

THE PRECURSOR TO THE HOLOCAUST:

ADOLF HITLER'S ECONOMIC AND ETHNIC PERSECUTION OF THE DISABLED COMMUNITY



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ECONOMIC PERSECUTION

Adolf Hitler's obsession with an economic prosperous Third Reich caused the mass murder of the disabled community.

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".

ETHNIC PERSECUTION

Adolf Hitler attempted to "preserve" the Volksgemeinschaft through the ethnic cleansing of disabled individuals.

Volksgemeinschaft: the idea of an ethnically "pure" German state as defined by Adolf Hitler.

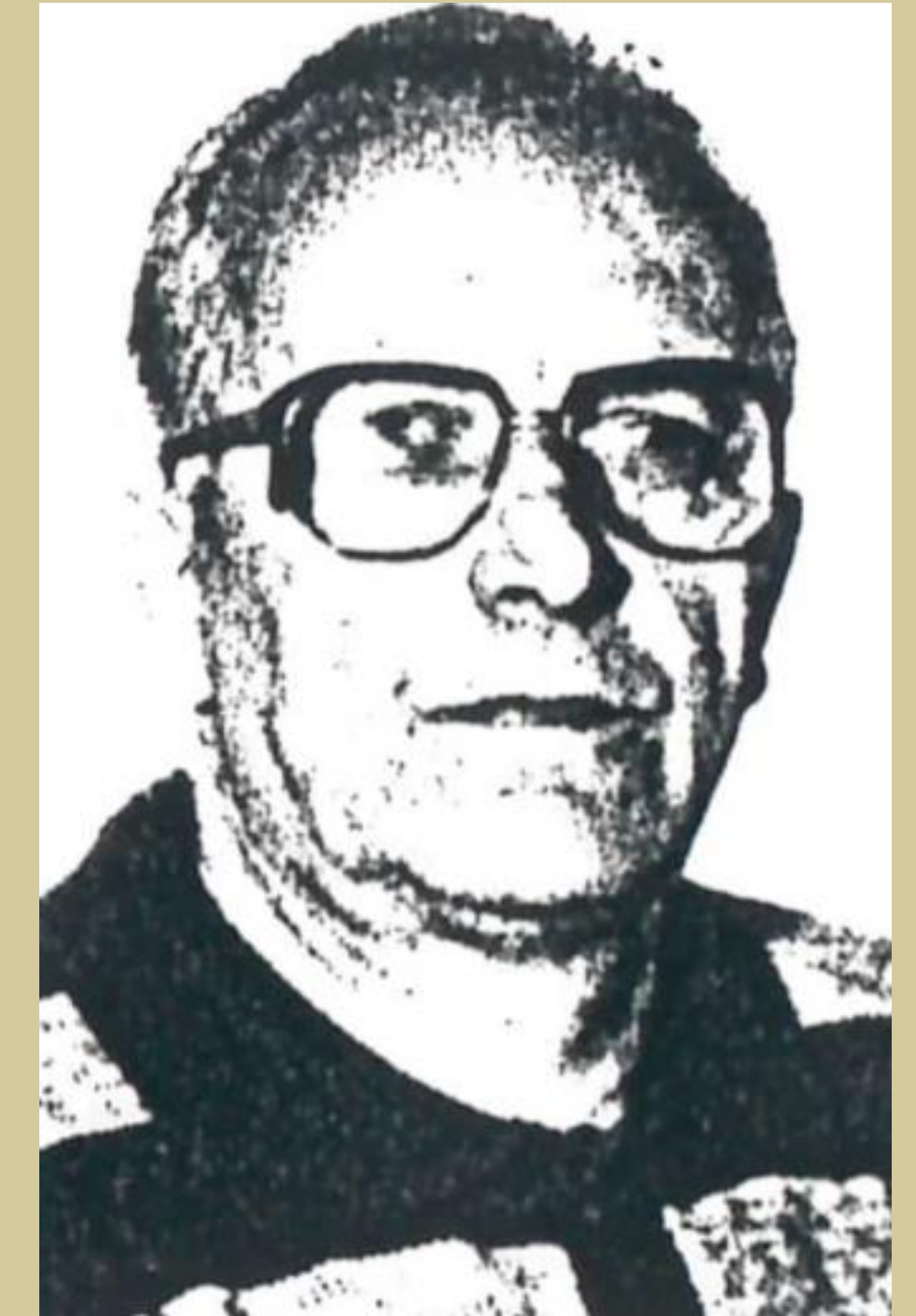
Law for the Prevention of Genetically Diseased Offspring (July 14, 1933): allowed Hitler to "legally" sterilize the disabled population.

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.



This photograph, found through *The Wiener Holocaust Library Collections*, depicts Paul Eggert, a man the Nazi government deemed mentally disabled and sterilized.

Hitler becomes chancellor of Germany

The Law for the Prevention of Genetically Diseased Offspring is enforced by Adolf Hitler

Germany officially leaves the League of Nations.

The *Third Reich* initiates World War II

T-4 Euthanasia Program begins

Jewish Ghettos Emerge

Hitler implements the "Final Solution": Mass Jewish Genocide

The *Third Reich* Surrenders: World War II come to an end

Jan. 1933

July 1933

Oct. 1933

Sept. 1939

Oct. 1939

Late 1939-1940

1941- Mid 1945

May 8th, 1945

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