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## HOW THE VOTES WERE CAST

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### Introduction

It is said that democracy can be a fickle mistress, and the following material overviews how Adolf Hitler and his Nazi Party used the democratic process to "legally" achieve their goals:

### The Events

**13 March 1932** - Presidential Election (Four Candidates):

Hindenburg	49.6 percent (18,651,497 votes)
Hitler	30.1 percent (11,339,446 votes)
Thaelmann	13.2 percent
Duesterberg	6.8 percent

**19 April 1932** - Runoff Election:

Hindenburg	53.0 percent (19,359,983)
Hitler	36.8 percent (13,418,547 votes)
Thaelmann	10.2 percent

**01 June 1932** - President Hindenburg appoints Franz von Papen as chancellor of Germany.

**31 July 1932** - Reichstag Election

This election produces a major victory for Nazi Party.

NAZI Party wins 230 seats in the Reichstag, making it the largest political party, but it falls short of a majority in the 608 seat assembly.

**06 November 1932** - Reichstag Election

NAZI Party loses two million votes and loses 34 seats - wins 196 seats.

The NAZI Party was still the largest political party, but it had lost ground among the voters.

**30 January 1933** - President Hindenburg appoints Adolf Hitler chancellor of Germany.

Immediately after his appointment as Chancellor, Hitler, in his first appeal to the German nation, 01 February 1933, asks to be allowed "just four years" in order to carry out the task of national reconstruction, after which he will call an election whereby the people could accept or reject him and National Socialism.

**27 February 1933** - The Reichstag Fire

**23 March 1933** - Reichstag Election

The NAZI Party has a majority and is able to ratify the "Enabling Act".

**The Results:**

For Hitler	441 votes
Against Hitler	84 votes
<b>Majority for Hitler:</b>	<b>84%</b>

**12 November 1933** - Election and Referendum

Hitler felt it necessary to prove the German nation's sincerity in its peaceful intentions; so he called an election combined with a referendum that stated: "The German Government and the German nation are united in the sincere wish to examine and solve dispassionately, by means of negotiations, all pending questions with all other nations, including Germany's former adversaries. The German Government and the German nation are prepared to conclude long term continental pacts of non aggression with the object of securing peace, the economic prosperity, and the general reconstruction of Europe."

**The results:**

Total Votes cast:	43,491,575
Votes in favour of the government:	40,632,628
<b>Government majority:</b>	<b>95%</b>

**02 August 1934** - President Hindenburg Dies

The title of president is abolished, and Hitler's title becomes: "Fuehrer and Reich Chancellor".

**13 January 1935** - Saar Region Referendum

After the First World War, The Versailles Treaty deprived Germany of the Saar territory, falsely claiming as justification that the region was historically French and with a French population of 150,000. In fact, the French population was just 2,000. For every French citizen in the Saar, there were 250 Germans.

On 13 January 1935 free election which were observed by international observers were held in which the electorate were asked whether they wished to remain as French citizens or would prefer to become part of the Third Reich.

**The results:**

In Favour of Unification with Germany:	477,119
In Favour of No Change:	46,513
In Favour of Remaining French:	2,124
<b>Majority in favour of German Unification:</b>	<b>90.5%</b>

## 29 March 1936 - Promised Referendum

True to Hitler's word, on 29 March 1936, the German nation was given the promised referendum to express approval or disapproval of the National Socialist state. The election was free election and was without fear or intimidation, and there was adequate provision made for international monitoring by neutral observers.

### The Results:

Total Qualified Votes:	45,453,691
Total Votes Cast:	45,001,489
Votes "No" or Invalid:	540,211
Votes "Yes" For Hitler's NSDAP:	44,461,278
<b>Majority for Hitler's NSDAP:</b>	<b>98.8%</b>

## 10 April 1938 - Austria Referendum

The Austrian Government, on 13 March 1938, enacted a constitutional law concerning a referendum for the reunion of Austria with the Third Reich. On 18 March 1938, Hitler dissolved the Reichstag and announced conformity with the referendum which was announced on 10 April 1938. The peoples of both nations were to be given the opportunity to decide for or against Austria's unification with Germany.

