

### IN GENERAL

**Cumulative Radicalization** 

"Working towards the Führer"

Inflexible + Indecisive

Institutional Darwinism

**Economic Recovery** 

The marketplace as a realm of struggle

"The battle for work"

Self-sufficiency (resources and finance)

Social Control

Intimidation and surveillance

Civic organization

Racial community

Military Mobilization

Expansion

Rearmament

[Planning]

# THE POLICE STATE THE SCHUTZSTAFFEL



General SS [*Allgemeine SS*]
Racial policy, political opponents, subversion

Armed SS [Waffen SS]
Elite military formations

Deaths-head units [*Totenkopfverbände*]

Concentration and extermination camps

Security Service [Sicherheitsdienst] Intelligence

# THE POLICE STATE THE SS





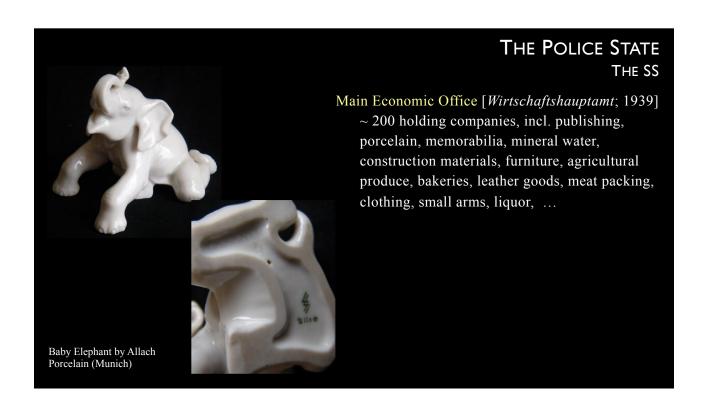
Left: Göring turns the *Gestapo* over to Himmler, 1934 Right: Reinhard Heydrich, head of RSHA, as SS *Grupenfüher* (~Lieutenant-General)

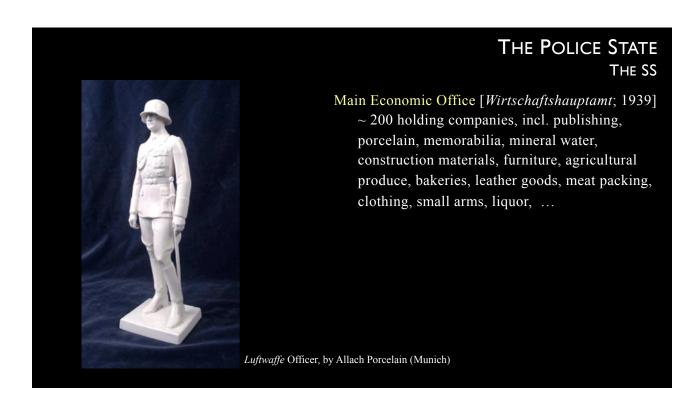
Secret Police [*Gestapo*; merged 1934]
Treason, subversion, counter-intelligence

Civil Police [OrPo; added 1936] Uniformed police, fire, emergency, etc.

Security Police [Sicherheitspolizei; 1936] Investigative police, from OrPo

Reich Main Security Office [RSHA,1939] Security Police + Security Service





## THE WORLD ECONOMY BEYOND "FULFILLMENT"

Modern technology and communications have made international relations among peoples so close that the European, even without being fully conscious of it, applies the conditions of American life as the yardstick for his own. ...

In future the only state that will be able to stand up to North America will be the one that has understood how, through the essence of its inner life and the meaning of its foreign policy, to raise the value of its people in racial terms and to create a form of state most appropriate to this purpose. ... It is the task of the national socialist movement to strengthen and prepare its fatherland for this mission...

The final decision in the struggle for the world market will lie with force.

