

Fact Sheet – Rise of the Nazi Party

NB These events are not displayed in order.

Beer Hall Putsch

Hitler and the Nazi Party attempt to take power through an illegal coup.

Enabling Act

Hitler and the Cabinet can pass laws without the participation of the Reichstag or the President.

Great Depression

Between the wars, the crash of the New York Stock Exchange led to a global financial crisis, impacting Germany with terrible inflation, unemployment and poverty.

Treaty of Versailles

A Treaty to end WWI. Germany was forced: to take responsibility for the war; to pay reparations; to give up land and the industry upon that land; and to limit the development of their armed forces.

Reichstag Fire Decree

A response to the Reichstag fire, which the Nazis blamed on the Communist Party. It suspended civil liberties such as freedom of speech, press and assembly, and dissolved political organisations. Germany became a police state.