The Nazis and the Strategy of 'Othering'

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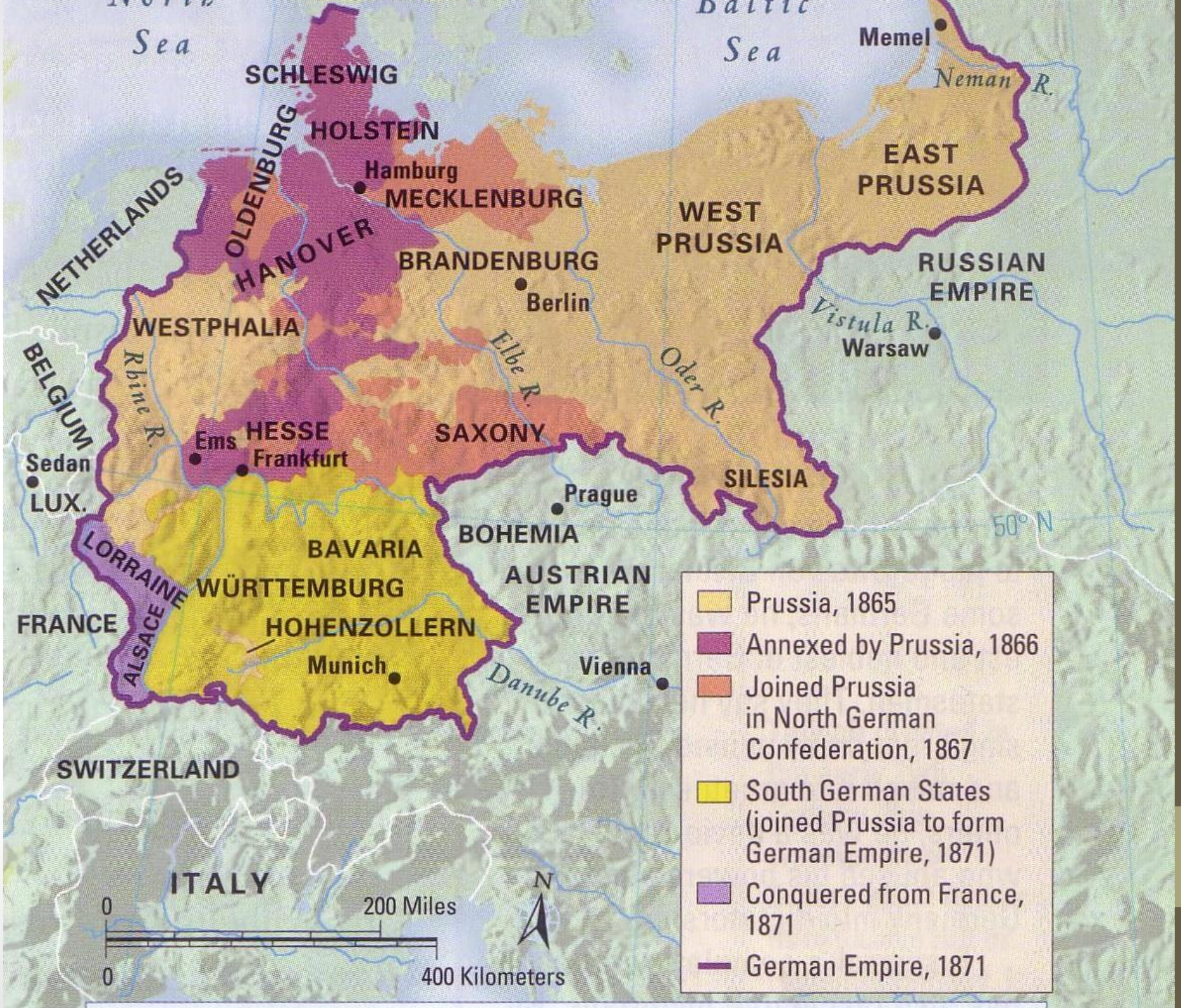
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Joined Prussia in North German Confederation, 1867
South German States (joined Prussia to form German Empire, 1871)
Conquered from France, 1871
German Empire, 1871

