immediate action to remove" the items.

It is estimated that at least 1.3 million people were sent to and incarcerated in the concentration camp in German-occupied Poland during World War II. Over 90 per cent of these were Jews. The Nazis murdered 1.1 million of the detainees between 1940-45. Poles, Romani, Russian prisoners of war and others were also killed. Most of the 1.1 million died in the gas chambers. Others died of starvation, hard labor and disease. Redbubble said it, "takes a strong stance against racism and violence, including the atrocities committed in Nazi concentration camps". A Twitter user wrote: "How very disrespectful to the memories of those murdered by the Nazis and the pain of their families."