

UCSB Hist 133D 2010, L 8:

Adolf Hitler: Architect of Genocide?

- Textbook order cancelled (not til Feb. 1-7)
 - Film Wed. Feb. 3, 6:30-9:45, Phelps 1160
Anne Frank: The Whole Story (2001)
1. Theory: Hitler as a cause
 2. Hitler's personal background
 - Origins of antisemitism: Vienna vs. Munich
 3. (Hitler's) politics 1920-1924

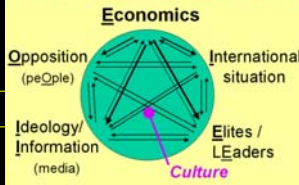
How Hitler fits in as cause

- **Intentionalism:** Hitler's plan "from the start"
- **Functionalism:** "working towards the Führer"
- **Structuralism:** parallel gov't-party structures; dynamic of competition

The Leader as Cause

(Hyperinflation)
1930: Depression

EIEIO Model of Causes in History



"Hitler's Willing Executioners"

Antisemitism
Master-racism
Lebensraum

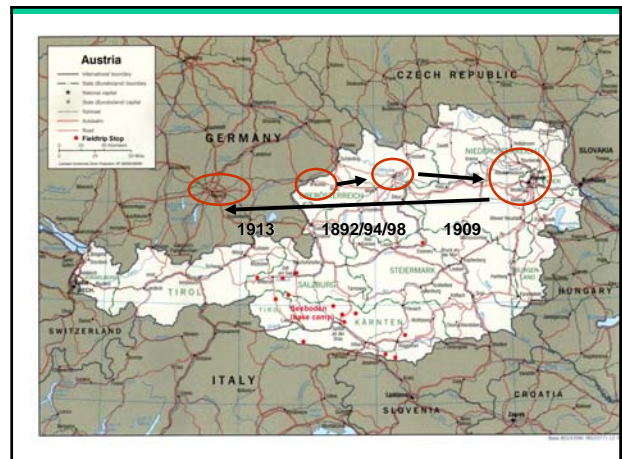
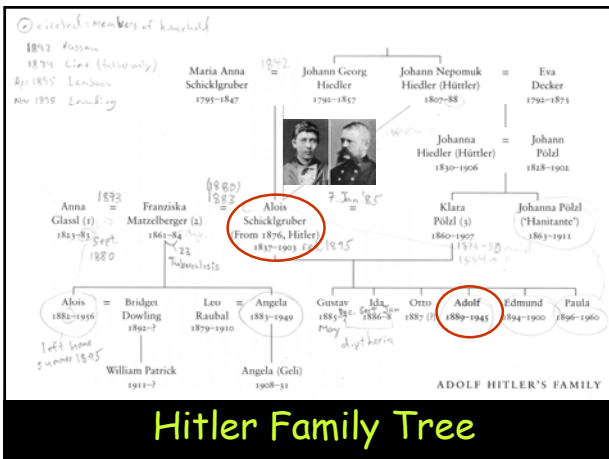
Versailles;
Ruhr occ.

Hitler;
Himmler etc.

Weimar constitution;
German history (no rev.)
German authoritarianism

Early Biography

- 1876: Alois Schickelgruber takes dad's name
- 1882: son w/ 2nd wife Fanni: Alois jr.
- 1885: 3rd wife Klara: by 1888 3 kids die
- 1889 Adolf born; Austria/German border
- 1907: Jan: Klara breast cancer
Sept: Adolf (age 18) to Vienna
- 1908-13: Vienna drifter
- 1913, May: Adolf to Munich
- 1914, Feb: extradited to Austria
Aug: volunteers in Munich
Oct: to western front



Adolf's 4th grade class, 1899

- How much can we read into this?



Adolf Hitler the Artist (1911-13)



1912, 1912, 1913

- How good was Hitler as an artist?

August 1914 in Munich



Great War Experiences

- "Great War" Aug. 1914: dispatch bearer
 - Oct. 1914: in 4 days 3,000 of 3,600 killed!
 - 47 battles in 4 years: 1 per month
 - twice injured, two Iron Crosses (legend of 2nd)
- Berlin in Oct. 1917, Oct. 1918
 - Munich in Nov. 1918
 - guarded POWs Dec-Jan.
 - return to Munich in Jan. 1919: Kurt Eisner

1915, 1917: with Foxl & Schmiedl Was Hitler gay?



John Singer Sargent, "Gassed" (1918)



Dulce at Decorum est

Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through sludge,
Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs,
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.
Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots,
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame, all blind;
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots
Of gas-shells dropping softly behind.

Ernst Röhm (1887-1934)

- Captain at end of WWI
- Hired and Patron of Hitler in Munich



After the War

- 1919 Munich, work for army
- 1920 joins DAP, renamed NSDAP
- 1923, Nov: "Putsch" in Munich (Mussolini's 1920 March on Rome)
- 1924, May: sentencing at trial
Dec. released from prison

August 1920 speech

- Sept. 1919 letter: 1st antisemitic text

Sources for Biography

- How do we know anything about Hitler?
 - Memoirs of people who knew him
 - August "Gustl" Kubizek: Linz & Vienna; 1938 book
 - Hanisch & Honisch in Vienna
 - WWI letters; Brandmayr memoir
 - Konrad Heiden, Rudolf Olden: 1920s reporters > biog.
 - *Mein Kampf* (1925)
 - Documents, esp. collection of NSDAP chancellery
NSDAP: National Sozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei

Mein Kampf (My Struggle)



Antisemitism: Vienna or Munich?

- Four deliberate distortions in *Mein Kampf*:
 1. relationship to father
 2. poverty/work in Vienna
 3. formation of his "world view" (antsem.) in Vienna
 4. date of move from Vienna to Munich (May 1913)
- *Mein Kampf* written to portray a "straight line" for Hitler's followers
- 1930s Chancellery: documentary collection:
 - 6 fake documents Jan-May 1919