

VI. The Nazi State/Hitler

Hitler

Party

Chancellery
(Bormann, Hess)

Special Deputies
SA, SS, HJ, Labor, etc.

State

Chancellery
(Lammers)

Cabinet Ministers
Defense, Transportation, Economy

Each had:

1. Their own funding
2. Their own Agencies and Ministries
3. Their own Duties
4. Separate leaders

Created two independent power states with no central authority, except Hitler.
Authoritarian Anarchy. All areas were subordinated to politics and war. Success = proximity to Hitler.

Created:

1. Competition
2. Isolation
3. Intrigue/Secrecy
4. Personal Agendas
5. Innovation

Q: PURPOSE (INTENTIONALIST) or by ACCIDENT (STRUCTURALIST)?

Strong Dictator

Weak Dictator

Economics:

Schacht/Funk

1934 Rearmament through Mefo-Bills (money laundering). Goal was Autarchy (self-sufficiency). Spending up = unemployment down.

1934 New Plan: State control of Economy (quotas on all raw materials)

Guns or Butter problem

1936 Four Year Plan under Göring (German New Deal): Economic Mobilization in four years

Labor:

Ley

DAF = New Deal (except it wasn't free). Replaced trade unions. All work is for the State. Given incentives (Vacations, Volkswagens)

RAD (Labor Service)

Compulsory 6 months for 18-25 yr. Olds. Beginning of Indoctrination.

Police:

Schutzstaffeln (SS) under Himmler

Elite Nazis: Duty bound to breed honor, obedience, loyalty, and courage. Combination of Jesuits and the Teutonic Knights. Recruited from the Aristocracy and the University Educated.

Sicherheitsdienst (SD) "Security Service". The Intelligence Agency under Heydrich

→ Gestapo (Secret police) under Müller

Waffen SS (Domestic Police)

a. Jews

b. Ideological

c. moral

→ Totenkopfverbände (Death's Head Units) under Eicke

Law:

Frank

Law redefined. Not a set of rules regulating a community, but as an instrument to secure the party's goals. The individual has equality before the law iff it serves the state. Thus, every act is a political act.

Special Courts

All Nazi Judges

Political crimes

People's Courts

3/5 Nazi Judges

High Treason

Churches:

The level of their persecution was a function of their utility to the Nazi State.

German Morals

Nazi Ideology

Christian Morals

Ethics

Catholics

Anti-Nazi until 35, then quietly pro Nazi
As long as they recognized Hitler and
Disbanded all of their social organizations.

Protestants

Anti-Nazi throughout. Immorality Trials.
Slow Ideological War of Replacement.

Military:

Independent of the party and never Nazified.

Ministry of Defense → OKW in 1938

(Blomberg, Fritsch) (Keitel)

Hitler

The Great Simplifier of Complexities. People mistook his apparent eidetic memory for intellect and morals (and no one ever checked his figures).

I. Psychology

A. Freudian

- a. Talking = Oral stage
- b. Monorchism → Architecture
- c. Primal Scene Trauma
- d. Overprotective Mother + Domineering Father
- e. Transference: Iodoform gas → Mustard gas → Zyklon B
- f. Repression: Art School
- g. Acting on ID
- h. Messiah Complex

B. Problems

- a. Nature or Nurture?
- b. How can we connect private Neuroses to Public Policy?

II. Ideology (all from *Mein Kampf*)

Q: Is Hitler Power Mad?

A: No. Power is a means to an end.

Hitler never deviates from *Mein Kampf*

A. Struggle

Social Darwinism for individuals and for societies. Truth, righteousness, and justification lies in force, not a principle. Compromise is weakness.

B. Racial Conflict

- a. Marx thought the key to understanding history was class; Hitler thought it was race.
- b. The soul resides in the blood. The collective blood of a race is a national soul or identity. Blood carries racial traits
 - i. Miscegenation dilutes the traits.
 - ii. The State is created as a means to furthering the ends of the race.
- c. Anti-democracy, -enlightenment, -humanism, liberalism, etc. Based on the fundamental IN-equality of Individuals.