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  - *Kulturkampf* (1871-1878)
- Looking for "enemies of the Empire"!
- First target = Catholics
- Second target = Socialists

World War One Propaganda

- August 1914 = World War One erupted
  - 8,500,000 killed
  - “Total War”
- Use of propaganda

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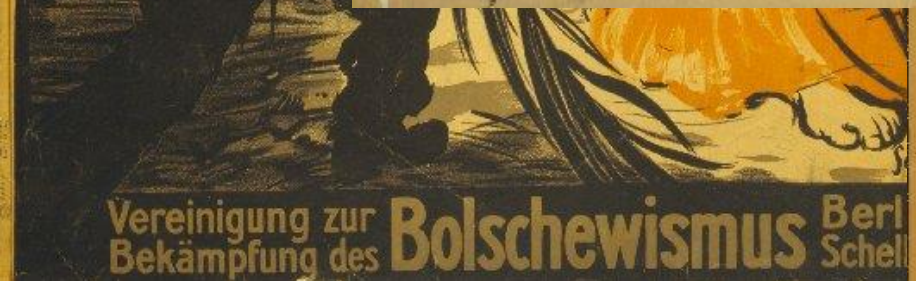

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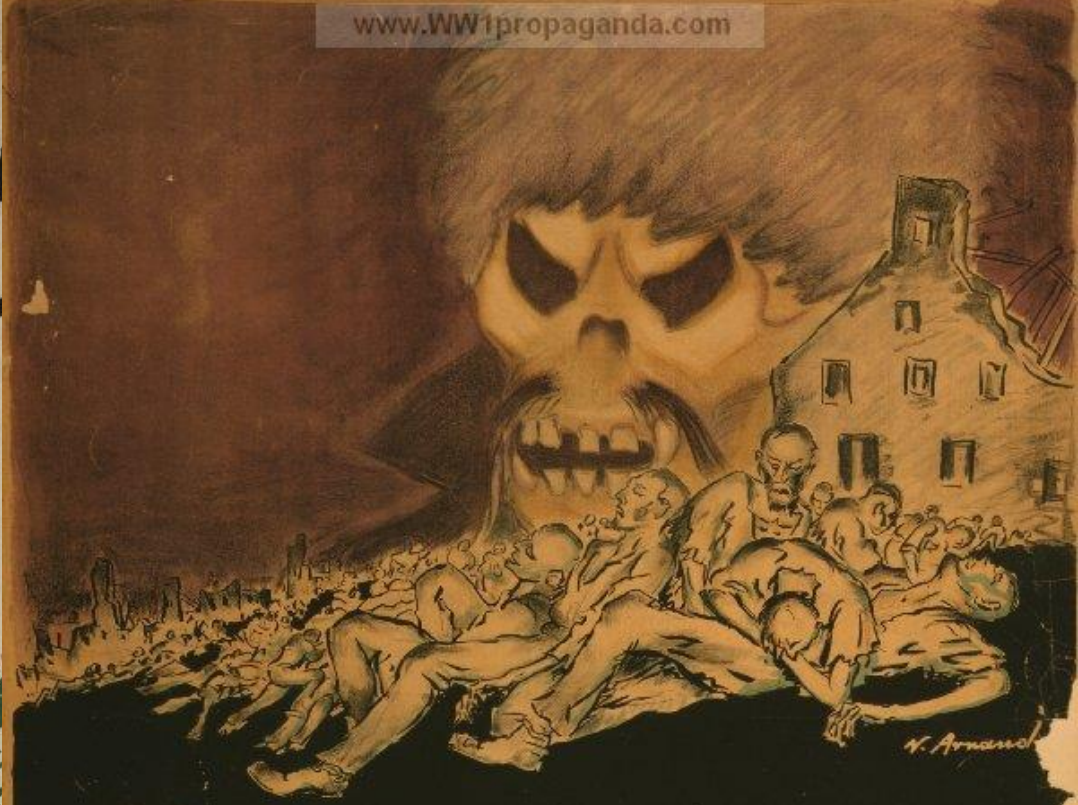


Die Heimat ist in Gefahr!

