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Gentlemen:

In Robert N. Rosen's new book *Saving the Jews: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Holocaust*, he impugns the patriotism of scholars, including Prof. David S. Wyman, who have taken issue with the Roosevelt administration's response to the Holocaust. Mr. Rosen accuses these scholars of promoting "an anti-American version of history" (p.332) and engaging in "America-bashing." (p.324)

As scholars who have written about the Holocaust, we protest Mr. Rosen's attempt to demean the motives of reputable historians who have documented important facts about how America responded to the Nazi genocide.

Does your publishing house really mean to suggest that questioning the policies of a particular administration is grounds for branding a scholar "anti-American" ? Such name-calling and invective are deplorable, false, and have no place in serious discussion of the Roosevelt administration's response to one of the greatest moral crises of the Twentieth Century.

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