Hitler on Nazism 
Unlike Mussolini, Adolph Hitler published his political views well before he 
came to power. Born in Austria, Hitler absorbed a radical form of German 
nationalism, which he retained as a profoundly disillusioned veteran of World 
War I. In 1919, he joined a very small extremist group called the German Work- 
ers Party, where he rose quickly to a dominant role based on his powerful ora- 
torical abilities. Inspired by Mussolinfi recent victory in Italy, Hitler launched 
in 1923 an unsuccessful armed uprising in Munich for which he was arrested 
and imprisoned. During his briefstay in prison (less than a year), he wrote Mein 
Kampf(My Struggle), part autobiography and part an exposition of his political 
and social philosophy. Armed with these ideas, Hitler assumed the leadership 
of Germany in 1933 (see pp. 990—93)• 

ADOLPH HITLER 
Mein Kampf (My Struggle) 
1925—1926 
Nation and Race 
There are some truths which are so obvious that for 
this very reason they are not seen or at least not rec- 
ognized by ordinary people.... Every animal mates 
only with a member of the same species.... Any 
crossing of two beings not at exactly the same level 
produces a medium between the Of the 
parents.... Such mating is contrary to the will of Na- 
ture for a higher breeding of all life.... The stronger 
must dominate and not blend with the weaker, thus 
sacrificing his own greatness. Only the born weak— 
ling can View this as cruel , for if this law did not 
prevail, any conceivable higher development of or- 
ganic living beings would be unthinkable. 
In the struggle for daily bread all those who are 
weak and sickly or less determined succumb, while 
the struggle of the males for the female grants the 
right or opportunity to propagate only to the health- 
iest. . No more than Nature desires the mating of 
weaker with stronger individuals, even less does she 
desire the blending of a higher with a lower race, 
since, ifshe did, her whole work of higher breeding, 
over perhaps hundreds Of thousands Of years, might 
be ruined with one blow... All great cultures of the 
Source: Adolph Hitler, Mein Kampf (originally published 
1925—26). 
past perished only because the originally creative race 
died out from blood poisoning. 
Those who want to live, let them fight, and those 
who do not want to fight in this world of eternal 
struggle do not deserve to live.... 
All the human culture, all the results of art, sci- 
ence, and technology that we see before us today, 
are almost exclusively the creative product of the 
alone Was the founder Of all higher 
humanity, therefore representing the prototype of 
all that we understand by the word "man." He is the 
Prometheus of mankind from whose bright forehead 
the divine spark of genius has sprung at all times.... 
Exclude him, and perhaps after a few thousand years 
darkness will again descend on the earth, human 
culture Will pass, and the world turn to a desert. 
All who are not of good race in this world are 
chaff. 
The mightiest counterpart to the Aryan is rep- 
resented by the Jew.... Since the Jew... was never in 
possession ofa culture of his own, the foundations of 
his intellectual work were always provided by oth- 
ers. His intellect at all times developed through the 
cultural world surrounding him... 
He lacks conmpletely the most essential require- 
ment for a cultured people, the idealistic attitude. 
In the Jewish people the will to self-sacrifice does 
not go the naked instinct of 

