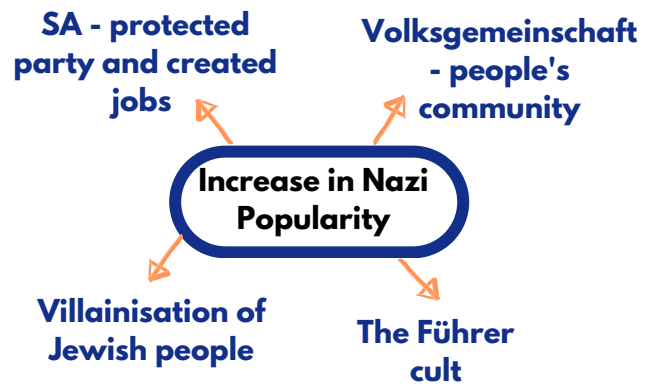


- 1921 - Hitler created the **SA** to be Nazi's private army
- Intimidated opponents and protected rallies
- Known as the Brownshirts
- In 1932 had **400,000** members
- By 1933 had **2 million** members



- **KDP** (left) increased their vote share from 10% to 15%
- By 1932 parties committed to the destruction of the Weimar Republic held 319/608 seats

- **Brüning** resigns in May 1932 and **Von Papen** becomes Chancellor
- July - Nazis become largest party with 230 seats in Reichstag
- Nov - Von Papen calls election, Nazis lose 34 seats but still hold majority
- Dec - Von Papen told to resign by Hindenburg and **Von Schleicher** appointed Chancellor
- Jan - Von Schleicher unpopular, Von Papen persuaded Hindenburg to replace **Hitler** as **Chancellor** and Papen as Vice - Chancellor, thinking he could control Hitler



2nd August 1934 - **Hindenburg died**
Hitler combined roles of president and chancellor and became **Führer** and army had to swear an oath of allegiance to him

2. GERMANY AND THE DEPRESSION

- **SA** under the command of **Röhm** had **3 million** members
- The SA were more loyal to Röhm than Hitler and were no longer needed
- Röhm **disagreed** with some of Hitler's ideas



Reichstag Fire 27th Feb 1933

- Reichstag building was set on fire
- Dutch communist **Van der Lubbe** was arrested and blamed for the fire
- Hitler persuaded Hindenburg that Germany was on the brink of a communist revolution, and he should use **Article 48** to pass Reichstag Fire Decree
- In Reichstag elections on 5th March Hitler got **44% of vote** but still had to join with nationalists for majority

Night of the Long Knives
Himmler told Hitler that Röhm was going to attempt a coup
30th June 1934 - Röhm and around **400** members of SA were murdered by SS, including Von Schleicher

- Enabling Act 1933**
- Allows Hitler to enact new laws without the consent of the President or the Reichstag for 4 years
 - Reichstag were intimidated into passing act, **444 in favour**, 94 against
 - On 2nd May Hitler banned **trade unions**
 - On 14th July all **political parties** other than Nazis were banned

Reichstag Fire Decree
Suspended **freedom of expression**
Right of free association and public assembly was suspended
Mass arrests of **communists**

