

Nazi Social Policies

To what extent were they (a) Novel; (b) Immoral?

- It is too easy to simply depict the Nazis as being "pure evil". To do so would allow us to simply dismiss them as being a "German Problem", which is factually incorrect and creates exactly the sort of hatred that Hitler stood for.
- The disturbing fact is that Hitler's ideas were not new, not German, and have never gone away.

Task 1

1. Complete column [C] of this table working alone. Then discuss the points as a group.
2. Now discuss each row as a group. Complete column [D] during the discussion and using the earlier worksheet you completed using the student PowerPoint presentations.
3. Which of the statements do you disagree with least? Compare your ideas with the rest of the group.

Task 2

Which of the following four statements do you think best sums up Hitler's social policies? Explain your answer carefully.

- a. The corruption of good ideas
- b. The logical conclusion of good ideas
- c. The corruption of bad ideas
- d. The logical conclusion of bad ideas

Task 3

"Current social legislation in the 'civilised' world shows that Nazism is alive and well in the 21st Century".

Do you agree? Explain your answer carefully.

A. Historical examples	B. Examples of countries which have adopted this position	C. Do you agree with this point of view? Explain.	D. How did the Nazis take this position to its cold conclusion?
1. It is acceptable to concentrate all your political opponents into camps	UK (19thC)		Concentration Camps
2. Women should be rewarded to stay at home and have more children	France, Italy, UK (21stC)		Honour Cross
3. Expectant mothers should be allowed abortions if the unborn child has certain disabilities	UK (21stC)		T4 Programme
4. Euthanasia ("Mercy Killing") should be legal	Holland (21stC)		
5. Women can choose the appearance and profession of an anonymous sperm donor to father their children	USA, UK (21stC)		Lebensborn
6. It is acceptable to sterilise certain types of criminals	Norway, Sweden, Denmark (20thC) USA (21stC ¹)		The "Hitler Cut"
7. Homosexuals are an offence to God and nature and should be punished	UK, France, USA (20thC) Zimbabwe, Jamaica, India (21stC)		
8. Jewish people undermine national unity and should be expelled from our country	UK (14thC), Spain (15thC), Russia (19thC)		

¹ Certain states in the USA, of course, still have the death penalty as well.