

THE RIOTS AND VILONCE TAKING PLACE TODAY REMINDS ME OF WHAT HAPPENED IN GERMANY IN THE 30'S.

It was before most of you were born but history often repeats. Most of the following information is from Wikipedia and other historical sources. The interpretation and opinion are mine.

The great depression of the 20's affected Germany as it did the United States. The countries had great unemployment, **without unemployment benefits**, and the people were divided. The politicians and various individuals and groups used race to divide the people. In Germany it was mainly the Jews that were singled out as because they had been successful and made easy targets.

In the USA race and economic success are the major division elements that the politicians and radical groups use. If the control group or one's wanting to gain control can divide the people it simplifies their task.

The SPD, major party and the SD were in constant combat. The results of the "running street battles with the SPD and Communist paramilitaries (who also fought each other) reduced some German cities to combat zones. **Do you think this could happen in the US?**

The SA party's memberships had begun to decline.

“However, support for the Nazis had fallen to 33.1%, suggesting that the Nazi surge had passed its peak—possibly because the worst of the Depression had passed, possibly because some middle-class voters had supported Hitler in July as a protest, but had now drawn back from the prospect of actually putting him into power. The Nazis interpreted the result as a warning that they must seize power before their moment passed. Had the other parties united, this could have been prevented, but their shortsightedness made a united front impossible”.

During the [Röhm Purge](#) of 30 June to 2 July 1934 (also known as the "Night of the Long Knives"), Hitler disempowered the SA's leadership—most of whom belonged to the [Strasserist](#) (national revolutionary) faction within the NSDAP—and ordered them killed. He accused them of having conspired to stage a *coup d'état*, but it is believed that this was only a pretense to justify the suppression of any intraparty opposition. The purge was executed by the SS, assisted by the Gestapo and Reichswehr units. Aside from Strasserist Nazis, they also murdered anti-Nazi conservative figures like former chancellor Kurt von Schleicher. **It appears that all a radical group needs is a single incident to implement a protest. Once a peaceful protest starts they change it into a violent riot where people are injured and property destroyed. In most cases it will hurt the poor and have a devastating effect on the country. I hope we don't make the same mistakes. We can do better but first we must gain control of the situation so that people and the government can work together to**

make rational decisions.

On my next article I'll show the relationship of the Great Depression and what is and has happened in the country today.