Große Geldmittel für den Ostschutz sind nötig

Helft sofort! Eile tut not!

Ein Überfluten der bolschewistischen Welle über unsere östlichen Grenzen droht von Russland her, und im eigenen Lande regen sich bolschewistische Kräfte der Zersetzung ★ Sämtliche Depositenkassen und Zweigniederlassungen der Berliner Groß-Banken sind bereit, Beiträge unter dem Stichwort „**Osthilfe**" anzunehmen.

Die Reichsregierung
NOSKE

Die Preußische Regierung
HIRSCH

Die Freiwillige Wirtschaftshilfe für den Ostschutz
(„Osthilfe") E.V. Vollbehr.

KUNSTANSTALT R. BARNICK

Scapegoats after WWI

- 1918 = Germany lost the war
- But how?!??! They were so badass!
  - Battle of Tannenberg (August 1914)
  - General Hindenburg
  - Treaty of Brest-Litovsk (March 1918)
- “Stab in the back” myth
  - Army was not defeated
  - Army was “stabbed in the back” by disloyal leftists
    - Controlled by Jews!

Karl Lueger

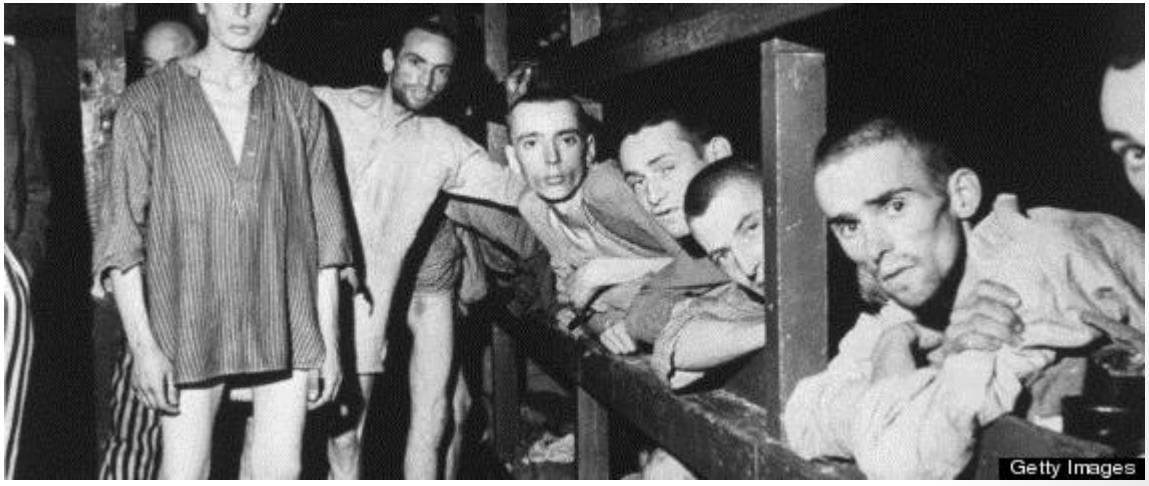
- Mayor of Vienna, 1897-1910
- Used antisemitism as a political platform
  - Claimed Jews controlled the “liberal press”
  - Claimed Jews were exploiting the middle class
- Deeply influenced Adolf Hitler

The Mentally Handicapped

- “Useless”?
- First victims of the Holocaust
  - 1939-1945 = euthanasia program (T-4 Program)
  - 100,000 killed
- Social Darwinism = pseudo-science that applied biological Darwinism to the social sciences
  - “natural selection”
  - “survival of the fittest”

Political Prisoners

- Who?
  - Leftists, political enemies
- Lots of early post-WWII interest/literature
- Treated relatively well
  - They could be reformed!
- 1933 = Many Communists joined Nazi storm troopers
- Libraries at Dachau & Flossenbürg concentration camps