### Austrian Results:

Entitled To Vote:	4,474,138
Actual Vote:	4,460,778
Total Valid Votes:	4,455,015
Votes for Unification:	4,443,208
Votes against Unification:	11,807
Spoilt papers:	5,763
<b>Majority for Unification:</b>	<b>99.73%</b>

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### German Results:

Entitled To Vote:	45,073,303
Actual Vote:	44,872,702 (99.55%)
Total Valid Votes:	44,803,096
Votes for Unification:	44,362,667 (99.02%)
Votes against Unification:	440,429
Spoilt papers:	69,606
<b>Majority for Unification:</b>	<b>99.02%</b>

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Reichstag Seats							
Political Parties in the Reichstag	May 1924	Dec 1924	May 1928	Sep 1930	July 1932	Nov 1932	Mar 1933
Nazi Party (NSDAP)	32	14	12	107	230	196	288
Social Democratic Party (SDP)	100	131	153	143	133	121	120

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Political Parties in the Reichstag	May 1924	Dec 1924	May 1928	Sep 1930	July 1932	Nov 1932	Mar 1933
Catholic Centre Party (BVP)	81	88	78	87	97	90	93
Communist Party (KPD)	62	45	54	77	89	100	81
Nationalist Party (DNVP)	95	103	73	41	37	52	52
Other Parties	102	112	121	122	22	35	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>657</b>

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### Reichstag Elections - 1919-1933 - Detailed Figures

The Source is from: [www.gonschior.de](http://www.gonschior.de)

German Political Parties	
Abbreviation	Party name
BBB	Bayerischer Bauernbund (Bavarian Farmers' Union)
BVP	Bayrische Volkspartei (Bavarian People's Party)
CFR	Christlich-Föderalistische Reichswahlliste (Christian Federalist National Electoral List)
CNBLVP	Christlichnationale Bauern und Landvolkspartei (Christian National Farmers' and Rural People's Party)
CSVD	Christlich-Sozialer Volksdienst (Christian Social People's Service)
CVP	Christliche Volkspartei (Christian People's Party)
DBP	Deutsche Bauernpartei (German Farmers' Party)
DDP	Deutsche Demokratische Partei (German Democratic Party)
DHP	Deutsch-Hannoversche Partei (German Hanoverian Party)
DNVP	Deutsche Nationale Volkspartei (German-National People's Party)
DSP	Deutsche Soziale Partei (German Social Party)
DStP	Deutsche Staatspartei (German States Party)
DVFP	Deutsche Völkischen Freiheits-Partei (German Racial Freedom Party)
DVP	Deutsche Volkspartei (German People's Party)
KFSWR	Kampffront Schwarz-Weiss-Rot (Battlefront Black-White-Red)
KPD	Kommunistische Partei Deutschlands (Communist Party of Germany)
Landbund	(Rural Union)
Landliste	(Rural List)
LdK	Liste der Kommunisten (List of the Communists)
NSDAP	Nationalsozialisten Deutschen Arbeiterpartei (National Socialist German Workers' Party) (Nazi Party)
NSFB	Nationalsozialisten Freiheitsbewegung (National Socialist Freedom Movement) (Nazi Party)

<b>German Political Parties</b>	
<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Party name</b>
RPDM	Reichspartei des Deutschen Mittelstandes (National Party of the German Middle Classes)
SLV	Sächsisches Landvolk (Saxon Rural People)
SPD	Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands (Social Democratic Party of Germany)
USDP	Unabhängige Sozialdemokratische Partei (Independent Social Democratic Party of Germany)
Vereinigte Listen der DVFP-NSDAP	(United List of the DVFP and the NSDAP)
VRP	Volksrechtspartei (People's Law Party)
WPDM	Wirtschaftspartei des Deutschen Mittelstandes (Economic Party of the German Middle Classes)
Zentrum	Deutsche Zentrumspartei (German Centre Party)

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The following tables note the actual figures associated with the Elections from 1919 to 1933 - just the facts:

<b>National Assembly Election - 19 Jan 1919</b>			
Enrolled voters	36,766,500		
Votes cast	30,524,848		
Invalid votes	124,562		
Valid votes	30,400,286		
<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Seats</b>
Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands	11,509,048	37.9	163
Christliche Volkspartei	5,980,216	19.7	91
Deutsche Demokratische Partei	5,641,825	18.6	75
Deutsche Nationale Volkspartei	3,121,479	10.3	44
Unabhängige Sozialdemokratische Partei	2,317,290	07.6	22
Deutsche Volkspartei	1,345,638	04.4	19
Bayerischer Bauernbund	275,125	00.9	4
Others	209,665	00.7	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,400,286</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>421</b>
This election was held to elect a National Assembly, whose task was to draft a republican constitution following the fall of the German monarchy in November 1918			

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<b>Reichstag Election - 06 Jun 1920</b>	
Enrolled voters	33,016,569
Votes cast	26,229,829

