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The understanding of the history of the Shoah is very largely biased by a set of erroneous representations that are deeply rooted. Some of these have been present since the end of the Second World War, while others have emerged as a result of polemics that have emerged over the decades. The understanding of the Shoah, and more broadly of the fate of the Jews during the Second World War, requires a necessary deconstruction of these representations, which fuel a number of confusions. Questioning some of these erroneous ideas allows us to show the mechanisms of memory construction that generate an impression of knowledge and at the same time to recontextualize the reasons for the construction of such representations.

Among the many misconceptions that weigh down this understanding, we will address five that are essential:

- The concentration camps, sites of the Holocaust
- The Jews did not resist
- There are no photos of the Holocaust
- There are no gas chambers left to be seen
- The Allies did nothing/Bombing Auschwitz

