

## Key issue 5: The racial State

### KEY WORDS

- **Untermenschen**- less than human
- **Aryan race**- belief that the Germans were the master race
- **Roma- travelers**- groups of people who have come from Central and Eastern Europe.
- **Volksmeinschaft** -People's community
- **A socials** -those who did not conform to Nazi norms, including Beddoes, prostitutes and pass office, but also the mentally, and physically disabled
- **Lebensraum**- living space
- **Boycott**- Withdrawing from taking part
- **Nuremberg Laws**: A series of laws aimed at excluding German Jews from Reich citizenship and stopping them marrying or having sexual relations with persons or 'German or related blood.
- **Anschluss** – The takeover of Austria, by Germany in March 1938
- **Reichkristallnacht**- Night of the broken glass
- **Pogroms**- An organised massacre of an ethnic group
- **Kindertransport**- an operation to evacuate Jewish children from Nazi-controlled areas of Europe to the United Kingdom between 1938 and 1940.
- **Madagascar plan**- a plan to forcibly relocate the Jewish population of Europe to the island of Madagascar
- **Ghettos**- the Jewish quarter in a city/Areas were members of a particular racial group are forced (or in some cases choose) to live.
- **Euthanasia**: Deliberately killing a person.
- **Undesirables**: People that didn't fit in the stereotype of an Aryan. Strong and healthy a 'pure' German. Not wanted by Hitler and the Nazis.
- **Master Race**: An elite race of people, to which Hitler believed the Germans belonged.
- **Death Camps**: Extermination camps where prisoners, mainly Jews, were put to death.
- **Eugenics**- the belief that a race or group of people could be genetically improved through selection
- **Mischlinge**- someone who was believed to be half- breeds (half Jew/half aryan)

### KEY INDIVIDUALS AND KEY GROUPS

- **Einsatzgruppen**: SS mobile death squads responsible for the murder of those thought to be racial or political enemies
- **Jews**: Jewish people who follow the religion of Judaism. Their were around 500,000 Jews in Germany when the Nazis came to power.
- **Religious sects**- A group that have different religious beliefs to the main body
- **Joseph Goebbels**- Propaganda minister
- **Heinrich Himmler**- Senior member of the SS- was in charge of overseeing the 'Final Solution.'
- **Adolf Eichmann**- Senior member of the SS- oversaw the mass deportation of Jews to ghettos & concentration camps.
- **Reinhard Heydrich**- SS member in charge of the Gestapo
- **Central Office for the Jewish Emigration**- head office that dealt with Jewish emigration from 1933 onwards. 150,000 Jews were deported, but they had to pay a large "tax" before they could leave.

### Source Question

**From the recollection of a Lithuanian policeman involved with the Einzatgruppen in 1941. This was a recorded in an interview for a sound archive after 1945, it was later published in a book.**

When the Jews were gathered in this large area, they were taken to the pits in which they were laid down and shot. Some soldiers stood on the banks to shoot, others took the Jews to the pits. We shot them once they had climbed down and lay down, then others would lie on top of the dead and we them and so on. If someone said, 'I cannot shoot', the Germans ordered, 'Get in line with the others', and that's it. We felt bad and cursed them. We were given Russian guns and rifles. The clothes of the Jews were burnt. They were all shot, mostly in the chest or the head. It could be a thousand or just one or two hundred.

**With reference to this source and your understanding of the historical context, assess the extent of support for the new Republic of 1918**

### Essay Question

***To what extent was Josef Goebbels responsible for Reichkristallnacht?  
Assess the validity of this view.***

# Key Events Timeline

**KEY:**

Social

Political

Economical

Foreign

**Mass round up of beggars- sent to concentration camps**

**April 1933**  
Restricted the number of Jewish children that could attend state schools & universities. Boycott of Jewish shops . Civil Service laws introduced which sacked Jews from Civil Service jobs.

**September 1935**  
Nuremberg Laws passed. These included:  
**Law for the Protection of German Blood & Honour**- this outlaws marriage or sexual relations between aryan and non aryan.  
**Half Jews (mischlinge)** had to serve in law ranks.  
**Reich Citizenship Law**- Jews & other non aryan were no longer classed as German citizens.

**April 1938**  
Decree of Registration of Jewish Property- Jews had to register property & businesses. This led to these property being confiscated by the state later on.

**July 1938**  
Jewish doctors, dentists and lawyers were forbidden to work or treat aryan.

**August 1938**  
Jewish women had to put the name 'Sarah' as their middle name and males had to use 'Israel.'

**Euthanasia programme started 1939**  
Targeted towards mentally and physically disabled children. The T4 programme was responsible for the murder of 5000 children in special hospitals where they were either starved to death or given lethal injections.

**December 1941**  
Jews ordered to wear the Star of David

**July 1941**  
Einsatzgruppen ordered to kill Jews & Communists in the Soviet Union

**June 1941**  
German invasion of the Soviet Union

**1941-** Euthanasia programme halted after protests from the Roman Catholic Cardinal Galen.

**1945- End of the war**  
11 million killed in the Holocaust- 6 million of them were Jews.

1933

1934

1935

1937

1939

1941

1943

1945

**July 1933**  
Law for the Prevention of Offspring with Hereditary Diseases- compulsory sterilization of 'inferior' groups- anyone with schizophrenia, disability, epilepsy, alcoholic, Roma (Gypsies), "asocial elements," and Afro-Germans. Compulsory abortion put into affect

**October 1933**  
The Reich Press Law- introduced strict censorship & control of the press.

**November 1933**  
Religious sects like Mormons, Jews, Christian Scientist, 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists banned.

1936

**1936-** An 'asocial colony set up in Hashude in northern Germany to 're-educate' asocials.

1938

**September 1938**  
Jews were banned from attending public places such as theatres, cinemas and concerts

**Between 1938-39**  
Jewish children sent to Britain on the Kindertransport

**October 1938**  
Jews had to have the letter J on their passport to identify them

**November 1938**  
Jews could no longer claim state welfare benefits.

**November 1938**  
Reichkristallnacht- destroying of Jewish shops, homes, businesses and synagogues.

1940

**1940- Madagascar Plan**  
Plan was to resettle 4 million Jews to Madagascar

**February 1940**  
First ghetto set up

**October 1940**  
Warsaw ghetto set up

1942

1944