

NOT JUST A QUESTION OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS OR OF EXPRESSION SECULARISM AND DENIAL¹

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The concept of secularism is very complex to manage in the social as in the culture let alone in politics where the exhibition space and to have a very broad impact.²

With the layman's term and secularism means, respectively, 'Who inspired to laicismo □ but also ' those who do not ricevutogli sacerdotali. □ orders for secularism, however, 'ideological stance born in the Enlightenment that promotes the independence of the citizens by the ecclesiastical authorities. Inside of modern constitutional systems³, the Church has interpreted this principle as anti-clericalism but within the limits of non-interference is accepted.

To Holocaust denial: «A term that indicates a current anti-historical and anti-scientific revisionism which, through the unscrupulous and ideological use of a historiographical skepticism carried to the extreme, is not limited to reinterpret certain phenomena of contemporary history but, spec. with reference to some events related to fascism and Nazism (eg., the establishment of the concentration camps in Nazi Germany), goes so far as to deny its existence.»

«If you consult the most common vocabulary of the Italian language, it can be held that the term "secularism" means the " no connection to the church hierarchy or religious confessions" and that of "secularism" refers to the " attitude which advocates the independence and autonomy of the State to the Church, political, civil, cultural »(cf.. Devoto-Oli G., GC, Dictionary of the Italian language, II ed., Florence, 1975)»⁴

Prof. C. Vercelli, for example, was responsible for the presence of the Holocaust denial in Italian history with the publication of the book *The Holocaust denial. History of a Lie*. «C. V.: In dealing with history facing the facts of history I found it difficult even rebuild them because the facts never speak of themselves but they speak with the language of the meanings we deliver to them. I met repeatedly with those with certain ones do because I relevant to the history of mankind deny or distort to the point that meaning that instead would sometimes be shared. Very often occupandomi history of deportation not only of those of racial Holocaust more properly of the Shoah story I had to deal even indirectly with those who respect those events accurately net deny them At first the reaction I've had has been to pay no attention to these deniers beyond measure because it is undeniable that before certain obsessive repetitions of denial takes a critical reading of the sources there is an obstinate hostility after I raised the issue to figure out what a side is the logical structure of denial then'm doing also understand to understand the reason why the structure of its persistence over time. And then also because the task of the historian is the history of Holocaust denial. Because in any case it has its own history over several decades, the authors of reference, has displays of some importance, has had a media fallout this was the most significant aspect you want with the web for political reasons has found a new ground of the event.»⁵

1. Rosaria Di Girolamo <https://strateghia2.wordpress.com/2016/06/03/laicita-e-negazionismo/>

2. Sergio Lariccia. *Abstract*.2014.

3. *Ibidem*. §3

4. *Ad vocem* Enciclopedia Treccani on line.

5. © copyrighr (LeFou!) LIVE! il negazionismo.2013.

Cfr. A.Giannuli. Cfr. I.Spigno,2014 Cfr. Giannuli: Revisionismo Di Sinistra E Ruolo Provocatorio Di Moffa
Mercoledì, Novembre 03,2010 <http://www.fascinazione.info/2010/11/giannuli-revisionismo-di-sinistra-e.html>

The historical cases Irving and Faurisson began the debate in Italy, not only in science, but also the legislative. Yesterday, for example, at the European level it is suggested by the judgment issued by the European Parliament with the ultimate resolution to use the term **Genocide** by the issue of the massacre carried out in 1915 by the Young Turk movement on the Armenian communities.

In Italy, the historiographical and legislative debate has started in 2007 when: «... the then Minister of Justice Clemente Mastella, to put Italy on par with other European systems»⁶ but while this legislative Italian remained a case apart; the misuse of the term Holocaust denial is taken up by the media for pure political manipulation careless and demonstrating ignorance of the science that characterizes it and those who profess it.⁷

Implicitly in the background it could be born the idea of secularism that if used properly is a great tool for dialogue.

6. Cfr. A.Giannuli. Cfr. I.Spigno,2014

7. Cfr. **Giannuli: Revisionismo Di Sinistra E Ruolo Provocatorio Di Moffa** Mercoledì, Novembre 03,2010
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