THE PRECURSOR TO THE HOLOCAUST:
ADOLF HITLER’S ECONOMIC AND ETHNIC PERSECUTION OF THE DISABLED COMMUNITY

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The Nazi “need” for fast resources caused them to seize necessities from the disabled population. Adolf Hitler’s productivity agenda deemed the disabled population “useless”.

**ECONOMIC PERSECUTION**
Adolf Hitler’s obsession with an economic prosperous Third Reich caused the mass murder of the disabled community.

**ETHNIC PERSECUTION**
Adolf Hitler attempted to “preserve” the Volksgemeinschaft through the ethnic cleansing of disabled individuals.

**CONCLUSION**
The lasting implications of Adolf Hitler’s victimization of disabled individuals allows historians and researchers to further analyze the lasting ableism in society today.

The Third Reich’s persecution, sterilization, and genocide of the disabled population was the beginning of the subsequent horrors of the Holocaust.

The disabled population of the Third Reich were the first group of victims of the Holocaust. Adolf Hitler’s persecution, sterilization, and mass genocide of disabled people caused subsequent persecution and genocide of the Jewish population as well as other minority groups.


