

Weaknesses of the Weimar Republic

① Weimar Constitution

- ↳ Hard to get Majority
- ↳ Article 48 Abused

② TOV

- ↳ Very harsh terms
- ↳ Germany need to pay 6.6 Billion £
- ↳ Took ↑↑ Loans
- ↳ Debt ↑↑
- ↳ GOL ↓↓
- ↳ People ↯

③ Threats from Right-Wing Parties

- ↳ 1919 Spartacist Rising
- ↳ 1920 Kapp Putsch
- ↳ 1923 Munich Putsch

④ Occupation of Ruhr + Hyperinflation

- ↳ Germany missed TOV payment ↑
- ↳ French troops occupied Ruhr
- ↳ Germans in Ruhr on strike
- ↳ Economy ↓↓
- ↳ Govt printed more \$
- ↳ Value of \$ ↓↓
- ↳ Hyperinflation !!

Nazi Party + Hitler's Appeal

① Hitler's Charisma

- ↳ Captivating way of speech
- ↳ Used Trial after Munich Putsch to make long, passionate speeches pointing out Weimar Weaknesses

② Use of Propaganda

- ↳ Blamed Weimar Politicians & Jews
- ↳ Promise to
 - 1) End ineffective democratic coalition Govt
 - 2) Restore Glory Days
 - 3) Return to German Traditional values
 - 4) Fight Communism

③ Sturmabteilung

- ↳ Gave impression of discipline & order
- ↳ Were everywhere
- ↳ Prepared to fight, and better than Communists

Hitler becomes Chancellor

① Challenges Faced

- ↳ SPD & KPD
- ↳ Reichstag 2/3
- ↳ Von Papen (Ertm)
- ↳ Von Schleicher (Army)
- ↳ Hindenburg

② 1933 Reichstag Fire

- ↳ Done by unstable Communist
- ↳ Ppl thought it was the Nazis

③ 1933 Enabling Act

- ↳ Allowed Hitler to pass laws WO Reichstag
- ↳ Only Nazi opposition voted against

④ 1933 Gleichschaltung

- ↳ Jews banned from civil service
- ↳ Almost impossible to promote in civil service if not Nazi

⑤ 1934 Night of Long Knives

- ↳ Hitler saw SA & SS as threats
- ↳ Arrested key leaders including Von Papen

⑥ Hindenburg X 1934

- ↳ Soon after Night of Long Knives
- ↳ Nothing left to stop Hitler
- ↳ Hitler becomes Chancellor

Life under Nazi Rule

① Economics

- ↳ Reich Labour Service
- ↳ Autarky
- ↳ Luftwaffe
- ↳ Strength through Joy (KdF)
- ↳ Beauty of Labour

② Social

- ↳ Role of Women (KdF, BDM)
- ↳ Hitler Youth
- ↳ National Socialist Teachers' League
- ↳ Euthanasia of Minorities
- ↳ 1935 Nuremberg Laws
- ↳ Kristallnacht
- ↳ Holocaust

③ Control / Fear

- ↳ SS
- ↳ Concentration Camps

④ Opposition

- ↳ Politics → Arrested
- ↳ Military → Executed
- ↳ Refusal → Arrested
- ↳ Priests → Arrested