

Whoopi Goldberg Apologizes for Saying Holocaust Was 'Not About Race'

The actress Whoopi Goldberg has apologized for saying the Holocaust was not about race, comments that caused a backlash.

She made the initial comments on ABC's *The View* program on Monday morning. Her apology came in a tweet hours later

The hosts on *The View* were discussing a Tennessee school board's banning of *Maus*, a graphic novel about the Nazi death camps during World War Two. The board cited nudity and profanity as its reasons for banning the book, which has won several literary awards, including a Pulitzer Prize.

Goldberg said: "I'm surprised that's what made you uncomfortable, the fact that there was some nudity. I mean, it's about the Holocaust, the killing of 6 million people, but that didn't bother you? If you're going to do this, then let's be truthful about it. Because the Holocaust isn't about race. No, it's not about race."

Joy Behar said that the Nazis said Jews were a different race.

"But it's not about race. It's not. It's about man's inhumanity to other man," Goldberg replied.

Ana Navarro responded: "But it's about white supremacy. It's about going after Jews and Gypsies and Roma."

Goldberg said: "But these are two white groups of people."
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Sara Haines pointed out that the Nazis didn't see Jewish

people as white.

“But you’re missing the point!” Goldberg said. “The minute you turn it into race, it goes down this alley. Let’s talk about it for what it is. It’s how people treat each other. It’s a problem.”

Greenblatt thanked Goldberg late Monday night.

“Thanks @WhoopiGoldberg for correcting your prior statement and acknowledging the #Holocaust for what it was. As #antisemitism surges to historic levels, I hope we can work together to combat ignorance of that horrific crime and the hate that threatens all,” he tweeted. {eoa}

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