

NATIONAL SOCIALIST (NAZI) CONCEPT OF GLEICHSCHALTUNG=SYNCHRONIZATION

Assume your political party with a party leader who has dictatorial power over his followers wants to gain absolute control of a country. (This is what happened in Nazi Germany, but you could also place yourself in South America, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Africa, etc.)

1. Brainstorm and put together a list of how you would do this? What elements of society, for example, would you need to control? (These could be government or private institutions or aspects in the daily life of the average citizen.)

2. Using the information, try together to find specific examples of how Hitler and the Nazi Party managed to synchronize German society after gaining control in 1933.

(The next document will give you answers.)