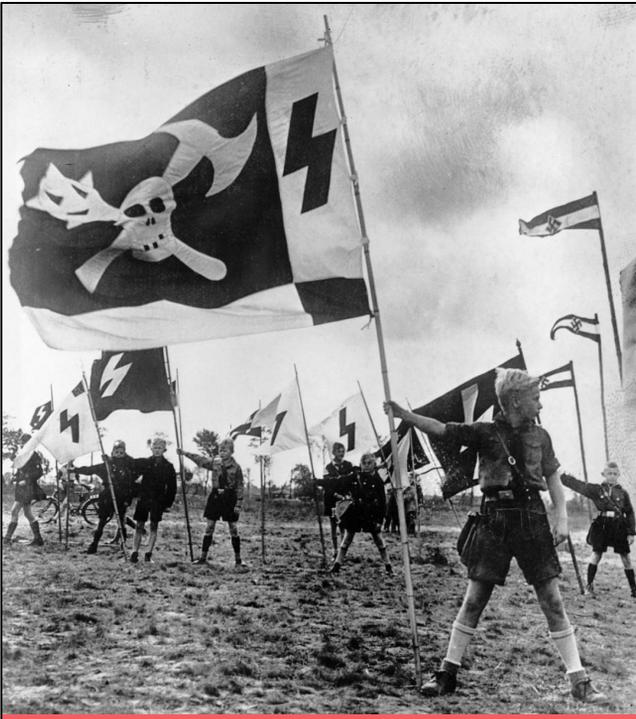


World War II

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Hi my name is Autumn Hopkins and I am going to be telling you about World War II. Specifically, Germany and how Hitler brainwashed the youth at the time.



Nazi Youth brainwashing

- 1922: Nazi Youth invented
- Trains and recruits army members
- Pre-military
- Banning other children groups

In 1922 the Nazi Youth was invented in order to train the children of Germany to be prepared for war. The government banned all children groups besides the Nazi organization. This included Boy Scouts. One story from Max Ebel, a member of Boy Scouts, refused to leave the scouts. He was attacked by a group of boys in the Nazi Youth with a knife. He was stabbed in the hand because he refused to join their group. (Blakemore) This shows just how brainwashed the children were. They were trained to harm others, not to help.

Members from those previous groups were forced to join The Nazi Youth. 90% of all children in Germany were apart of this organization by 1936. The children learned Hitler ideals. In one instance, a child attacked his parents for not behaving like a Nazi and disregarding Hitler's propaganda. They trained boys like soldiers and engrained in their brains to fight for the cause/for Hitler. They viewed Hitler like a God. (Blakemore)

Hitler Youth

“Whoever has the youth has the future.” -Hitler in *Mein Kampf*

- Nazi Youth Group
- *Jungvolk* (young people)
- Hitler Youth
- Girls required to join *Jungmädel* (Young Girls)
- Then promoted to League of German Girls



Hitler wrote in *Mein Kampf*, his personal autobiography that explained his mindset, “Whoever has the youth has the future.” He believed that the best way to eliminate inferior races, was to train and manipulate the children. At the age of 6 all children were forced to join the Nazi Youth Group. By the age of 10 all boys were required to join *Jungvolk* or young people. Then at 14 the boys were moved up to Hitler Youth where they began training to fight. The girls were forced to join *Jungmädel* or young girls. They were then promoted to League of German Girls. They were taught many different things, but the main focus was to worship Hitler and to become the superior race. (Joining the Hitler Youth)The boys were trained for war and were willing to die for Hitler.



What they were taught

- The “Aryan” race
- Teachers
- Cult of Adolf Hitler
- Propaganda in everyday life

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Hitler’s main focus and intention was to create the Aryan race. A race that was free from the “pollution” of Jews and other inferior races. This message was spread everywhere, including the classroom. All Jewish teachers were removed and the remaining teachers became devout members of the Nazi party. 97% of all teachers were apart of the National Socialist Teachers League. This taught the teachers the ideals of Hitler through the education of children. This influenced the children immensely because the teachers taught them nothing but Nazi propaganda. They were taught to fight for the cause of race. In school, Hitler’s birthday was a national holiday and kids were required to pledge their allegiance to him. Textbooks were written propaganda. They taught children to love Hitler and to be obedient to military and authority. Schools were making clones of allegiant, brainwashed soldiers who would die for the cause. This resembles the characteristics of a cult do to the manipulation of innocent people. (Indoctrinating Youth)

Alfons Heck

- Free from parents
- Normal activities with an underlying intention of discipline and propaganda

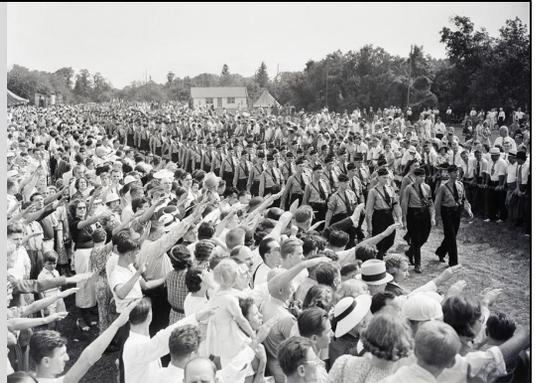


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Alfons Heck joined the Nazi Youth when he was 10. He loved the thought of being free from parents and normal household responsibilities. Activities in the organization were similar to those of other groups, including Boy Scouts. They camped and hiked, but in everything there was an underlying of propaganda and devotion to the cause. These boys were training to fight for Hitler, for the Aryan race. Heck was unaware that he was apart of a manipulative comradeship. (Joining the Hitler Youth)

Impact on America

- Nazi infiltration into America
- German American Bund
- Pro-Nazi Americans



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In the beginning of Hitler's reign America was unaware of his radical ideals. The government saw New Germany as a potential alliance and remained on good terms. The ideals of Nazis infiltrated to America which began the German American Bund. This invited German-Americans to learn about German values. There was a German American Youth Movement for children, similar to Hitler Youth. The number of pro-Nazi was growing rapidly. This influence of Nazi ideas caused thousands of Americans to be brainwashed into thinking that Hitler was right for wanting a superior race. This did not directly affect the outcome of WWII for America, but the propaganda of Hitler still influenced America.(Taylor)

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