

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester I, 1993-1994

The History of National Socialism

History 415

3 cr. Sophomores and above

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Political, social, cultural and economic factors in the rise of the Hitler movement after World War I. The structure and ethos of the National Socialist German Workers Party during the Weimar Republic and after January 30, 1933. The impact of national socialism on German political institutions, economy, social structure and culture; and responses to national socialism by Germans and non-Germans. Nazi foreign policy and preparation for war, military doctrine and racist imperialism. Reasons for the defeat and collapse of the Hitler dictatorship; long-term consequences and implications for Germany today and for other modernizing societies.

There will be three presentations a week with opportunity for questions and discussion within a relaxed lecture format. There will be two examinations of equal length (approximately two hours) consisting of two essays and some map identifications. Essay topics and map information will be announced ahead of time, with choices of essays in the exams. Each examination will count 50% of the course grade. The first examination will be held October 31, 1993 at 7:00 p.m., location to be announced. The second exam will cover only the part of the course after the first examination.

Students wishing honors credit and all graduate students must also be enrolled in the research seminar meeting Wednesdays at 9:55, during which selected topics will be discussed, reported on, and ultimately become the topic of research papers for group evaluation in the last weeks of the semester. A limited number of additional undergraduates will be authorized to join the seminar for 1, 2 or 3 credits via History 699. Applications will be accepted during the first week of the semester.

All assignments are available on three-hour reserve at Helen White Library. The following books are recommended for purchase because of their extensive use in the course.

Allen, William	The Nazi Seizure of Power
Browning, Christopher	Ordinary Men
Bullock, Alan	Hitler. A Study in Tyranny
Burleigh, Michael and Wolfgang Wippermann (B&W)	The Racial State. Germany 1933-1945
Dziewanowski, M.K.	War at Any Price, 2nd ed.
Koehl, Robert	The Black Corps
Weinberg, Gerhard	The Foreign Policy of Hitler's
	Germany, vol. II (1937-1939) OUT OF PRINT

Schedule of Lectures and Assignments

Wed.5 Sep.	Organization	--
Fri.7 Sep.	German Nationalism	B&W, 1-22 Koehl, xiii-xxiv
Mon.10 Sep.	Antecedents	B&W, 23-43 H.Becker, German Youth, Bond or Free, 1-105
Wed.12 Sep.	War and Revolution	Hitler, Mein Kampf Part I, ch.5-8; A.J.Nichols, Weimar and the Rise of Hitler, 1-62
Fri.14 Sep.	Humble Beginnings	Bullock, Hitler, 64-100; D.Orlow, History of the Nazi Party 1919-1933, 1-37
Mon.17 Sep.	1923	Bullock, 100-120; Orlow, 38-45
Wed.19 Sep.	Decay and Resurrection	Bullock, 120-140; Orlow, 46-75
Fri.21 Sep.	Political Soldiers	Mein Kampf, Part II, ch.7-9 Koehl, 3-17
Mon.24 Sep	SA and SS	Koehl, 18-35; James Diehl, Paramilitary Politics in the Weimar Republic, 199-243
Wed.26 Sep.	The Urban Plan	Orlow, 76-127; Jeremy Noakes, Conflict and Development of the NSDAP, 1924-27, 3-36
Fri.28 Sep.	The New Strategy	Michael Kater, The Nazi Party, A Social Profile, 37-50; Joseph Nyomarky, Charisma and Factionalism in the Nazi Party, 7-141
Mon. 1 Oct.	1930	Kater, 51-71; Allen, 35-100
Wed. 3 Oct.	SA Revolts	Orlow, 199-238; Koehl, 36-46
Fri. 5 Oct.	The SS Emerges	Kater, 165-189; Koehl, 47-59
Mon. 8 Oct.	The Elections of 1932	R.F.Hamilton, Who Voted for Hitler, 309-360; Allen, 109-138
Wed.10 Oct.	The "Deal" of 1933	Bullock, 187-250; Allen, 141-208
Fri.12 Oct.	1933: Seizure of Power	Bullock, 253-289; Allen, 141-208

Mon. 15 Oct. The Roehm Purge Bullock, 289-311; Koehl, 75-101

Wed. 17 Oct. Gleichschaltung Allen, 208-271; K.D. Bracher, The Nazi Dictatorship, 201-236

Fri. 19 Oct. Rearmament Gerhard Weinberg, The Foreign Policy of Hitler's Germany, vol. I (1933-1935), 159-238

Mon. 22 Oct. Reichsfuehrer SS and Chief of the German Police Koehl, 102-141, H. Hoehne, The Order of the Death's Head, 161-225

Wed. 24 Oct. Gauleiters and Reichsleiters Albert Speer, Inside the Third Reich, ch. 3-4, 7-9 D. Orlow, History of the Nazi Party, 1933-1945 (hereafter vol. II), 139-192

Fri. 26 Oct. Nazi Foreign Policy Weinberg, vol. I, 239-299; Bullock, 312-358

Mon. 29 Oct. A Combine of Aggression Speer, ch. 10-13; Orlow, II, 193-231

Wed. 31 Oct. MID-TERM EXAMINATION AT 7:00 P.M.

Fri. 2 Nov. Nazi Racism B&W, 44-112

Mon. 5 Nov. Youth and Education B&W 201-303

Wed. 7 Nov. Persecuted Minorities B&W 113-197

Fri. 9 Nov. The Birth of the Axis Weinberg I, 300-364
Weinberg II, 167-191

Mon. 12 Nov. The Spanish Civil War Weinberg, II, 142-168

Wed. 14 Nov. Anschluss Norman Rich, Hitler's War Aims, vol. I, 181-201

Fri. 16 Nov. The Munich Pact Weinberg, II, 415-464; Rich, I, 201-220

Mon. 19 Nov. The Nazi-Soviet Pact Weinberg, II, 535-655

Wed. 21 Nov. The Fall of Poland Dziewanowski, ch. 4-5; Orlow, II, 263-299

THANKGIVING VACATION

Mon. 26 Nov 1940: Blitzkrieg Dziewanowski, ch. 6-8
Orlow, II, 299-330

Wed. 28 Nov. 1941:From the Balkans to Moscow
Dziwanowski, ch. 9-10

Fri. 30 Nov. The Imperial Dream
Koehl, 186-193, 211-222;
Orlow, II, 381-410

Mon. 3 Dec. International Fascism
S. Payne, Fascism, Comparison
and Definition, 105-175

Wed. 5 Dec. Genocide
Christopher Browning,
Ordinary Men, 1-113

Fri. 7 Dec. Intelligence and Espionage
Gordon Wright, The Ordeal of
Total War, 44-106

Mon. 10 Dec. July 20, 1944
Wright, 144-156;
Constantine Fitzgibbon,
20 July, 1944, 137-213

Wed. 12 Dec. War Crimes Trials
EITHER Eugene Davidson.
The Trial of the Germans, 1-136
OR Tusa, Ann and John,
The Nuremberg Trial, 116-246

Fri. 14 Dec. Reassessments
Koehl, 224-247; Orlow, II, 454-492