

The Nazi Rise To Power:

National Socialist German Workers Party

- intense nationalism**
- hatred for democracy**

1. Economic Distress:

- the Great Depression caused severe unemployment in Germany

- Nazis promise to improve the economy and provide jobs

2. Appeal To Nationalism:

- Hitler proclaimed that Germans were the "master race" and destined to rule the world

- Nazis exploited the feelings of World War I

a) denounced the War Guilt Clause

b) demanded the return of Germany's colonies and European territories.

c) claimed that German armies were not defeated by the Allies, but were "stabbed in the back" by Jews

3. Attack On The Jews:

- Hitler personally hated the Jews and blamed them for Germany's problems.

* Why the Jews?

* Roots of *anti-semitism*

* Unification through hate and stereotypes

- Jews made up less than 1% of the German population (about 500,000)

* How were Jews identified?

4. Weakness Of The Weimar Republic:

- Germany's democratic government that was

created by the Allies after World War I

- It was weak, unstable and could not cope with the

country's problems

5. Lack Of A Democratic Tradition:

- Germans were not used to living in a democracy

- Germans were willing to exchange their freedoms

for Nazi promises of economic security and

nationalist glory

6. Leadership Of Adolf Hitler