

How reliable is this source? (3)

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What?

This was a page from a propaganda book intended to glorify Hitler, so it presents a one-sided view of his popularity with youth.

When?

It was written in 1936 when Hitler was quite secure politically but still eager to win support.

Where?

The book was probably published in Germany for its target audience: the German public.

Who?

The writer was the head of Hitler Youth so was apparently well informed. However, it was put together by Goebbels so its main intention was propaganda.

Why?

Hitler is presented as popular and a natural idol for the young.

This book certainly does not provide a full and balanced picture of attitudes of German youth. It was part of a very selective and skilful propaganda exercise to present Hitler as a near perfect leader. The author was a leading Nazi devoted to the Fuhrer so no negative points would have been included, such as the existence of opposition groups. Therefore this source does not provide an accurate view of Hitler's impact on Hitler Youth.

The source does give us however, an insight into the ways the Nazis wished Hitler to be perceived by the public. The author was at the heart of the Nazi government and responsible for youth policy. At this time the Nazi regime was well established and the cult of Hitler clearly portrayed in propaganda. This source confirms the idolisation of Hitler both by Nazi leaders and by some people, but also Hitler's need to continue to build support.

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Develop the points, making use of as much detail of provenance as you can.

Add contextual knowledge eg *this was written the day after*

Consider:

- Completeness
- Consistency
- Typicality
- Authenticity
- Usefulness
- Objectivity

Acknowledge limitation but also explain in what way the source is still of value.

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