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A view of Nazi attitudes to workers

Source A  A proclamation to German workers and their employers by Robert Ley, leader of the German Labour Front, in May, 1933.

Three months of National Socialist Government have already proved that Adolf Hitler is your friend. He struggles for your liberty and gives you bread because he knows that without the German worker there is no German nation. We want your full support. We do not want to destroy the unions which are sacred to us, so we will extend the protection of workers’ rights even further. Workers and peasants, together with the professions and skilled labour will drive Germany forward with Hitler.

Source B  A photograph of a workers’ canteen in 1938.

The workers are having lunch beneath a painting of a chemist and a metal worker. A German Labour Front flag hangs to their left.
A different view of Nazi attitudes to workers

**Source C**  From an account by a German communist describing working conditions under the Nazis in 1934.

The Nazis force the young unemployed to go to the countryside as farm labourers. In South Bavaria the road builders are mostly the long-term unemployed who lack strength because of their poor diet. They are also exhausted by the heavy work they have to do. There is a terrible system at the autobahn construction site in Mannheim, which is just like slave labour.

**Source D**  A Social Democrat cartoon showing workers in a factory in Czechoslovakia after it was taken over by the Nazis in March, 1939.
Source E  A cartoon in the French weekly magazine, ‘The Light’, June 1933, comments on the Roman Catholic Church in Germany. The Pope on the right is giving his blessing to the German priest.
Turn over for Source F for use in answering Question 2
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Source F  (for use in answering Question 2)

A painting showing Germany and the Treaty of Versailles.

The man wearing the top hat is the American President, Woodrow Wilson.

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Source G  (for use in answering Question 3)


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