

NIXON HATED THE JEWS RECORDS SHOW: "THE JEWS ARE BORN SPIES"

Conspiracy theories, as Richard Hofstadter noted, can target any demographic group. Nixon's targeted three: Jews, intellectuals, and Ivy Leaguers. Nixon privately called all three groups "arrogant" and said they placed themselves "above the law." By telling himself that Jews, intellectuals and Ivy Leaguers were immoral, even criminal, Nixon gave himself permission to do immoral, even criminal, things to any Jew, intellectual or Ivy Leaguer whom he feared could cause him political harm.

NB: This clips contains expressions of opinions that many people will find offensive.

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(President Nixon): All of the Jewish families are close, but there's this strange malignancy now that seems to creep among them. I don't know, the radicalism. I can imagine how the fact that Ellsberg is in this must really tear a fellow like Henry to pieces, or Garment, you know. Just like the Rosenbergs and all that. That just has to kill him. And you feel horrible about it.

(Ronald Ziegler): Couldn't be a guy by name of Snyder.

(President Nixon): There ain't none.

(H.R. Haldeman): It would've been a Rosenstein that changed his name. ▾