self-preservation. Their apparently great sense of soli- 
darity is based on the very primitive herd instinct 
that is seen in many other living creatures in this 
world.... [TlheJew is led by nothing but the naked 
egoism of the individual. 
With satanic joy in his face, the black-haired 
Jewish youth lurks in wait for the unsuspecting girl 
whom he defiles with his blood, thus stealing her 
from her people. With every means he tries to de- 
stroy the racial foundations of the people he has set 
out to subjugate.... And so he tries systematically to 
lower the racial level by a continuous poisoning of 
individuals. And in politics he begins to replace the 
idea of democracy by the dictatorship of the 
tariat. In the organized mass of Marxism he has found 
the weapon which lets him... subjugate and govern 
the peoples with a dictatorial and brutal fist. 
In economics he undermines the states until the 
social enterprises which have become unprofitable 
are taken fmm the state and subjected to his financial 
control. 
In the political field he refuses the state the 
means for its self-preservation, destroys the founda- 
tions of all national self-maintenance and defense, 
destroys faith in the leadership. scoffs at its history 
and past, and drags everything that is truly great into 
the gutter. 
Culturally he contaminates art, literature, the the- 
ater, makes a mockery of natural feeling, overthrows 
all concepts of beauty and sublimity, of the noble 
and the good, and instead drags men down into the 
sphere of his own base nature. Religion is ridiculed. 
ethics and morality represented as outmoded, until 
the last props of a nation in its struggle for existence 
in this world have fallen. 
If we pass all the causes of the German collapse 
[defeat in World War Il in review, the ultimate and 
most decisive remains the failure to recognize the 
racial problem and especially the Jewish menace.... 
The lost purity of the blood alone destroys inner 
happiness forever, plunges man into the abyss for all 
time, and the consequences can never more be elim- 
inated from body and spirit.. .. All really significant 
symptoms of decay of the pre-War period can in the 
last analysis be reduced to racial cause•s. 
The State 
The State is only a means to an end.. .. Above all, 
it must preserve the existence of the race.... We, as 
Aryans, can consider the State only as the living 
organism of a people. an organism which does not 
merely maintain the existence of a people, but func- 
tions in such a way as to lead its people to a position 
of supreme liberty by the progressive development 
of the intellectual and cultural faculties. 
We National Socialists know that in holding these 
views we take up a 'evolutionary stand in the •world 
oftoday and that we are branded as revolutionaries.... 
As a State the German Reich shall include all 
Germans. Its task is not only to gather in and fos- 
ter the most valuable sections of our people but to 
lead them slowly and surely to a dominant position 
in the world.. It will be the task of the Peoplc* 
State to make the race the centre of the life of the 
community. It must make sure that the purity of the 
racial strain will be preserved.... Those who are phys— 
ically and mentally unhealthy and unfit must not per- 
petuate their own suffering in the bodies of their 
children.. 
One thing is certain: our world is facing a great 
revolution. The only question is whether the out- 
come will be propitious for the Aryan portion of 
mankind or whether the everlasting Jew will profit 
by it. By educating the young generation along the 
right lines, the PeopleÄ State will have to see to it 
that a generation of mankind is formed which will 
be adequate to this supreme combat that will decide 
the destinies of the world. . 
ITIhe People* State must mercilessly expurgate... 
the parliamentarian principle, according to which 
decisive power through the majority vote is invested 
in the multitude. Personal responsibility must be sub- 
stituted in its stead.... The best constitution and the 
best form of government is that which makes it quite 
natural for the best brains to reach a position ofdom- 
inant importance and influence in the community.... 
Genius of an extraordinary stamp is not to be judged 
by normal standards whereby we judge other men. 
There are no decisions made by the majority 
vote, but only by responsible persons. And the word 
"council" is once more restored to its original mean- 

ing. Every man in a position of responsibility will 
have councilors at his side, but the decision is made 
by that individual person alone.. 
[Tlhe principle of parliamentarian democracy, 
whereby decisions are enacted through the major- 
it-y vote, has not always ruled the world. On the con- 
trary, we find it precalent only during short periods 
of history, and those have always been periods of 
decline in nations and States.. 
Eastern Orientation or Eastern Policy 
IWIe National Socialists must hold unflinchingly 
to our aim in foreign policy, namely, to secure for the 
German people the land and soil to which they are 
entitled on this earth.... If we speak of soil in Europe 
today, we can primarily have in mind only Russia 
and her vassal border states.. 
The National Socialist movement must strive to 
eliminate the disproportion between our population 
and our area—viewing this latter as a source offood 
as well as a basis for power politics—between our 
historical past and the hopelessness of our present 
impotence. And in this it must re-main aware that 
we, as guardians of the highest humanity on this 
earth, are bound by the highest obligation, and the 
more it strives to bring the German people to racial 
awareness... , the more it will be able to meet this 
obligation.. 
State boundaries are made by man and changed 
by man. . And in this case, right lies in this strength 
alone.... Just as our ancestors did not receive the 
soil on which we live today as a gift from Heaven, 
but had to fight for it at the risk of their lives, in the 
future no folkish grace will win soil for us... but only 
the might of a victorious sword.. 
Never forget that the most sacred right on this 
earth is a man's right to have earth to till with his 
own hands, and the most sacred sacrifice the blood 
that a man sheds for this earth. 