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## Level 3 History 2021

### 91439 Analyse a significant historical trend and the force(s) that influenced it

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

Write an essay on ONE significant historical trend that you have studied, using the essay question below. Your essay should be concise and well argued.

Write your chosen historical trend in the box below.

Plan your essay on page 3. Begin your essay on page 4.

**ESSAY QUESTION**

Evaluate the forces that led to a significant historical trend.

Historical trend: **The Rise of Ethnic Nationalism in Germany under Hitlers rule**

## PLANNING

You should aim to write a concise essay of no more than 5–6 pages. The quality of your writing is more important than the length of your essay.

Begin your essay here:

Ethnic nationalism in Nazi Germany is a significant historic trend that shocked the world. People were horrified after the liberation of the Nazi Concentration camps in 1945, and the true horrors that occurred under Hitler's rule. Three key forces influenced the rise of this trend; Germany's devastating defeat after the first world war, the tragedy of the Wall St Crash and the effect it had on its people, and the undeniably powerful force of Hitler himself, often coined as the 'Hitler Myth'. Hitler was able to manipulate the masses, control those around him, whilst still maintaining consistent support from the nation he ruled over.

Ethnic nationalism is when a country is divided based upon race, with one being the 'master' race and one being the 'inferior' race. In Nazi Germany, the Aryan became the former, with the Jewish becoming the latter. Germany's defeat from WW1 left the country depleted. France, Belgium and Britain created the 'Treaty of Versailles' in June 1919, post war, in order to punish Germany and take away majority of their world power. Without completely crippling the country, they forced Germany to pay reparations to these countries, with added up to 1320,000 gold marks across the span of 30 years. Their army was reduced to 100,000 men (meaning no one could enlist), and their Navy down to 6 ships and 12 torpedo boats. This was devastating for Germany, as they are a country built on 'blood and iron', and citizens watched as their military and industrial wealth disappeared. Ludendorff and Hindenburg, two powerful military leaders at the time, decided to dissolve the Autocratic government the country had known for decades, too a democratic one, 'The Weimer Republic' in hope of gaining better peace terms with the countries who were driving them down. This also pushed forth the blame from the problems the Treaty had created for the country onto the new government, leaving the Autocratic leaders innocent. This force heavily influenced the rise of ethnic nationalism in Germany, as the citizens felt short-changed, as they were missing their conservative environment they prospered in. They were desperately seeking a new leader who could Re-build Germany, as well as someone to blame. It is arguable that this is not as strong a force as the Hitler Myth, yet this put the country into a place of desperation, and was the first building block into the rise of Hitler's Ethnic Nationalism.

The Wall Street Crash in 1929, which led to the Great Depression in 1932 was another significant force that led to the rise of Ethnic Nationalism in Germany. By 1932, 1/3 of the German population were unemployed, being moved into shantytowns as they could no longer afford their own houses. These homes were overcrowded and dirty, and people could barely afford a loaf of bread to feed their family. Between the years 1930-1932, over 50,000 businesses in Germany had to close down, as families could no longer afford to shop there, or store owners could no longer afford to keep them open. In July 1928, the Nazi party received 1 million votes in the election, with only 1.25 million people being unemployed. Yet, by

January 1932, the Nazi party had 14 million votes, with 6 million people being unemployed. The economic discontent by citizens in Germany left them desperate for a fresh start, as well as jealousy growing over the Jewish population. The Jewish community were seen as having profited off the Wall St Crash, as many people owned banks, or had savings which allowed them financial stability throughout this time. People began to subconsciously feel disdain towards the Jewish community, which allowed Ethnic Nationalism to grow throughout the Nation. This force certainly led to this historic trend, and it has equal importance as Germany's defeat from WW1. Through both forces, it leaves people desperate, in search for an answer and a saviour, which allowed the conservative Hitler to come into power.

The final force that led to the rise in Ethnic Nationalism in Germany was the 'Hitler Myth'. The term was originally coined by Historian 'Ian Kershaw', and it implies that the idea and power of Hitler is much bigger than the man himself. He would visit towns and parades would be put on for him, with every one standing on the street desperate to look at their leader. Hitler became an inspiration to all, with propaganda media suffocating the country. A poster from 1938, with a picture of Hitler on it read, 'One People, One Empire, One Leader!'. He was able to manipulate the entire country, with posters of 'Hitler Youths' having Aryan people on them, and Propaganda posters comparing Jewish people to rats. He persuaded the masses to believe that the Jewish people were the country's largest problem, and he soon had most of the country on board. He overran churches and scouts, so all knowledge came direct from the Nazi Party. He had over 8 million children enlist to be in the Hitler youth, as it was seen by all as being loyal to the fatherland and making the nation proud. It became a great distraction to love Hitler, particularly after the tragedies that had occurred years prior with the Great Depression. It is significantly arguable to say that the Hitler Myth is the most important force which led to the rise of Ethnic Nationalism in Germany, as without Hitler holding the country's hand, it is likely they would not have walked down this path. The country's desperation after their defeat of WW1, and their discontent with life after the Wall St Crash, were forces that became building blocks for Hitler to begin his anti-semitic leadership.

Overall, the defeat of the country in WW1, the Wall St crash in 1929, and the manipulation of Hitler were all forces that led to a significant historic trend, the rise of ethnic nationalism in Nazi Germany. Hitler was able to rebuild Germany economically, yet it will never be able to overcome the horrors it caused during WW2.











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1	A4	<p><b>The Rise of Ethnic Nationalism in Germany under Hitler's rule (1930s)</b></p> <p>The candidate follows historic conventions in their analysis and demonstrated some confidence in their understanding of the topic. They included broad but relevant information.</p> <p>The forces were treated independently of each other. Some further investigation into each of these forces in connection with the trend would have lent this essay the required depth to gain a Merit grade.</p>			