

## PPE Revision: Worksheet 2

### Content focus: Nazi Germany: Keeping the German people under control

#### Police State

- SS - Blackshirts. Arrested people and took them into 'protective custody'. Led by Himmler.
- Gestapo - The secret police. Listened to phone calls, read mail to spy on people.
- Concentration Camps - centre for political prisoners to be taken (Dachau - first camp in 1933)
- Judges / courts - had to swear an oath of loyalty to Nazism. No trial by jury.

#### Propaganda

- Led by Josef Goebbels as minister for 'Propaganda and Public Enlightenment'.
- Public book burning in Berlin in 1933 of anti-Nazi and Jewish books - 20,000 burned.
- Newspapers censored and shut down if opposed Nazis
- Simple slogans, cinema has 250 million views (NOT TV!), posters, rallies (Nuremberg = impressive)
- Cheap short-range radios = messages to everyone - 70% own one!

#### Youth Opposition

- Edelweiss - Boys wore hair longer, copied US styles of clothing, attack the Hitler Youth, went on long walks and camped to avoid adults and made anti-Hitler jokes.
- Swing - Played illegal US music like Jazz (Louis Armstrong), danced the jitterbug, drank alcohol and smoked.
- Challenged the culture of the Nazis. Around 2,000 in the Edelweiss Pirates. Illegal Swing Youth dances attended by around 6,000 people.

#### Church

- 1933 - Concordat. Hitler agrees with Pope to stay out of the church if he stays out of politics.
- Promise broken - harass priests, close church schools and ban Catholic youth groups.
- Catholic von Galen campaigns to end euthanasia of mentally-disabled people = success.
- Martin Niemöller, forms Confessional Church to rival Hitler's Reich Church = sent to a camp in 1937.

#### What you can do with this content

- Re-work the bullet points as a mind map / series of tweets / flashcards etc
- Create a 10 question quiz which can be answered by the material here
- Get someone else to test you on the information after studying it for 10 minutes.

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### Exemplar to check your answer from last week against:

The content of source C is useful in finding out how Hitler increased his power as Goebbels mentions a number of 'executions' are taking place. This is reflected with the events of the Night of the Long Knives, where 400 leading members of the SA were killed, including one of Hitler's main rivals, Rohm. The nature and origin are also useful. They were written by a leading Nazi in his private diary, in which he expresses he knows the deaths are difficult but necessary, showing he is being honest. As a leading Nazi he would also be in the know about the executions taking place and the reasons for them.

### Question focus: 3b) Difference questions [4]

**Example question: 3b) Study Interpretations 1 and 2. They give different views about the Nazis control of people. What is the main difference between these views?**

#### Interpretation 1 - Adapted from Laurence Rees, *The Nazis. A warning from History*, 2005

In the police state, only about 10% of crimes were actually discovered by the Gestapo and 80% were reported by ordinary people. This was in part due to the fear created by the Nazis themselves. No one was safe from being arrested and sent away into 'protective custody'.

#### Interpretation 2 - Mr E. Goodall, *Nazi Germany for Dummies*, 2012

It is clear that the main way that people were influenced in Nazi Germany was by winning their hearts and their minds. The German people were bombarded with so many positive messages that it would be hard to ignore them. As long as people followed Nazi policy they had no reason to be scared.

#### Mark Scheme:

Level 1 - Identifies difference [1-2]  
Level 2 - Uses detail to prove this difference [3-4]

#### Exemplar answer for this question:

One main difference between the two interpretations is the reason why people supported the Nazis. Interpretation 1 claims that it was due to "the fear created by the Nazis themselves" whereas interpretation 2 it claims it was down to them "winning their hearts and minds".

**Attempt another difference between these two interpretations for this question this week:**

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