

# 1 E Analyse the political impact of the Great Depression on any one Country of the region

The Great Depression which struck Europe and the rest of the world heavily due to the American "Wall Street Crash" of 1929 can be said to have had a significant impact on not just economy, but also politically. One of the most influenced countries in the European region whose impact politically can be said to have changed world history was Germany. The importance of the impact of Germany politically significantly highlights how the opinions of the people of Germany changed after the Great Depression and illuminates the reason why a weak country such as Germany could change from a republic to a single party state in such a small time period. This essay will analyse how Germany's political position changed as an impact of the "Great Depression" and will emphasize on the idea that the Treaty of Versailles <sup>?</sup> of 1919 was a spark to the influences of the Great Depression "Wall Street Crash" of 1929. Most importantly, the political situation of Germany before and after the "Great depression" will be assessed to draw on its impacts.

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Firstly, it can be said that the key reason for the heavy impact of the Great Depression on Germany's politics originated in the "Treaty of Versailles" of 1919, tailored by the Great Allies: France, Britain, and the United States. Due to the harsh treatment of Germany after the First World War such as the impact of the war guilt



Clause; and ~~and~~ disarmament, and most importantly: the effect of the massive repayment debt Germany received, it can be traced back how inevitable the change in political views of the people in Germany came to a start. The Treaty of Versailles made Germany dependent on American loans which so drastically ended in 1929, ~~which~~ a majorly ~~was~~ influencing Germany on an international scale as well as a domestic scale.

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Furthermore, the fact that Germany's loans and delays of repayment such as: the Dawes Plan and the Young Plan was ~~then~~ cancelled, Germany's politics were drastically changed ~~because~~ because the people of Germany were reminded of the great mistake their current ~~new~~ democratic government the Weimar Republic made under ~~Friedrich~~ + Friedrich Ebert. Therefore, one can discover how the anger of the German people that resulted in unemployment after the Great Depression made room for new and more aspirational political parties such as the "German Workers Party" under Adolf Hitler also known as "the Nazi Party". The Nazi Party used ~~as~~ the mistakes of the Weimar Constitution to build a hostile ~~relationship~~ between them and the people of Germany through the idea of the "November Criminals" and the ~~saying~~ that emphasising that the Weimar Republic "stabbed them in the back". Hitler used this as propaganda which was sparked by ongoing unemployment due to the "Great Depression". This drastically



Changed the wishes of the German workers, creating a perfect situation for the rise of a single party, totalitarian state under "The Nazi Party". Hitler was favoured and admired as an impact of the Great Depression which gained him support by letting Germany people know through propaganda that he was willing to correct the mistakes of the Weimar Republic, reduce unemployment, and protect Germany from socialist communism being the great fear for upper class Germans.

In this sense, one can see how a single Party state could rise from the ashes of Germany so greatly affected by the impact of the Great Depression that ~~that~~ ~~and~~ and completely change the political platform of Germany. The political impact of the great depression originates back to the "stab in the back" concept that the Weimar Republic betrayed the German people which once again reminded ~~them~~ ~~of the~~ the Germans of the ~~mistake in~~ faulty in their current political coalition. This made way for the rise of single Party state "The third Reich" under Hitler and the Nazi party in 1933, when Hindenburg appointed Hitler as the Chancellor of Germany due to his much support ~~was~~ by voter of German people from all classes, giving him many seats in the Reichstag <sup>TV</sup> eventually leading to this rise in power and the major change that Germany underwent in politics. Additionally, one major effect of the Great Depression was



the passing of the enabling act due to the major impact of the "Wall street Crash" in 1929. This gave Hitler much power instead of going through the reichstag, as a result of conditions in Germany.

overall, the political impact of the Great Depression on Germany also had a significant impact on world history which eventually resulted in world war two breaking out. Most importantly, the political impact of Germany after the Great Depression teaches politicians a lesson in modern day society that if a country suffers too heavily in a treaty, the country may respond in such a way that does not only instigate an effect on the countries domestic policies but also world policies. The treaty of Versailles was harsh on Germany and resulted in Germany being dependent of US loans which so drastically ended in 1929 with the great depression and inevitably resulted in the perfect conditions for the rise of single Party state leader Adolf Hitler. ~~Finally, this led~~ that the German people vote quickly for him.

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Limited argument

