

## The Hitler Youth Movement

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This is a painting of hundreds of thousands of German youths at a Hitler Youth rally.

The [Hitler](#) Youth was a youth organization formed by the Nazis sometime in the 1920's. By the year 1933, the Hitler Youth had over 50,000 members, and grew by 5.4 MILLION youths by 1936, when children between the ages of 10 and 18 were mandated to join the *Hitler-Jugend* (Hitler Youth in German). The Hitler Youth to persuade them that the [Nazis](#) were good. But mostly, the Nazis were recruiting future soldiers for Germany, and young women to bear more German babies. The children were forced to swear an oath of allegiance to their Führer, promising to serve him always and faithfully.

The Nazis were successful in taking over all of the schools of Germany:

***"It was drilled into us that we were the privileged members of the Herrenrasse, and that it was our God-given duty to bring order and sense into a wicked world, if necessary by force. We were always told that the Jews were the cause of our misfortune."***

This is an excerpt from what Karl Schnibbe, a member of the Hitler Youth, described as what they were being taught in class rooms by the Nazis. The German youths were not only being taught that they were a master race, one that stands above all others, but also that the Jews were the reason they lost "The Great War." The Jews were responsible for the debt that the Germans owed the Allied forces, the Jews were to blame for all of Germany's poverty, so the Jews were practically blamed for all of Germany's greatest problems. Even the smallest ordeal that had happened that didn't go as planned was blamed on the Jews. Teachers taught the children "Anti-semitism," or hostility and prejudice towards Jews. Teachers also taught students how to identify a Jew by his physical traits, but I believe that no Jew has any. They were also taught that the Jews were a race, a people that needed to be bled out of Germany, literally, by force if necessary. Although it almost never was. These were the teachings of the Nazis toward the youth of Germany. This was how the National Socialists were forming future Nazis.



Hitler poses with a member of the League of German Girls (basically the Hitler Youth for women).



German boys could not wait for the age of ten, the age of which they were allowed to join the Hitler Youth. To German boys, and most likely any other boy, the Hitler Youth looked like it promised great fun, excitement, and making new friends. Youths could go hunting, camping, swimming, shooting, all things that would sound like the greatest youth organization in the world. But the Nazis hid from the boys the real sinister reason that the Hitler Youth was formed. Nobody ever wondered why the Hitler Youth was for boys only, but to me that sounds awfully suspicious. The picture to the left shows Hitler Youth members wearing the official Nazi insignia, practicing their shooting. This was some of the things the Nazis did to prepare the boys for war, while the girls were being taught how to be a true Aryan bearing mother when they reached their adulthood. This was the Hitler Youth.