Invalid votes		193,991	
Valid votes		26,035,838	
Party	Votes	%	Seats
Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands	5,617,687	21.7	113
Unabhängige Sozialdemokratische Partei	4,897,401	18.8	81
Deutsche Nationale Volkspartei	3,740,620	14.4	66
Deutsche Volkspartei	3,611,286	13.9	62
Deutsche Zentrumspartei	3,542,759	13.6	67
Deutsche Demokratische Partei	2,202,944	08.5	45
Christlich-Föderalistische Reichswahlliste	1,238,604	04.8	21
Kommunistische Partei Deutschlands (KPD)	442,045	01.7	2
Deutsch-Hannoversche Partei	319,108	01.2	5
Bayerischer Bauernbund	218,596	00.8	4
Others	204,788	00.8	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,035,838</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>466</b>
The number of voters fell because of disorders and territorial conflicts in the Eastern Borderlands			

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Reichstag Election - 04 May 1924			
Enrolled voters		38,374,983	
Votes cast		29,709,380	
Invalid votes		427,582	
Valid votes		29,281,798	
Party	Votes	%	Seats
Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands	6,008,905	20.5	100
Deutsche Nationale Volkspartei	5,696,475	19.4	95
Deutsche Zentrumspartei	3,914,379	13.4	65
Liste der Kommunisten	3,693,280	12.6	62
Deutsche Volkspartei	2,694,381	09.2	45
Vereinigte Listen der DVFP-NSDAP	1,918,329	06.5	32
Deutsche Demokratische Partei	1,655,129	05.6	28
Bayrische Volkspartei	946,648	03.2	16
Others	832,508	02.8	0
Bayerischer Bauernbund	693,606	02.4	10
Landliste	574,939	02.0	10
Deutsche Soziale Partei	333,427	01.1	4
Deutsch-Hannoversche Partei	319,792	01.1	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,281,798</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>472</b>

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<b>Reichstag Election - 07 Dec 1924</b>			
Enrolled voters	38,987,324		
Votes cast	30,705,026		
Invalid votes	414,934		
Valid votes	30,290,092		
<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Seats</b>
Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands	7,881,041	26.0	131
Deutsche Nationale Volkspartei	6,205,802	20.5	103
Deutsche Zentrumspartei	4,118,849	13.6	69
Deutsche Volkspartei	3,049,064	10.1	51
Kommunistische Partei Deutschlands (KPD)	2,709,086	08.9	45
Deutsche Demokratische Partei	1,919,829	06.3	32
Bayrische Volkspartei	1,134,035	03.7	19
Wirtschaftspartei des Deutschen Mittelstandes	1,005,405	03.3	17
Nationalsozialistische Freiheitsbewegung (Nazi)	907,242	03.0	14
Others	597,665	02.0	0
Landbund	499,383	01.6	8
Deutsch-Hannoversche Partei	262,691	00.9	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,290,092</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>493</b>

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<b>Reichstag Election - 20 May 1928</b>			
Enrolled voters	41,224,678		
Votes cast	31,165,789		
Invalid votes	412,542		
Valid votes	30,753,247		
<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Seats</b>
Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands	9,152,979	29.8	153
Deutsche Nationale Volkspartei	4,381,563	14.2	73
Deutsche Zentrumspartei	3,712,152	12.1	61
Kommunistische Partei Deutschlands (KPD)	3,264,793	10.6	54
Deutsche Volkspartei	2,679,703	08.7	45
Deutsche Demokratische Partei	1,505,664	04.9	25
Reichspartei des Deutschen Mittelstandes	1,397,129	04.5	23
Bayrische Volkspartei	945,644	03.1	17
Others	834,407	02.7	0
Nationalsozialisten (NSDAP) (Nazi)	810,127	02.6	12

Christlichnationale Bauern und Landvolkpartei	777,403	02.5	13
Volksrechtspartei	483,181	01.6	2
Deutsche Bauernpartei	481,254	01.6	8
Landbund	199,548	00.6	3
Sächsisches Landvolk	127,700	00.4	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,753,247</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>491</b>

