

The document below will clearly reveal what the math problem (see document 16, Kalfus, *Primary Source documents...*) only hints at: the mass murder of those members of society deemed unworthy to live by the Nazis. Dr. Eduard Brandt, one of the leading experts of the Nazi euthanasia program, prepared this table as part of a statistical brochure in 1941. It lays out, in concrete, statistical data, how many people had been killed and the estimated savings to the country that had resulted.

Based upon the estimated monthly cost per day of RM 0.56, the actual amount already saved up to September 1941 can be computed. This savings, without taking into account the date of death determined by us is:

RM 8,969,116.80

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NUMBER OF DISINFECTED</u>	<u>REICHMARK</u>
January	1940	95	30,324.00
February	1940	339	102,513.60
March	1940	995	284,172.00
April	1940	887	238,425.60
May	1940	2726	686,952.00
June	1940	3723	876,355.20
July	1940	5356	1,169,750.40
August	1940	5791	1,167,445.60
September	1940	4883	902,378.40
October	1940	4139	695,352.00
November	1940	3711	561,103.20
December	1940	2579	346,617.60
January	1941	2692	361,804.80
February	1941	4023	405,518.40
March	1941	3794	318,696.00
April	1941	3369	226,396.80
May	1941	5815	293,076.00
June	1941	5754	193,334.40
July	1941	6481	108,880.80
August	1941	3121	--
TOTAL		<u>70,273</u>	<u>8,969,116.80</u>

QUESTIONS

1. Although this document was an internal, secret Nazi document, only to be read by those who were well informed about the killing of the mentally and physically disabled, the writer uses the euphemism *number to be disinfected*. Why does he do this? Is the euphemism reminiscent of other terms we have come across in previous Nazi primary sources?
2. In the brochure in which the table appeared, Dr. Brandt projected savings of nearly 9 million marks over a ten-year period. What is so significant about this detail?

Go to the website below of the Disability Rights Advocates organization. What is this advocacy group's connection to the Holocaust?

<http://www.dralegal.org/about/index.php>

3. There are many students at Meramec with a variety of disabilities. The college's Access Office has a staff of counselors who work with these students and the faculty who serve them. Do you know of anyone with a disability? How do you react when you see someone in your class or on campus who is physically challenged? Note: not all disabilities are visible.
Can you think of any high profile, very successful person with a disability? Why would disability and success not have been possible in Nazi Germany?