

# Large Archive Of Hannah Arendt's Papers Digitized By The Library Of Congress: Read Her Lectures, Drafts Of Articles, Notes & Correspondence

Many people read the German-Jewish political philosopher and journalist [Hannah Arendt](#) as something of an oracle, a secular prophet whose most famous works—her essay on [the trial of Adolf Eichmann](#) and her 1951 [Origins of Totalitarianism](#)—contain secrets about our own times of high nationalist fervor. And indeed they may, but we should also keep in mind that Arendt's insights into the horrors of Nazism did not emerge until after the war.

Arendt did not identify as Jewish during the Nazi's rise to power, but as a fully assimilated German; she had a [romantic relationship with her professor Martin Heidegger](#), who became a doctrinaire Nazi, and she seemed to have little understanding of German antisemitism during the thirties and forties. Arendt, many have alleged, sometimes seemed too close to her subject.

*The archives:* <http://www.openculture.com/2014/02/hannah-arendt-archives.html>