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<b>Reichstag Election - 14 Sep 1930</b>			
Enrolled voters	42,982,912		
Votes cast	35,224,499		
Invalid votes	268,028		
Valid votes	34,956,471		
<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Seats</b>
Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands	8,575,244	24.5	143
Nationalsozialisten (NSDAP) (Nazi)	6,406,379	18.3	107
Kommunistische Partei Deutschlands (KPD)	4,590,160	13.1	77
Deutsche Zentrumspartei	4,127,000	11.8	68
Deutsche Nationale Volkspartei	2,457,686	07.0	41
Deutsche Volkspartei	1,658,915	04.7	30
Christlichnationale Bauern und Landvolkpartei	1,565,126	04.5	26
Reichspartei des Deutschen Mittelstandes	1,380,428	03.9	23
Deutsche Staatspartei	1,322,034	03.8	20
Bayrische Volkspartei	1,058,637	03.0	19
Christlich-Sozialer Volksdienst	869,595	02.5	14
Others	411,907	01.2	0
Deutsche Bauernpartei	339,434	01.0	6
Volksrechtspartei	193,926	00.5	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,956,471</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>577</b>

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<b>Reichstag Election - 31 Jul 1932</b>			
Enrolled voters	44,211,216		
Votes cast	37,162,081		
Invalid votes	279,727		
Valid votes	36,882,354		
<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Seats</b>
Nationalsozialisten (NSDAP) (Nazi)	13,779,017	37.4	230

Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands	7,959,712	21.6	133
Kommunistische Partei Deutschlands (KPD)	5,369,708	14.6	89
Deutsche Zentrumspartei	4,589,430	12.4	75
Deutsche Nationale Volkspartei	2,713,827	07.4	45
Bayrische Volkspartei	1,350,047	03.7	24
Christlich-Sozialer Volksdienst	405,368	01.1	4
Deutsche Staatspartei	373,339	01.0	4
Deutsche Bauernpartei	137,133	00.4	2
Others	107,922	00.3	0
Landbund	96,851	00.3	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,882,354</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>608</b>
At this election the NSDAP and the KPD between them won a majority of seats (319 of 608). Since both parties opposed democracy and neither would join or support any ministry, this made the formation of a majority government committed to democracy impossible. The result was weak ministries governing by decree			

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Reichstag Election - 06 Nov 1932			
Enrolled voters	44,374,085		
Votes cast	35,758,259		
Invalid votes	287,471		
Valid votes	35,470,788		
Party	Votes	%	Seats
Nationalsozialisten (NSDAP) (Nazi)	11,737,395	33.1	196
Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands	7,251,690	20.4	121
Kommunistische Partei Deutschlands (KPD)	5,980,614	16.9	100
Deutsche Zentrumspartei	4,230,545	11.9	70
Deutsche Nationale Volkspartei	3,792,563	10.7	63
Bayrische Volkspartei	1,206,247	03.4	21
Christlich-Sozialer Volksdienst	523,392	01.5	6
Deutsche Staatspartei	338,609	00.9	2
Deutsche Bauernpartei	195,408	00.5	3
Others	109,105	00.3	0
Landbund	105,220	00.3	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,470,788</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>584</b>
Although support for the NSDAP fell at this election, the NSDAP and the KPD still won a majority of seats (296 out of 584) between them. This rendered this Reichstag no more workable than its predecessor. This stalemate led to the appointment of Adolf Hitler, the Nazi party leader, as Reich Chancellor in January 1933.			

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<b>Reichstag Election - 05 mar 1933</b>			
Enrolled voters	44, 685,764		
Votes cast	39,655,029		
Invalid votes	311,698		
Valid votes	39,343,331		
<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Seats</b>
Nationalsozialisten (NSDAP) (Nazi)	17,277,180	43.9	288
Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands	7,516,243	19.1	125
Kommunistische Partei Deutschlands	4,848,058	12.3	81
Deutsche Zentrumspartei	4,424,905	11.2	73
Kampffront Schwarz-Weiss-Rot	3,136,760	08.0	52
Bayrische Volkspartei	1,073,552	02.7	19
DVP-CZVD-DBP-DHP	978,102	02.5	8
Landbund	83,839	00.2	1
Others	4,692	00.0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,343,331</b>		<b>647</b>
<p>This election took place under the Nazi government in conditions of violence and intimidation aimed particularly at the SPD and KPD. The "Kampffront" was the old DNVP renamed, and threw its support in with the NSDAP after the elections, giving the NSDAP a majority. Moreover, the KPD was banned immediately after the elections and the KPD deputies never took their seats, giving the NSDAP a majority in its own right. In March the Reichstag passed an "Enabling Act" by which it effectively ceded its powers to the Reich Chancellor, Adolf Hitler. In June the SPD was banned and the Zentrum voluntarily dissolved. In July the DNVP was absorbed by the NSDAP and all other parties were banned. The Nazi Party now had full control</p>			

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