

Grade 9 Answer

12 Mark Essay Question

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Question:

Which of the following was the more important reason why there was growth in support for the Nazi Party in the years 1928-1932

- The role of the SA
- Hitler's appeal?

Explain your answer with reference to both bullet points.

(12 marks)

Answer:

Firstly, the role of the SA was a very important reason why there was growth in support for the Nazi Party in the years 1928-1932. The SA suppressed political opponents such as Communists by attacking them and preventing them from meeting. They would also protect Hitler from these opponents during Nazi meetings and public appearances such as speeches. By 1932, the SA had 400,000 members, so they were very successful in suppressing their opponents. Therefore, there was growth in Nazi support as the SA meant that Hitler was left untouched and unopposed.

Secondly, Hitler's appeal was a very important reason why there was growth in support for the Nazi Party in the years 1928-1932. Hitler's policies were deliberately vague so they would appeal to as many people as possible. For example, the Nazis aimed to abolish the Treaty of Versailles, which was an extremely popular policy amongst nationalists. And the Nazi's opposition to communism was popular with farmers and businessmen who were worried that communists would come to power and redistribute land and money. And promises of better pensions appealed to the common man. Therefore, there was growth in Nazi support as Hitler's vague policies appealed to a wide range of Germans.

Overall, the most important reason why there was growth in support for the Nazi party in the years 1928-1932 was Hitler's appeal. Although the role of the SA was important for the Nazis to suppress their opponents, they would not have gained such popularity if their policies did not appeal to a large number of Germans, which drastically increased their support in the Reichstag.

Feedback:

This answer would get 12/12 marks because the pupil has explained each of the given points (role of the SA and Hitler's appeal) in depth using historical information, and directly linked to the question throughout. The pupil has also included a judgement at the end, explaining which point was more important and why.