C. Medicine/Biology

- a. National Body is weak from parasites
- b. Parasites are the Jews

JEW as:

1. <u>Animal Species</u>	→	<u>Solution</u>	2. <u>Disease</u>	→	<u>Cure</u>
Maggot		Destroy	Bacillus		Antidote
Spider		Eradicate	Virus		Cleanse
Sponger		Eliminate	Tuberculosis		Purify
Viper		Exterminate	Parasite		Regenerate
Vermin			Poison		
Hound			Abscess		
Truffler (Pig)					
Serpent					
Octopus					

3. <u>Citizens of the Reich</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Democrats	Betrayer	Materialism
Marxists	Traitor	Corruption
Bolsheviks	Criminal	Selfishness
Bourgeois	Cheater	Cowardice
Pacifists	Swindler	Mendacity
Liberals	Despoiler	
Socialists	Seducer	
Internationalists	Pimper	
Moderns		
Urbans		
Press		
Capitalists		
“November Criminals”		

D. Leadership Principle

- a. Authority from the Top Down
- b. The group is more important than the individual.
- c. Never majority rules, only the decision of the One who is the purest German, the one who can see the way.
- d. Propaganda and Mass Meetings = Tools for Leadership; the goal is to educate.
 - i. Designed to work on the masses, not individuals.
 - ii. Simplest ideas and concepts
 - iii. Repetition
 - iv. Theatrics
 1. Small Rooms, Warm
 2. 1/3 Nazis
 3. Nighttime
 4. Waiting/Anticipation
 5. Enter from rear
 6. No Introductions
- v. Oratory/Rhetoric: Ethos, Pathos, Logos

Example: Nuremberg Party Rallies 1927-1937 (*Triumph des Willes*, 1935, dir. Leni Riefenstahl)

National Spectacles where the group, the race was elevated to a divine significance. The scope and the scale dwarf the individual. Individuals only had ritual significance. Demonstrations by all branches to justify their existence.

1. Luitpold Arena 5 square miles
150K Participants
50K Observers
2. Zeppelinweise
400K Participants
3. Congress Hall
The Nazi Church
20K Participants

Mein Kampf

Key Ideas:

1. Biology, not Economics should guide the State. Economics creates artificial classes.
2. *Lebensraum*. As pop. goes up, so too must land. War is only alternative (colonies, birth control, emigration all false hopes).
3. Anti-Semitism. Biological Anti-Semitism. Miscegenation hides, mixes, and obscures the good blood with the inferior blood. All historical downfalls caused by blood mixing. Illness must be eradicated through a cure, which will regenerate the good blood.
4. Eugenics. Healthy MUST reproduce (Pro-natalist). Sick MUST NOT reproduce (Anti-natalist). Criminal acts. Children are property of the State.
5. Totalitarianism. State decides for Individual. No democracy or consensus because there is no responsibility. No discussion, only obedience.
6. Leadership Principle (*Fueherenprinzip*). Full responsibility. Organizer, Demagogue, Psychologists.
7. Agriculture. Industry must not be the base of the economy, but agriculture. But not anti-industry (Ford). Populists industry (low quality, high quantity, unskilled, higher wages, lower prices).
8. Propaganda. Does not equal Brainwashing or deceiving. Purpose is to reinforce what the individual ALREADY believes so as to absorb them into the masses. Mobilize what is already latent. Persuade new believers is secondary.

One sided

Simple

Heart, not head

Repetitive

Secondary Ideas:

1. Inequality of Races/Individuals, based on the concept of difference. Creates a false sense of superiority.
2. Out of struggle comes invention. A More serious and determined capitalism.
3. Greatness comes from individuals, not majority decision.

4. Slavery is Natural. When a slave revolts successfully, then he has earned the praise and respect of his master. Perpetual struggle for growth.
5. Proof lies in all the failed democracies of history (Athens, Rome, etc.).
6. Pro-Rural, Anti-Urban. Cities breed uncleanness, overpopulation, miscegenation, and prostitution.
7. Anti-Trade Union. Some are supposed to work in a factory.
8. Our enemies are not the ones we fight, but those who do not fight.
9. Germany is for Germans, not foreigners to exploit for their own goals.
10. Germans deserved to lose the war. They did it to themselves.
11. Logically Harsh and Consistent.