Hitler's "Second Book" (1928)

### THE WORLD ECONOMY

	Total GDP		Per Capita GDP	
		% of USA		% of USA
USA	727,803	100	5,963	100
GBR	242,385	33	5,287	88
DEU	243,983	34	3,762	63
RUS	255,719	35	1,461	25

In 1870 the population of Germany and the United States was about equal, total American output about 1/3 larger.

In 1943 (before serious bombing) the US economy would be four times as large as Germany's.

Averages for the period 1924-35, in 1991 dollars (Angus Maddison)

The *urgency* of Nazi aggression was owed in large part to Hitler's belief that Germany, and Europe as a whole, were falling behind in a comprehensive struggle to avoid economic and cultural domination by the United States.



# Ganz Deutschland hört den Führer mit dem Bolfsomnfänger

The Strength through Joy Car subscription brochure (1939), and People's Radio poster (1936).

Right: German Mother's Gold Cross, awarded for bearing eight children.

### THE BATTLE FOR JOBS

German Unemployment

1932 > 5 million

1935 2.2 million

1937 < 1 million

Global economic recovery after 1932

Small war-time birth cohorts

Exclude Jews, "marriages loans" for women

Conscript agricultural labor

Price controls to stem inflation

Consumer rationing to control demand



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### RACIAL HYGIENE

1933 Law for the Prevention of Hereditary Diseased Offspring (July)

"Moral feeble-mindedness" (prostitutes, vagrants, prisoners)

~360,000 sterilizations by 1939 (2/3 from mental hospitals)

1935 Physically disabled (incl. those who exhibit "persistent failure in

physical training") forbidden to enter secondary school

1936 Suburban camps established to control / segregate Gypsies

Central Office for Combating Homosexuality

Lebensborn ("Well of Life") maternity homes for single

mothers, esp those fathered by SS-men

Above: Measuring the skull of a Romani woman; Below: Poster for Racial Politics Monthly



### RACIAL HYGIENE

1938 Identification cards of Gypsies introduced

1939 Aktion T4 (Euthenasia) program for psychiatric patients

~200K Germans, ~100K others

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### THE NUREMBERG LAWS

1933 National boycott of Jewish businesses (Apr)

Law for the Restoration of a Professional Civil

Service (Apr)

"Aryan Paragraph" promulgated

Kosher butchery banned

1934 Jewish students excluded from exams in medicine,

dentistry, pharmacy, law

1935 Law for the Protection of German Blood

and Honor

Reich Citizenship Law

Above: SA men outside Jewish store (April 1933). Below: Poster explaining rules for intermarriage and citizenship under the Nuremberg Laws

# Above: Ernst vom Rath Right: Herschel Grynspan

# THE NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS 9-10 NOVEMBER 1938

The Jews must get out of Germany, indeed out of Europe altogether. That will take some time yet, but it will and must happen. The Leader is firmly resolved on it.

(Goebbel's diary, Nov 1937)

Mar German annexation of Austria

Apr Evian Conference on Jewish immigration

Aug Residence permits for foreigners (incl German-

born Jews w dual citizenship) cancelled

Oct 12,000 Polish Jews expelled from Germany

Nov Herschel Grynspan (son of expelled Polish Jews)

shoots diplomat Ernst vom Rath in Paris (7th)





Above: Jewish shops in Magdeburg Below: Fassenstrasse synagogue in Berlin

# THE NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS 9-10 NOVEMBER 1938

267 synagogues destroyed, 1400 damaged
7,000 Jewish shops and 29 department stores damaged
~30,000 Jewish men arrested and interned in camps
Jewish community fined 1 billion Reichsmarks
115K Jews emigrate between Nov 1938 and Sept 1939



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I suppose it is Goebbels' megalomania and stupidity that is responsible for starting this operation now, in a particularly difficult diplomatic situation. (Himmler)

I'd rather you had done in two-hundred Jews than destroy so many valuable assets! (Göring, to Reinhard Heydrich)

No foreign propagandist bent upon blackening Germany before the world could outdo the tale of burnings and beatings, of blackguardly assaults on defenseless and innocent people, which disgraced that country yesterday. (Times of London)