

## V. Rise of Nazism

### Post WWI

#### Re-Draw European Boundaries

- a. Break up old empires
- b. Give subjugated minorities their own states (Yugoslavia, etc.)
- c. Fierce Nationalism
- d. Failure of League of Nations
- e. Rise of Right-Wing, Anti-Semitic parties in Germany

#### DAP (German Worker's Party) 1919

Anton Drexler (Thule Society) and Dietrich Eckart in Munich, Bavaria

1. Right-Wing, Ex-Military
2. Anti-Communist
3. Antisemitic

Enter Hitler:

b. 1889 in Linz, Austria

1907 Vienna

1913 Munich

Influences/*Weltanschauung*:

1. Adolf Lanz (Liebenfels)
  - Mysticism, Occult, Antisemitism, swastika, Aryan myth
  - Genetic Selection, Sterilization, Deportations, Forced Labor, Extermination
2. Georg von Schönerer
  - Pan-German Nationalism, Antisemitism
3. Karl Lueger (Mayor of Vienna)
  - Propaganda, Antisemitism
4. Richard Wagner
  - Ostracized Outsider, Anti-Modernism, Domination, Struggle, Salvation
5. Thule Society (Rudolf von Sebottendorf) (Anton Drexler, Wilhelm Frick)
  - Military Activism, Aryan Supremacy, Antisemitism
6. Huston Stewart Chamberlin. *Foundations of the Nineteenth Century* (1898)
  - Rise and fall of civilizations attributed to positive or negative cultural characteristics of a people.
7. Joseph Arthur de Comte Gobineau *Essay on the Inequality of the Human Races* (1854) First racial ideology.
8. Karl Marie von Clausewitz *On War* (1832)
  - Glorify war for war's sake. Pride/Patriotism. Socialism of the trenches.

16 Oct. 1919 = First Speech

24 Feb. 1920 Hofbräuhaus: 2000 People

25 Point Plan = Simplistic Solution

## NSDAP

No Scruples. Use of violence and extortion to gain power.

Hitler became first director of Propaganda = Influence and Power.

Propaganda: symbols, salutes, uniforms, parades, music, meetings.

= simplistic message

= repetition

*Volkisch Beobachter* (The 'Racial Observer' = Newspaper from Thule)

*Sturmabteilung* (SA) = Paramilitary Arm

1. Defend the Party members
2. Stop/disrupt meetings of other parties
3. Appeal to the Youth
4. Recruited from *Freikorps*

Demographics:

1. Young (50% under 33yrs old)
2. No Women
3. Lower-Middle Class
4. Modest Education

Growth: 1921 = 3,000

1923 = 15,000

Q: Why?

Answers:

1. French Move into the Ruhr
2. Right Wing party in a right wing area = collusion
  - Frick = Police Captain
  - Röhm = Freikorps
  - Scheubner-Richter = Liaison to Ludendorf
  - Göring = War Hero
3. 8 Nov. 1923 Beer Hall Putsch
  - "The National revolution has begun!"
4. Trial (April 1924)
  - First appearance outside of Bavaria
  - Transform Treason into Patriotism
  - Switch Victimhood and Perpetration
5. *Mein Kampf* dictated to Rudolf Hess in Landsberg prison (April - Dec. 1924)

1925 = Switch from Revolution to Politics. Try hitting the Working Class (not an American Class) because they lost their votes to the KDP.

1928:

1. Branch Offices
2. Agitate the Rurals (Office of Agriculture)
  - Medieval Stereotype of Jews
3. Formations/infiltration groups
  - Hitler Youth (HJ)
  - Association of Nation Socialist Jurists

National Socialist Association of German Physicians  
National Socialist Teacher's Association

July 1932 Election = 37.3% of votes

November 1932 Election = lost 2 M votes. Start pushing *Völkergemeinschaft*: National German Unity. Overcome Left-Right Division

Nazis 1919-1928

1. Aryan Blood
2. Pan German Unity
3. *Führenprinzip*
4. Darwinian Struggle
5. Extol virtues of the peasant
6. Masculinity
7. *Lebensraum*
8. Jew = Moral Enemy

Nazis 1928-1933

1. Reject Weimar Coalition
2. Regain Lost Pride
3. Reject Versailles
4. Economic Revival

→ They toned down the Antisemitism and sexism when it cost them votes.

Von Schleicher + von Papen Coup/Coalition 1930-1933

30 Jan. 1933 Hitler "Elected" Chancellor

April 1933 Dachau Opened

Conclusions:

1. Weimar fell w/o the help of the Nazis
2. Hitler could have never come to power legally
3. Hitler had the help of the conservative aristocracy
4. Everyone underestimated Hitler