

# Comparing la limpieza de sangre and the Nuremberg laws ?

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The Spanish translation, in 1999, of Benzion Netanyahu's extensive study on the *Origins of the Spanish Inquisition in Fifteenth-Century Spain* triggered some negative reactions among Spanish historians due to the fact that in a final appendix to his book Netanyahu reflects upon the similarities between Nazism and the historical Spanish Statutes of purity of blood. This controversy became the starting point of my book *Ni una gota de sangre impura. La España inquisitorial y la Alemania nazi cara a cara* (Galaxia Gutenberg, 2006). The aim is to show how a constructive comparative perspective on both phenomena, Nazism and Spanish Inquisition, can contribute to better understand the mechanisms of ethnic nationalism and its violent consequences. Gaining insight in the anthropological, social and political logic and dynamics of ethnonationalism helps to uncover the worldview of the current European New Right.

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