

War, Politics and Morality.

The Spanish Catholic Church and World War II.

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Abstract.

This thesis starts from the proposition that moral and ideological issues now drive the continuing intense interest in World War II. There has been an increasing challenge to the probity of the response of both opponents and bystanders to the threat raised by Nazism. The thesis views these issues from the viewpoint of the Spanish Catholic Church, an institution involved in yet detached from the war, having morality as its core concern yet itself struggling to reconcile moral principles with political imperatives. Such tensions might illuminate, in particular, the similar struggles of the Western Allies.

This study has been set against a background of historiographical development. It has considered the evolution of Catholic teaching on the morality of war and threats posed to the Church in the early twentieth Century political world of conflicting ideologies. In Spain, the Church, quintessentially Spanish yet inspiring extremes of devotion and hatred in Spain's total, ideological Civil War, had been devastated by that struggle. In defending its urgent spiritual priorities during a new European war, it faced many challenges that necessitated reactions involving complex interplay of morality and politics. Not only was its relationship with the victorious Franco regime uncertain but it feared the infiltration into Spain of any of the European war's contending ideologies- Fascism and Nazism, Communism and liberal democracy. The thesis describes the Church's response.

This work also takes the view that the intensity of the ideological struggle made World War II a war of unprecedented totality. This study examines the attitudes of the Spanish Church to aspects of total war. It concludes that, although the responses of the Spanish Church reveal interplay of the moral and the political, these reactions shed some light upon questions of war and morality still asked today.

Declaration.

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Glossary of Terms.

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| Acción Católica | Catholic Action. |
| Annales | originally French historical school aiming at „encompassing“ rather than „compartmentalized“ history. |
| Caudillo | Leader. |
| Carta Colectiva | Collective Episcopal pastoral letter. |
| Desmorizaciones | State sequestration of Church property. |
| División Azúl. | Blue Division. |
| Forastero | Strange and/or foreign. |
| Guerra Civil | Civil War. |
| Hispanidad | Linguistic and cultural affinity between Spanish speaking communities. |
| Maquisards | French resitants. |
| Movimiento | Political movement. |
| País vasco | Basque country. |
| Reconquista | Reconquest. |
| Regalism | State power in religious matters |
| Sefardíes | Jews of Spanish origin. |

Abbreviations for Sources.

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| ADSS | Actes et Documents du San Siege. |
| AGA | Archivo General de Administración. |
| AMAE | Archivo, Ministerio del Asuntos Exteriores. |
| BHS | Bulletin of Hispanic Studies. |
| BNE | Biblioteca Nacional de España. |
| CDI | Colegio de Ingleses- Valladolid. |
| DIHGF | Documentos Inéditos Historia del Generalísimo Franco. |
| DGFP | Documents in German Foreign Policy. |
| FNFF | Fundación Nacional Francisco Franco. |
| FRUS | Foreign Relations of the United States. |
| ICS | Institución Columbina, Sevilla. |
| NAUK | National Archives of the United Kingdom. |
| RFP | Review of the Foreign Press. |
| RIIA | Royal Institute of International Affairs. |
| WPIS | Weekly Political Intelligence Summaries. |