

What were the aims and political ideology of the German Workers' Party?

In 24th February 1920, Hitler and Drexler revealed the new 25-Point Programme of the DAP. Read the document below and answer the questions that follow:

BASIC PROGRAMME OF THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST

GERMAN WORKERS' PARTY (DAP).

WE DEMAND:

- 1.) The unity of all German-speaking peoples =
- 2.) The abolition of the Treaty of Versailles =
- 3.) Land and colonies to feed Germany's population =
- 4.) Only Germans can be citizens. No Jew can be a German citizen =
- 5.) People in Germany who are not citizens must obey special laws for foreigners =
- 6.) Only German citizens can vote, be employed or hold public office =
- 7.) Citizens are entitled to a job and a decent standard of living. If this cannot be achieved, foreigners should be expelled =
- 8.) No further immigration of non-German must be allowed. All foreigners who have come to Germany since 1914 must be expelled =
- 9.) All citizens have equal rights and duties =
- 10.) The first duty of a citizen is to work =
- 11.) All payments to unemployed people should end =
- 12.) All profits made by profiteers during the war must be shared =
- 13.) Nationalisation of public industries =
- 14.) Large companies must share their profits =
- 15.) Pensions must be improved =
- 16.) Help for small shops and businesses; large department stores must be closed down =
- 17.) Property reform to give small farmers their land =
- 18.) An all-out battle against criminals, profiteers, etc... who must be punished by death =
- 19.) Reform of the law to make it more German =
- 20.) Improve education so that all Germans can get a job =
- 21.) Improve people's health by making a law for people to do sport =
- 22.) Abolition of the Army, and a new People's Army in its place =
- 23.) German newspapers must be free of foreign influence =
- 24.) Freedom of Religion =
- 25.) Strong central government with unrestricted authority =

Questions

- 1.) On the list above, decide whether each policy is either left-wing or right-wing.
- 2.) Study the 25-Point Programme. Find Nazi beliefs that would have appealed to: a) a nationalist, b) a socialist, c) someone who was angry about losing the war, d) someone who wanted to return to the autocratic government of the past, e) someone who hated the Jews.
- 3.) Suggest reasons why not many students, doctors or lawyers joined the Nazi Party.