

Private Life and Privacy in Nazi Germany

Was it possible to have a private life under the Nazi dictatorship? It has often been assumed that private life and the notion of privacy had no place under Nazi rule. Meanwhile, in recent years historians of Nazism have been emphasising the degree to which Germans enthusiastically embraced notions of community. This volume sheds fresh light on these issues by focusing on the different ways in which non-Jewish Germans sought to uphold their privacy. It highlights the degree to which the regime permitted or even fostered such aspirations, and it offers some surprising conclusions about how private roles and private self-expression could be served by, and in turn serve, an alignment with the community. Furthermore, contributions on occupied Poland offer insights into the efforts by ‘ethnic Germans’ to defend their aspirations to privacy and by Jews to salvage the remnants of private life in the ghetto.

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AHRC	Arts and Humanities Research Council
a.M.	am Main
AOK	Armeeoberkommando
APK	Archiwum Państwowe w Katowicach
APŁ	Archiwum Państwowe w Łodzi
APP	Archiwum Państwowe w Poznaniu
APW	Archiwum Państwowe we Włocławku
ARG	Archiwum Ringelbluma
Az.	Aktenzeichen
BArch	Bundesarchiv
BArch-MA	Bundesarchiv, Abteilung Militärarchiv Freiburg/ Breisgau
BDM	Bund Deutscher Mädel
BGB	Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch
BIZ	Berliner Illustrierte Zeitung
DAF	Deutsche Arbeitsfront
DFW	Deutsches Frauenwerk
DRZW	Das Deutsche Reich und der Zweite Weltkrieg
DTA	Deutsches Tagebucharchiv Emmendingen
Flak	Flugabwehrkanone
FZH-Archiv	Forschungsstelle für Zeitgeschichte Hamburg, Archiv
GDR	German Democratic Republic
Gestapo	Geheime Staatspolizei
HA	Hamburger Anzeiger
H.Dv.	Heeresdruckvorschrift
HHL	Harvard Houghton Library
IfZ	Institut für Zeitgeschichte München – Berlin
IPN	Instytut Pamięci Narodowej
KdF	Kraft durch Freude
KLV	Kinderlandverschickung
KPA	Kempowski Biographien-Archiv, Berlin

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KPD	Kommunistische Partei Deutschlands
KSSVO	Kriegssonderstrafrechtsverordnung
LAB	Landesarchiv Berlin
L.Dv.	Luftwaffendruckvorschrift
MadR	Meldungen aus dem Reich: Die geheimen Lageberichte des Sicherheitsdienstes der SS, 1938–1945
M.Dv.	Marinedruckvorschrift
MfK-FA	Museum für Kommunikation Berlin, Feldpostarchiv
NARA	National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC
n.d.	no date given
NKVD	(Soviet) People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs
n.p.	no place given
Nr.	<i>Nummer</i> (number)
NSDAP	Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei
NSF	Nationalsozialistische Frauenschaft
NSV	Nationalsozialistische Volkswohlfahrt
NWDR	Nordwestdeutscher Rundfunk
OKH	Oberkommando des Heeres
OMGUS	Office of Military Government for Germany (the United States)
RAF	Royal Air Force
RfG	Reichsstelle für Getreide, Futtermittel und sonstige landwirtschaftliche Erzeugnisse
RGBL	Reichsgesetzblatt
RGZ	Reichsgericht in Zivilsachen
RK	Reichskanzlei
RM	Reichsmark
RMdI	Reichsministerium des Innern
SA	Sturmabteilung
SD	Sicherheitsdienst
SFN Wien	Sammlung Frauennachlässe am Institut für Geschichte der Universität Wien
Sopade	Exile organisation of the SPD
SPD	Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands
SS	Schutzstaffel
StAM	Staatsarchiv München
StdA	Stadtarchiv
SuStB	Staats- und Stadtbibliothek
Ufa	Universum Film AG

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USAAF	United States Army Air Forces
USHMM	United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC
VB	Völkischer Beobachter
VZ	Vossische Zeitung

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