

THE "FINAL SOLUTION TO THE JEWISH QUESTION"

7.5 million humans were killed
concentration camps mainly in Poland → detailed coordination of the deportation
↳ only minority "were allowed" to work
(→ most killed after arrival / died through transportation)

extermination camps - purposeful murder of masses of Jews also
↳ Operation Reinhard ↳ industrialized approach to murder
- Belzec, Sobibor, Treblinka
↳ not on German territory

Hitler ≠ say I'm responsible
"Court martial decrees"
"Commissar orders" ← was of annihilation

extermination of Jews as a necessary consequence of war
consequences: shortage of labours, transportation costs,
railways ≠ used for war but for transport of Jews

- "Einsatzgruppen" formed to execute all members of the resistance & others

Our questions:

RESTRICTIONS AGAINST JEWS 1933-39 / NUREMBERG LAWS

- Jews were dismissed
- exclusion from social life / society
- sexual relationships of Germans and Jews were punishable
- Jews could be evicted from their homes without a reason
- Nuremberg Laws ⇒ loss of citizenship
 - ↳ one cannot be Jewish & German at the same time
- clean places from destroyed synagogues by them selves (Jews)
- Definition of a "Jew" by blood not by self-recognition / beliefs
- no political power
- Anti-semitic Nazi ideology was stated politically & judicially (paving the way for further actions against Jews)

Our questions:

Why wasn't there more resistance of German population?

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- euphemisms (present Jews in all plans → genocide! ← ? a bad way) ↓ maybe wrong
- justification of the genocide
- basic ideas & steps of the 'final solution' were already formed
- evacuation = transport to concentration/camps extermination
- proves that the genocide was systematically planned and carried into execution/actions
- proves that public would disagree
- "auf legale Weise den deutschen Lebensraum von Juden zu säubern"
- ? Why not before 1940s?

Our questions:

NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS 11/15

- severity of aggression as a result of a "minor" assassination
- Jews were blamed
 - aftermath: the murder and prosecution increased
- Judenvermögensabgabe
 - transportation to concentration camps
- "Reichskristallnacht" is most common term although it was a tool of Nazi propaganda
 - contribution to the 'Aryanisation' ^{*} euphemism
 - although 'Reichsprogromnacht' is more legitimate
 - 90 people died, 30.000 Jewish businesses were destroyed and 200 synagogues
 - ^{ages} ~~com~~pl. exclusion from society completed

Our questions: If Jews had to pay for damages; dispossessions