

Propaganda Webquest

Begin by going to

http://www.aish.com/holocaust/overview/the_poisonous_mushroom.asp

1. What was the goal of the book?
2. What images were used to “teach” children how to identify a Jewish person?
3. According to the book, why were Jews a threat?

Now go to:

<http://www.calvin.edu/academic/cas/gpa/> Select 1933-1945

- Read the “Our Hitler” 1935 Goebbels speeches:
 1. Choose three phrases Goebbels uses to paint a positive image of Hitler?
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
 2. What is he saying that reflects Fascist ideology- (look for the word unity)
- Click on “Propaganda by Nazi leaders”
Scroll down to “Anti Semitic material” and click on “Solving the Jewish question” by Dr. Achim Gercke

“Allowing free development and equality for the Jews has led to an "unfree" situation of exploited competition, and to a handing over of important positions within the German people to those of a foreign race.”

In what way does this quote reflect the use of Jews as a scapegoat?

“The legal measures that have just been issued by the government are cleansing actions that adroitly respond to Judah's declaration of war. Primarily, the laws provide a direction in which to move.”

What are the legal measures he is referring to?

“All proposals that include a permanent presence, a permanent regulation of the Jews in Germany, do not solve the Jewish Question, for they do not eliminate the Jews from Germany (*denn sie lösen die Juden nicht von Deutschland*). And that is what we want to do. If the Jews are able to exploit their host peoples forever, they will remain a constant source of the open, destructive flame of Bolshevism, making it easy to repeatedly kindle it again, not to mention the political uncertainties resulting from disunity within the people and the danger to racial unity. Let us swear off such thinking forever, whether it results from poor thinking or evil intentions. To summarize, the state can and must focus on systematical elimination, on emigration.”

Why does Gercke use the threat of Bolshevism? Why does he believe in forced resettlement?

- Click on The Jewish Problem: From a citizen's handbook to the Third Reich

Choose two quotes that you think are good examples of the National Socialists propaganda.

A.

B.

Provide two economic examples of propaganda that appear above the cartoon. How are these used to scapegoat the Jews?

A.

B.

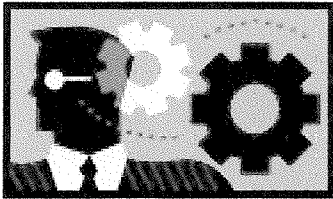
- Now click on “Visual material” and select “Nazi-era posters”

Choose three posters- describe what the image is and explain what kind of propaganda is it is, Nationalistic, anti-Semitic etc. What is the goal of the poster?

A.

B.

C.



Think about the goal of the propaganda you have seen and the techniques that were used to vilify the Jews. Why do you think Hitler primarily targeted Jews? What did he hope to achieve?