

## Candidate 4 evidence

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### Conclusion

To conclude, propaganda was a significant factor in enabling the Nazis to become Germany's largest political party in the Reichstag. The Nazi Party placed emphasis on the use of propaganda as they recognised its importance in promoting the ideas of the party. The extenuated use of the propaganda machine created by Joseph Goebbels, as well as the focus on local, more confined propaganda and of course, the image of Hitler as a leader all undeniably contributed to Nazi support in some shape or form. The propaganda and Hitler's charisma were emotionally appealing as in a time of political and economic dubiety, these strategies employed by the Nazis created a feeling of unity and hope.

Evidently however, it remains the case that, to many historians, the Nazi success in these years was reliant on changing political and economic circumstances. It can be said that the Nazis would not have been able to emotionally appeal to the people of Germany if it had not been for incidences such as the Great Depression in 1929. The Nazis were able to create a strong feeling of resentment towards the current Weimar Government during this time which in turn put unmanageable amounts of pressure on the stability and support of them.

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Consequently, it can be said that the impact of propaganda in relation to the Nazis becoming the largest party in the Reichstag is exaggerated.

Although its influence is still evident, it can be disputed that it merely reinforced existing viewpoints, rather than influencing a genuine change in their voting behaviour. The propaganda employed by the Nazis was more of a catalyst that further exploited the on-going difficulties in Germany during this period. Without the challenging economic and political climate that has been mentioned, the Nazi Party would have likely remained a fringe party in spite of their propaganda.