

# The 1933 Nazi Playbook That Explains Why ABC Cancelled ..

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This is too important, and frightening, not to share:

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The speaker is Tad Stoermer, an academic historian who suggests he is:

- \* Torching lies
- \* Teaching resistance
- \* Explaining revolution.

He is the author of 'A Resistance History of the United States' (Steerforth Press, 2026).  
He is a lecturer at Johns Hopkins University and a visiting scholar at the University of Southern Denmark.

This is a summary of the transcript, produced by AI:

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### Summary — Trump declared “Antifa” terrorists

(video by Todd Sturmer)

**TL;DR:** Todd Stoermer argues that after Trump labelled “Antifa” terrorists, major institutions (media, corporations, universities, unions) rushed to demonstrate loyalty — voluntarily pre-empting dissent in a pattern he likens to the Nazi-era tactic of coordinated self-submission (Gleichschaltung). That vagueness — designating an idea rather than an organisation — creates a chilling, pre-emptive machinery of repression

where everyone polices everyone else.

## Key points

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**Trigger event:** Trump labels anti-fascist activists (“Antifa”) as terrorists; within days ABC pulled Jimmy Kimmel and other outlets pre-empted or altered programming, Sinclair even scheduling a tribute special and demanding apologies/donations.

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**Corporate race to comply:** Media owners (and other institutions) aren’t being ordered — they’re competing to show loyalty (partly for reasons like pending FCC approvals/mergers), demonstrating the speed and voluntariness of the response.

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**Historical analogy — Nazi playbook:** Sturmer invokes the Nazi tactic of making examples and letting the rest of civic life align itself voluntarily. He stresses the mechanism: ambiguity + fear = institutions self-purging to prove loyalty.

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**Ambiguity weaponised:** “Antifa” is, he says, a mentality or way of thinking rather than a formal organisation, so declaring it a terrorist threat lets institutions define the danger loosely and punish or ostracise anyone perceived as connected.

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**Social enforcement:** Celebrities, sports teams, corporate boards and HR departments issue identical statements and policing, while activists launch campaigns to get people fired, producing pre-emptive censure without legal definitions or trials.

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**Universities and workplaces at risk:** Examples of firings/audits are cited; academic syllabi and social media histories become grounds for punishment if someone is marked “Antifa-adjacent.”

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**A faster, digital danger:** Sturmer warns this process is quicker and more absolute than 1933 because digital records, corporate liability, and social media accelerate detection and punishment — institutions “volunteer” repression rather than being forced.

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**Closing warning:** The constitution and institutional safeguards are weakened not by a

single violent purge but by institutions racing to prove allegiance — creating the infrastructure of repression through compliance rather than coercion.

**Tone/intent:** The video is a polemical, alarmed warning — drawing historical parallels to warn that voluntary institutional compliance driven by vague accusations can erode civic freedoms rapidly.