

#### IV. WWI and the Treaty of Versailles

Germany 1870-1930

Utter lack of Liberalism

Continual and permanent social, political, and economic crisis.

Kaiserreich = 25 Regional States. Federation = All independent constitutions designed to serve the elite (contrast to a Republic).

Kaiser

Chancellor

Cabinet of Generals

Council of Ambassadors

Parliament (Reichstag)

WWI

Jews believed they were accepted. They were wrong. Labeled: Traitors, Spies, Communists, Bolsheviks.

25M Deaths = Unprecedented Level of Indifference

French control Syria and Lebanon; Britain control Palestine and Transjordan

Balfour Declaration: 2 Nov. 1917

Post WWI: Re-drawing the European map to dissolve old monarchies, break old empires = Gave subjugated Minorities their own states. Rise of Fierce Nationalism. League of Nations.

Modernity:

Industrialization

Urbanization

Free Market

Banks

Trade Unions

Cosmopolitanism

Political Parties → Lobbies/interest groups

DVP (German People's Party)

DNVP (German National People's Party)

DDP (Social Democrats)

Center (Catholics, Aristocracy)

SPD (Socialists)

KPD (Communists)

Weimar Coalition Government = SPD + Center + DDP

Treaty of Versailles: June 1919

Germany agreed before the terms were given. Weimar Coalition forced to sign because someone had to. Hindenberg = President; Ludendorff = General of Reichswehr; Bismark = Chancellor

Loss:

1. 13% of Land (no land lost during the war) → Total Economic Collapse in 4 yrs.
2. 6 M citizens → Hyper-Inflation
3. All Colonies
4. All Foreign Assets → Jews = >1% of Pop.
5. DMZ in Rhineland 20% of 1% were Unemployed Ostjuden
6. Payment of 33B Reichsmarks
7. War Guilt