

# THE NAZI PARTY

- The Nazi Party emerged from the German nationalist, racist and paramilitary culture, which fought against the communist uprisings in post-World War I Germany.
- The party was created to draw workers away from communism and into *völkisch* nationalism.
- It was founded as the German Workers' Party by Anton Drexler in 1919.
- Hitler attended one of its meetings that year, and before long his energy and oratorical skills would enable him to take over the party
- which was renamed National Socialist German Workers' Party in 1920.



# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

In your notebooks, answer the following questions with your table:

- 1. What type of **language** is used in this document? What seems to be the **overall goal** ?
- 2. What type of government does this call for? Use evidence from the points.
- 3. Are any of the points contradictory? Which ones? How so?
- 4. Looking at point 23, what is going on? What is it trying to accomplish?



# **WHY DO PEOPLE FOLLOW THIS PHILOSOPHY?**

- It is blatantly racist and excludes large parts of the population...yet it gains the following of thousands.
- Why?

# BEER HALL PUTSCH

- November 8-9, 1923 Hitler tried to start a coup in Munich
- Rouses the people, via gunfire and speeches—many later top Nazis involved
- First major use of the SA (brownshirts)
- Suppressed that night
- Hitler and other tried for high treason and sentenced to a whopping 5 years in jail
  - Serves 9 months
- In prison writes *Mein Kampf*



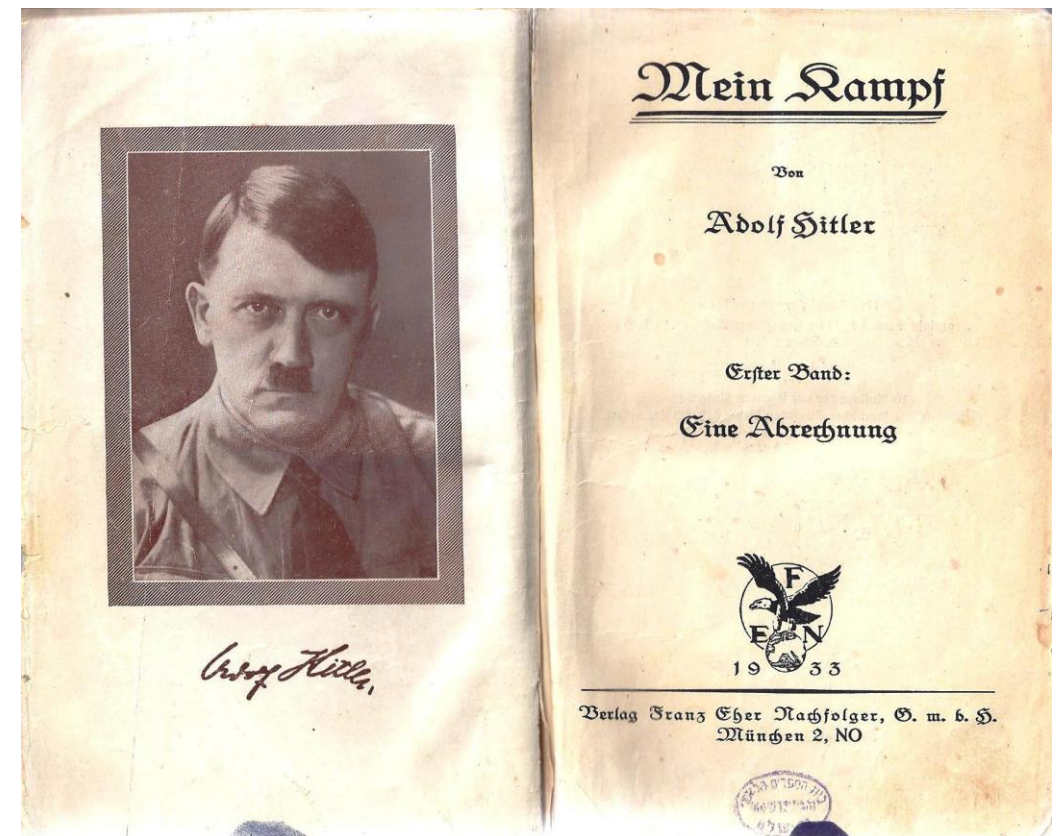






# MEIN KAMPF

"The ignorance of the broad masses about the inner nature of the Jew, the lack of instinct and narrow-mindedness of our upper classes, make the people an easy victim for this Jewish campaign of lies."



# WHY THE JEWISH PEOPLE?

- the loss of the most noble race (Germans) in WWI was the ruin of the planet and being “unnatural,” = Jewish
- So Hitler looked around and where he believed this hadn’t happened and settled on one key country: the USA. He became obsessed with America
- To Hitler, the United States had an abundance of natural resources and wide open spaces—the perfect example of *lebensraum* (living space)—which created an ideal land empire; the US grew food better than the rest of the world



