

- 1930-32
 - Nazism becomes “national” movement
 - Can’t win w/out Bismarck’s “three pillars”
 - 1930 Election = fateful
 - Oct 1931, Hitler meets Hindenburg
 - Political chaos continued
 - People = desperate
 - Violence = constant
 - Elected leaders = indecisive
 - Goering & 106 NSDAP deputies
 - Is Hitler savior?
 - Opportunity = 1932 *Reichspräsident* election
 - Hindenburg agrees to run
 - Hitler enters race
 - Campaign = violent but quick
 - “For Freedom and Bread”
 - Goebbels propaganda campaign
 - Hindenburg does nothing

- March 13 = election day
 - Hindenburg (Independent); Hitler (NSDAP); Thaelmann (KPD); Duesterberg (DVNP)

- No required majority = runoff
 - *Hitler über Deutschland*

 - Hitler crisscrosses Germany

 - NSDAP hit by scandal

- April 10
 - Hindenburg wins

 - Won by majority, but no one at ease

- NSDAP could no longer be ignored
 - Brüning outlaws SA & SS

 - Opportunity to Kurt von Schleicher

- Schleicher's deal
 - Meets with Hitler

 - Brüning out; Franz von Papen (Z) in

- Papen Forms rightwing cabinet
 - Uses Article 25

 - Uses Article 48

 - Debt & reparations

- July 31 *Reichstag* election
 - SA renews street battles w/ KPD
 - Hitler campaigns vigorously
 - NOTE: anti-Semitism ≠ issue
 - July 31 election (230:608 seats)

- Hitler moves for chancellorship
 - Meets with Schleicher

 - Offered vice-chancellorship

- August 13 meets w/ Hindenburg
 - Offers NSDAP in coalition gov't

 - Hitler declines

- Summer-Winter 32
 - Hitler retreats from public eye
 - Eva Braun attempts suicide

 - SA suggests *putsch*

 - Hitler content to use *Reichstag*

 - Nazis initially behave

- Goering = president of *Reichstag*
 - Papen = vote of no-confidence
 - Hindenburg calls another election
- Nov 6 Election (584 seats)
 - Campaign = costly for NSDAP (196:584 seats)
 - Agreement w/ Z shattered
 - Is NSDAP cresting?
- Germany on verge of civil war
 - NSDAP & KPD stall gov't
 - Papen urges for martial law
 - Schleicher intervenes
 - Papen resigns
- November 18 Hindenburg/Hitler meet
 - Hindenburg seeks cooperation
 - Hitler refuses
- Elites pressure Hindenburg
 - Hindenburg refuses
- December 3 Schleicher = chancellor
 - Goal = strong cabinet

- Attempts to split NSDAP
- Strasser offered vice-chancellor
- Hitler unleashes NSDAP
 - Schleicher seeks “military dictatorship”
 - Hindenburg refuses
 - Schleicher resigns January 28, 1933
- Papen intervenes
 - Hindenburg finally relents
- January 30 - Hitler = *Reichskanzler*
 - Announces NSDAP dominated cabinet
- *Seig Hail!*
- January 31 Hitler meets with Papen
 - Demands new election & enabling act
 - Article 25 issued
- Final election = 5 March 1933
 - Nazis unleashed
 - Hitler needs another crisis

— Feb 27 – *Reichstag* fire

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- Marinus van der Lubbe arrested
- Fire reported globally
- Goebbels overplays story
- Article 48 issued – “Fire Decree”
- Election day = NSDAP (288:647 seats)
- Hitler forms coalition w/ DVNP (52 seats)
- Weimar = up in flames
- From ashes = *Die Dritte Reich*
- FYI: *Reichstag* Fire Trial