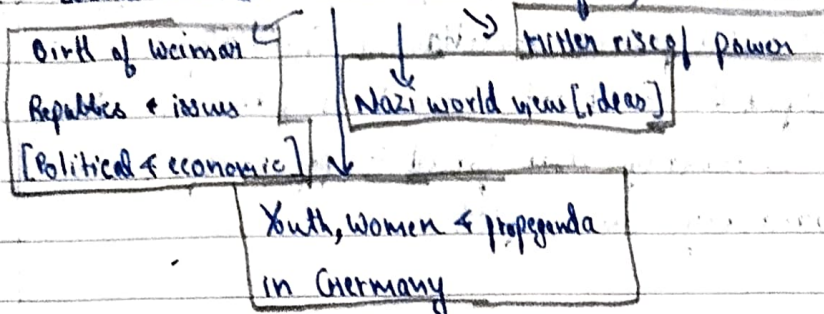


# Nazism & Rise of Hitler

World War I - Hitler → Rise and fall, his acts. - World War II



Defects in Weimar Constitution  
No. 1 ↓  
• two major defects resulted in instability & vulnerability to dictatorships.

his father  
↓  
supporter of Hitler

## Story of Helmut

Birth of Weimar Republic

First World War [1914-18]

Austria, Germany, Turkey  
→ Central power vs Allies → central power loses  
Russia, France, USA, Britain

Proportional representation. Article 48

The Weimar R. dissolved 20 times by President within span of 239 days.

- Initial Gains by Germany First → occupying France & Belgium
- Allies → <sup>power</sup> by USA entry 1917 & defeated Central powers in Nov. 1918.

Due to defects Hitler rose to power.

## Defeat of Imperial Germany

Political impact?

people were not happy with Weimar Republic?

- National assembly met at Weimar
- German parliament / Reichstag was elected.

- Accepted the peace treaty at Versailles
- Political & economic situations were worst.
- Democracy was a young & fragile idea at that time.
- Defects in Weimar constitution?

## Treaty of Versailles [signed b/w Germany & allied powers]

- Germany lost overseas colonies, 1/10th of its population < 13% of its territory
- 26% coal mines, 75% iron mines given to France, Poland, Denmark
- To get weak  $\Rightarrow$  allied powers demilitarised Germany.
- Germany  $\Rightarrow$  responsible for First World War, due to damage suffered by allied countries  $\Rightarrow$  Germany was forced to pay compensation of 132 billion
- Rhineland of Germany was occupied.

## Effects of First World War on Germany

Social Effects	Political Effects	Economic Crisis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Soldiers placed above civilians.</li><li>• Men to masculine</li><li>• Due to war all leaned in conservative dictatorship.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Weimar R. vs Spartacist League</li><li>• Soviet style of govt - demanded in Berlin.</li><li>• Freikorps suppressed them.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I World War <math>\Rightarrow</math> loss of gold reserves <math>\Rightarrow</math> depletion of gold reserves</li><li>• France occupied Ruhr as loan payment was refused by Germany. This led to high circulation of paper currency</li></ul>

Democracy proved to be a fragile idea

## Role of America & the years of depression of paper currency

Dawes plan  $\Rightarrow$  America intervened & bailed Germany out of crisis.  $\Rightarrow$  German investments & industrial recovery were totally dependent on short-term loans, largely from USA.  $\Rightarrow$  decrease of German currency. This resulted in

Wall Street Exchange crashed in 1929.

- [1929]
- Industrial production  $\downarrow$  40%
  - Mass unemployment upto 6 million
  - proletarianisation, reduced to poor
  - large mass peasantry affected by sharp fall in agricultural prices.
  - No solution due to this democracy.

Rise of Hitler

## Hitlers rise to power

	Background	Destruction of Democracy
• duthinga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Born in 1889 in Austria.</li><li>• The German defeat &amp; treaty made him furious</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 30 Jan, 1933 → set out to dismantle the democracy.</li><li>• Hitler got chancellorship</li></ul>
Hitler's way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Joined small group German Workers Party</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fire Decree of 28 Feb 1933</li><li>• Rights suspended</li><li>• Repression of Communist.</li></ul>
• Powerful speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Renamed National Socialist German Workers Party.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 March 1933, Enabling Act.</li></ul>
• Promised hope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In 1923, planned to seize control Bavaria</li><li>• But failed &amp; got arrested</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [Storm Troopers, Gestapo, Criminal police and the security service]</li></ul>
• Style of politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Great Depression → Nazism a mass mov.</li></ul>	
[Hyperinflation]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• By 1932, it had become the largest party with 30% vote.</li></ul>	

## Reconstruction

- Economic recovery ⇒ Hjalmar Schacht
- Full production & employment ⇒ state funded work creation programme.
- German superhighways & people's car - Volkswagen.

## Foreign Policy.

- Pulled out League of Nations in 1933
- Reoccupied Rhineland in 1936 & integrated Austria & Germany in 1938 under slogan ⇒ "One people, One Empire & One leader".

Schacht vs Hitler [he said to go ~~to~~ slowly]

- Hitler chose war for economic crisis. ⇒ in Sep, 1939, Germany invaded Poland.

## II World War

### Nazi World view

- According to his views there was racial hierarchy => no equality b/w people.
- Nordic-German Aryans at top & Jews at the lowest rung => anti-race.
- This thinking is borrowed from Charles Darwin and Herbert Spencer.
- Another ideology => Lebensraum => Occupy new territories for settlement.

↓  
This would widen area of motherland & resources.

### Establishment of Racial State

more territories more youth => Nazi  
Racial Science in sword -> racial desirable  
Jews were defamed

Youth:  
-> School were cleaned & purified  
-> undesirable teachers were dismissed  
-> youth was separated in Jews / Aryans / Gypsies / handicapped.  
-> textbooks were revised  
-> racial science into  
-> boxing promoted.

- > Total establishment of racially desirable people.
- > Disliking to Jews / killed Christ.
- > 1933 - 34 => Jews suffered
- > after 1934 => Jews were killed

10yr => Jung rath

-> after 14yr youth have to join Hitler youth organization. => Hate Jew.

- > racially desired people give birth => mother
- > women were awarded
- > & those who give birth to undesirable were punished & harassed.

↳ area of propogand  
-> special treatment => killing, euthanasia for killing disabled.

-> Disinfection area.

-> defamed Jew  
Holocaust

↳ support + org