Center Seven:

War Crimes Editorial Assignment Sheet: You Weigh In…

The Simon Wiesenthal Center's chief Nazi hunter, Efraim Zuroff, commented that "The verdict [of John Demjanjuk, a former Nazi death camp guard,] sends a very powerful message that, even many years after the crimes of the Holocaust the perpetrators can be brought to justice. . . We're hopeful that this verdict will pave the way for additional prosecutions in Germany."

But should it? After reading the two articles about former Nazi officers being arrested, tried, and convicted decades after their alleged crimes against Jewish prisoners in German death camps, consider your own opinion.

These crimes occurred 70 years ago and the people responsible are now nearing the end of their lives…Should they still be held accountable for their actions? Write an editorial for the local newspaper in which you explain your reasoning, using examples whenever possible.

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