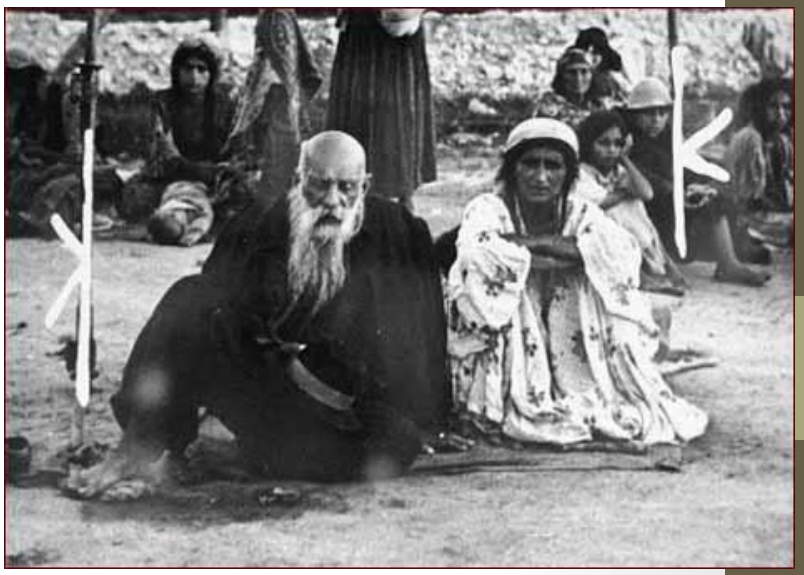


Jehovah's Witnesses

- 1930s = 20,000 in Germany
- So what's the big deal?
  - Refused to swear oaths
  - Pacifists
  - Very, very visible
- 200 executed
- 10,000 sent to camps
  - 25%-50% died

The Roma

- Who?
- 1930s = ca. 19,000 in Germany
- “the other genocide”?
- Perceived as thieves/beggars
- More pseudo-science . . .
  - Belief that criminality was inherited



“Asocials”

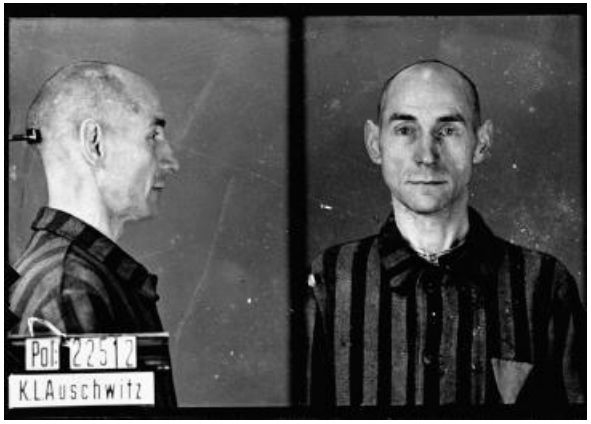
- Who?
- Assigned heaviest labor jobs
- Often slated for euthanasia

The Numbers

- Nazis estimated 11,000,000 Jews in Europe
- Example: Auschwitz
  - 88% of Jews killed (960,000)
  - 91% of Roma killed (21,000)
  - 99% of Soviet POWs killed (15,000)

	political	professional criminal	emigrant	Jehovah's Witnesses	homosexual	antisocial
basic colors						
repeat offenders						
prisoners in punishment kommandos						
Jews						
special marks	Jews who had sex with Aryans	Aryans who had sex with Jews	suspect runaway	identification number		
	Polish	Czech	army deserter	prisoner in charge		

The Homosexual Problem

- Nazis estimated 2-3 million in Germany alone
  - Potentially 4.3% of population!
- Estimated 23,000,000 in Europe
- Difficult to identify

- 1871 = homosexuality made illegal in new Germany
  - BUT, after WWI, little enforcement
- Homosexuals as potential scapegoat
  - Besides Jews, only other group to be stripped of PhDs