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Schools History Project
Unit 2 Option D: Germany 1919–1945

Sources Booklet

Sources A to E for use in answering Question 1
Source F for use in answering Question 2
Source G for use in answering Question 3
German Society under the Nazis

A view of the role of women in Hitler’s Germany

**Source A**  A painting called *A Farming Family from Kahlenberg*. This painting of a farming family from Kahlenberg was done in 1939 by Adolf Wissel, an official Nazi artist.

![A Farming Family from Kahlenberg](image)

**Source B**  From a New Year speech in 1936 by Gertrude Scholtz-Klink, the leader of the Nazi Women’s Organisation. The speech was reported in *Frauen Warte*, which was the Nazi Party’s fortnightly illustrated magazine for women. By 1939 it had a circulation of 1.9 million copies.

The National Socialist Party sees men and women as being equally important for Germany’s future. Motherhood is the most important calling for women. Even those women without children will still become mothers of the nation. Every German woman and girl will become one of the Führer’s little helpers whether she is in the labour service, a factory, at a university or hospital, or on the high seas.
A different view of the role of women in Hitler's Germany

**Source C**  A cartoon with the caption, ‘And now I will introduce Frau Muller, who, up to now, has brought 12 children into the world.’
This cartoon about Germany was done in 1935 in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Source D  From a letter to Hitler which was signed by several women.  It was published in a German newspaper in 1934.

Man is being educated not for, but against, marriage.  We see our daughters growing up in stupid aimlessness, living only in the vague hope of getting a man and having children.  A son today laughs in his mother’s face.  He regards her as his natural servant and women in general as merely willing tools of his aims.

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Source E  These pictures come from the German children’s book, *The Poisonous Mushroom*, published in 1938 by Julius Streicher. In the book a mother and her son gather mushrooms. She asks him, ‘Do you know who these bad men are, these poisonous mushrooms of mankind?’ He replies, ‘Of course I do, Mother! They are Jews! Our teacher told us about them.’
Turn over for Source F for use in answering Question 2 and Source G for use in answering Question 3
Source F  (for use in answering Question 2)

A photograph of Spartacists defending themselves against attacks from the Freikorps in January 1919.
Source G  (for use in answering Question 3)

A photograph showing Germans in 1932 stopping to look at a Nazi poster. The poster says 'Our last hope – HITLER'.