

<p>Motive... Questions/Crises of... Power</p> <p>Prosperity</p> <p>Prestige:</p> <p>Solutions... Promises</p> <p>Movement... Qualities/Strengths of Leadership Style</p> <p>Organisation Structure</p> <p>Appeal Symbols</p> <p>Tactics Scapegoats</p> <p>Momentum... Course of events <i>Misfortune</i> <u>Franchise</u></p> <p>Fears <i>Misjudgement</i></p> <p>:</p> <p><u>Fire</u></p> <p><u>Force</u></p> <p>Military</p> <p><u>Führer</u></p> <p>Support of the Elites</p>	<p>The Rise of the Nazis c.1928-1933</p> <p>While Democracy raised major problems For a nation so used to strong rule, Law & order broke down, And extremists gained ground, Where resentment was bound to add fuel; And the ranks unemployed through depression Ran 1, 3 to 6 million deep: With wages docked, The <i>Zollverein</i> blocked And inflation increasingly steep. And the memory of surrender to <i>Diktat</i> With its jibe of "a stab in the back", Gave Weimar's opponents A brickbat to throw Whenever they chose to attack; So the Nazis promised strong government To make the streets once again safe; To get their jobs back For those given the sack, And its pride for the Aryan race...</p> <p><i>So the rise of the Nazis to power Owed much to the weight of distress: Resentment beginning To build up was winning Them backing from Mittelstand, Tenants & artisans, Seeing in Hitler The leader most fit To get Germany out of its mess.</i></p> <p>The part played by Hitler was crucial ~ He determined their programme and style: Using words to bewitch Both the poor and the rich, Goering's image and Goebbels's guile; Forming thirty five regional parties, Each beneath a <i>Gauleiter's</i> control; While S.S and S.A. Were both making their way Into Germany's body and soul. And in moulding & marshalling members, The Nazi machine had no peer: With the strength of its symbols And military rituals And messages simple & clear; Thence, arousing the mob's baser instincts, With scapegoats blamed and reviled; Outmanoeuvring those, Who'd have liked to oppose, But whom Bolsheviks more deeply riled...</p> <p><i>So the rise of the Nazis to power Owed much to the way they were led: While Hitler himself By charisma and stealth, Was appealing to youth Unemployed and uncouth, The tactics they used Baited, bullied & bruised, Yet doled out to the destitute bread.</i></p> <p>And when premature death removed Stresemann, And the more Article 48 used; Seats numbering two thirty Made Hitler most worthy To represent popular views; Then were Communists to ally with Socialists, With a hundred + one-two-one seats ~ 'Twas then that Von Papen Made Hindenburg harken To the fears of the right wing elites For with Hitler "squeaking.." as Chancellor, They imagined they could rule as they liked... Till, the Reichstag ablaze, On the very next day, He suspended individual rights: Yet this was only partly the answer To the question of how much power, And, resistance risky, By around 350, The Enabling Act marked the hour...</p> <p><i>So the rise of the Nazis to power Owed much to political choice: With Hitler preferred By well over a third, With Generals with grudges, Politicians and Judges, Were misled or too weak Or too fearful to speak In a clear or a loud enough voice...</i></p> <p>And if this brought the "gutter...to power",* 'Tis unwise to condemn or deride: They identified wants, and evoked a response, Which appeared, at the time, justified.</p>	<p>❖ Germany govt. under the 1st (c800AD (c.800-1871) and 2nd (1871-1918) Reichs had been largely authoritarian) Extremist groups of Right & Left took to the streets: law & order threatened ❖ Since Wall Street crash, most Germans had suffered from the Great Depression) Unemployment rose from 1m. Dec.'29; to 3m. Dec.'30; to 6 m Dec.'31. <i>Zollverein</i> = = customs union (with Austria) blocked by Fr. ❖ The terms of the treaty of Versailles ~ these were imposed (<i>Diktat</i>-ed) without negotiation) Weimar's politicians were regularly blamed for this ❖ Nazis promised to solve Germany's Problems: to restore law & order & full employment at home) To restore Germany's prestige abroad by revision of the Versailles settlement</p> <p>❖ Hitler's oratory: his ability to inspire and mesmerise mass audiences...) aided by Goering, 1st World War flying ace & ace fund raiser & Goebbel's genius for propaganda. ❖ Internal structure of the party meant its coverage and influence was nation wide by the end of the 30s;) <i>Gauleiter</i>: the provincial Nazi leader; <i>S.S</i>: <i>Schutzstaffel</i> (secret police); <i>S.A</i>: <i>Sturm Abteilung</i> (storm troopers)</p> <p>❖ <i>Swastika</i> ~ Red on Black; Goosestep march; <i>Heil Hitler</i> & snapped heels;) Posters & rallies where Hitler spoke, well?...ranted, repetitively & mesmerisingly... ❖ Making Jews scapegoats for Germany's misfortunes;) exploiting fear of Bolshevism...</p> <p>❖ Most able of the Weimar's politicians; his death left a void.) ie 230 Reichstag seats won in the Jul'32 general election</p> <p>❖ <i>But...</i> Nov.'32 election returned only 196 Nazis though still largest party;) Von Papen: Conservative leader; Hindenburg: Weimar president)</p> <p>❖ Von P. thought he could handle Hitler ~ hence his "we shall have him squeaking in a corner" boast..) <i>But..Reichstag</i> was burned down 27 Feb'33 Hitler took the opportunity to suspend the constitution</p> <p>❖ Nazi S.A.(storm troopers) surrounded the Opera house (where Reichstag met post-fire)) Hitler forced through the Enabling Act which gave Hitler total power for 4 years.</p> <p>* A.Bullock: <i>A Study in Tyranny</i></p>
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