# HITLER'S VISION- LEBENSRAUM

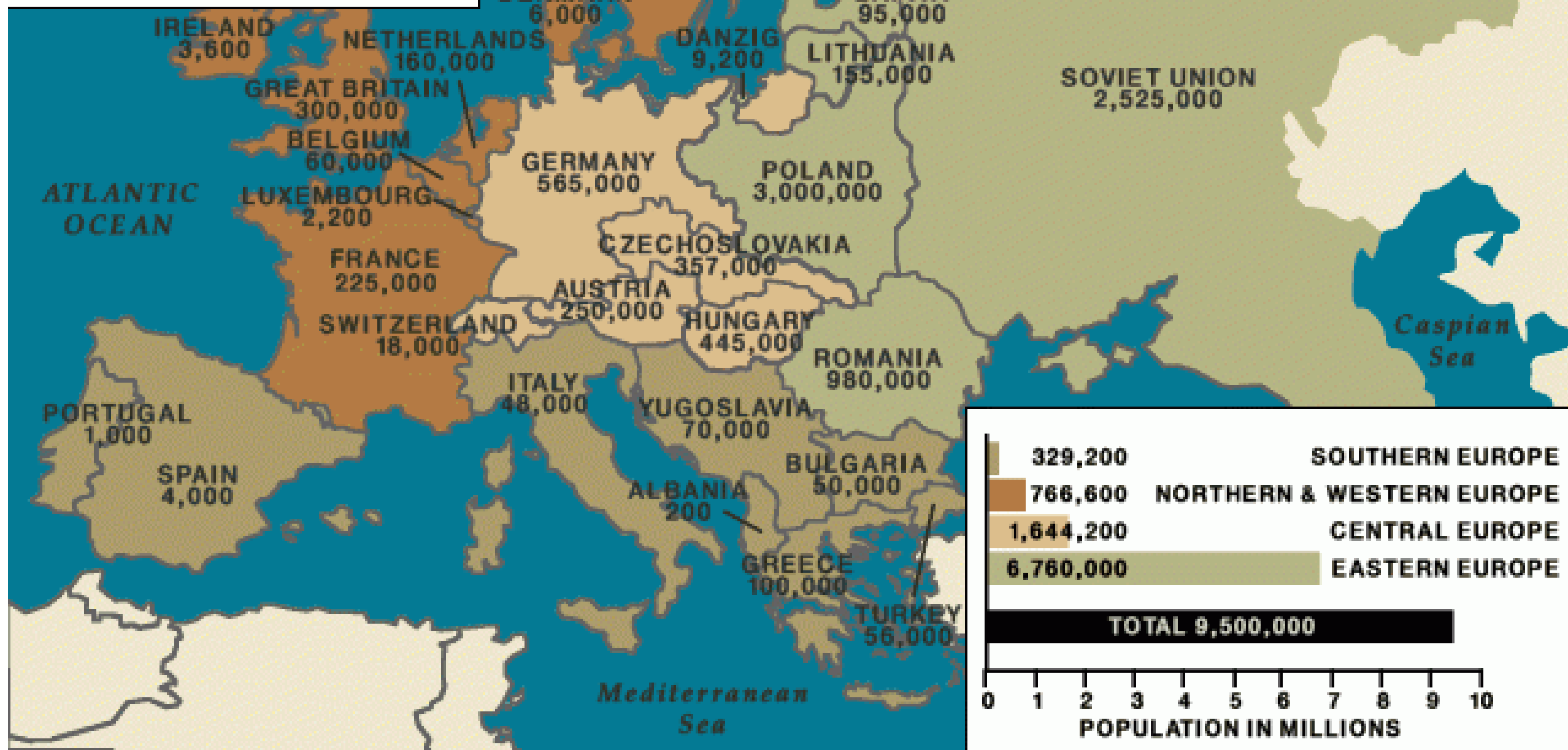
- Also, the USA had slowly exterminated/attempted to exterminate those who were already there—the indigenous population
- –Hitler’s early model for the eradication of Jews was based on US’s interactions with Native Americans
- So, Germany needed to replicate the US, and the best place to do that was in the “breadbaskets” of Eastern Europe
- Goal- promote and expand the Aryan race





# EUROPEAN JEWISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION CIRCA 1933

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# ARYAN RACE

- The **Aryan race** is a historical **race** concept which emerged in the period of the late 19th century and mid-20th century to describe people of Indo-European heritage as a **racial** grouping.
- The **master race** (as its called by **Nazi ideology** ) is the Nordic or Aryan races predominant among Germans and other northern European peoples..
- deemed the highest in racial hierarchy.



# NAZI PARTY IN POWER

- ⑩ Germany back to pre-WWI industrial levels by 1929
- Great Depression hits Oct. 29, 1929
- Country begins to fall apart
- Hindenburg runs for 3<sup>rd</sup> term and wins, but Nazis get most votes in Reichstag w/ 37% after major propaganda campaign by Joseph Goebbels
- Form coalition to appoint Hitler Chancellor
- Done in small ceremony but then marches SA through Brandenburg gate









# HITLER AS CHANCELLOR

- Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 1933, Reichstag burns down - Nazis claim to find communists inside and blame it on them
- Nazis recall elections and win 43% of vote (not a majority like they wished), so pressure other legislature into voting with them, most famously in Enabling Act
- Hindenburg dies in 1934, instead of calling elections Nazis pressure Reichstag into appointing Hitler führer







# HITLER'S ACTS AS CHANCELLOR- STEPS TO DOMINATION

1. Opens Dachau concentration camp – leads to others
2. Book burning
3. Involvement of the people
4. Propaganda via Joseph Goebbels
5. Nuremberg laws against the Jews
6. Remilitarization of the Rhineland
7. Night of the Long Knives
8. Himmler and SS

