

18 U.S. Code § 1091 - Genocide

(a) Basic Offense.—Whoever, whether in time of peace or in time of war and with the specific intent to destroy, in whole or in [substantial part](#), a national, ethnic, racial, or [religious group](#) as such—

- (1) kills [members](#) of that group;
- (2) causes serious bodily injury to [members](#) of that group;
- (3) causes the permanent impairment of the mental faculties of [members](#) of the group through drugs, torture, or similar techniques;
- (4) subjects the group to conditions of life that are intended to cause the physical destruction of the group in whole or in part;
- (5) imposes measures intended to prevent births within the group; or
- (6) transfers by force [children](#) of the group to another group; shall be punished as provided in subsection (b)

(b) Punishment for Basic Offense.—The punishment for an offense under subsection (a) is—

- (1) in the case of an offense under subsection (a)(1), where death results, by death or imprisonment for life and a fine of not more than \$1,000,000, or both; and
- (2) a fine of not more than \$1,000,000 or imprisonment for not more than twenty years, or both, in any other case.

(c) Incitement Offense.— Whoever directly and publicly [incites](#) another to violate subsection (a) shall be fined not more than \$500,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

(d) Attempt and Conspiracy.— Any person who attempts or conspires to commit an offense under this section shall be punished in the same manner as a person who completes the offense.

(e) Jurisdiction.—There is jurisdiction over the offenses described in subsections (a), (c), and (d) if—

- (1) the offense is committed in whole or in part within the United States; or
- (2) regardless of where the offense is committed, the alleged offender is—
 - (A) a national of the United States (as that term is defined in section 101 of the [Immigration and Nationality Act \(8 U.S.C. 1101\)](#));
 - (B) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States (as that term is defined in section 101 of the [Immigration and Nationality Act \(8 U.S.C. 1101\)](#));

(C) a stateless person whose habitual residence is in the United States; or
(D) present in the United States.

(f) Nonapplicability of Certain Limitations.—

Notwithstanding section 3282, in the case of an offense under this section, an indictment may be found, or information instituted, at any time without limitation.

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