



1930 , full of the last stable coalition

Governmental structural weaknesses

'Propaganda and the Fuhrer cult- Hitler presented as a messiah type figure'

Enabling Act, 1933 -gave Hitler full power. Did away with parliamentary procedure and legislation.

Lacking popular support

Weaknesses of economy and political system

Weimar constitution- lack of Chancellor stability

Article 48

Collapse of Muller's 'Grand Coalition'

Socio-economic effects- less money, workers made unemployed, discontent, people off to extremist parties.

Recall of US loans and reduction in investment

The Great Depression

Treaty of Versailles- reparations payments- Germany raised upon foreign loans

May be an exaggeration to say the Great Depression was the main reason as Weimar had economic weaknesses before

Night of the Long Knives- gets army on side for the Nazi party.

Assess the reasons for the collapse of Weimar

Political Instability	Economic Instability	Strengths of the Nazis
<p>Leaders- Bruning, von Papen von Schleicher (Hindenburg using presidential powers to remove Chancellors from office when he disagreed).</p> <p>Weaknesses within the office of the Chancellor that are causing the problems- as they are dependent on the Reichstag's support for existence (proportional), but the President can use article 48 to remove them which Hindenburg does. Economic failings cause the problem here because of the Great Depression.</p> <p>Therefore, political instability is not as significant as economic stability. Political instability is a catalyst.</p>	<p>The Great Depression kicks it all off- not enough by itself because there are already weaknesses in Weimar.</p> <p>Allowed extremists on both left and right to make power gains- this was a severe situation made worse by reliance on foreign loans.</p> <p>Hitler uses the social discontent to follow to appeal to the rest of Germany...</p>	<p>Hitler's propaganda- bigger audience due to social discontent, due to economic instability.</p> <p>Cleverness of the Nazis- Reichstag fire, the use they make of it.</p> <p>That leads to the Enabling Act which links back to the political instability an aging Hindenburg.</p>

A combination of factors- the Great Depression is the catalyst, and allows the Nazis to take advantage of long term problems and weaknesses in Weimar. Therefore Weimar doomed from the beginning.