

Decision Dilemma 1: Catholic Church

Imagine you are Hitler. It is 1933.

You want to be the supreme voice of authority in Germany and to influence people without anyone else challenging your views/policies.

You've noticed the Catholic Church is an issue:

- A third of German Christians are Catholic.
- On social issues, Catholics owe their first allegiance to the Pope, not you.
- Catholics have their own schools. They teach different values (tolerance and peace) to Nazism (racial superiority and force).

What will you do to diminish this threat?

A	Stop Catholics educating children, they're your target audience! Shut the schools down, close all the youth groups.
B	Announce that the Catholic faith is illegal. Persecute all those who oppose you.
C	Reach a Concordat (agreement) with the Pope. Agree to allow freedom of worship and not to interfere in schools. In return, priests must stay out of politics and German bishops must swear an oath of loyalty to you.

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Decision Dilemma 2: Catholic Church again – things get nasty!

It's later in the 1930's. You've decided the Concordat isn't enough. You want to be the supreme authority, without fear of interference, and you've done a pretty good job of removing all other political threats so far.

What will you do to further diminish the power of the Catholic Church?

A	Harass, arrest and send priests to concentration camps.
B	Take back control of the youth, the future Nazis! Bring Catholic schools into line with Nazi ones and ban Catholic youth activities like the Catholic Youth League.
C	Reach a further Concordat (agreement) with the Pope. Agree to allow freedom to worship in return for the priests staying out of politics and German bishops continuing their oath of loyalty.

Decision Dilemma 3: Protestant Church

You are Hitler, again in 1933. As well as the Catholics, you've got the Protestants to worry about. Some Protestants seem to like you as they're happy to be protected from atheist Communists. Some Protestants oppose your policies. They're being a bit vocal about it.

What do you do?

A	Harass, arrest and send all Protestant priests to concentration camps.
B	Encourage the supportive Protestants to set up their own Church adorned with flags and a Reich Bishop.
C	Allow the threat to continue, you're busy dealing with the more worrying threat of the Catholic church at the minute!

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Decision Dilemma 4: Protestant pains

You've managed to get some of the Protestants under control via the Reich Church.

What do you do about the noisy ones, like that pesky Pastor Niemoller, who has set up a Confessional Church opposing the government?

A	Harass, arrest and send priests to concentration camps. You control the Reichstag, NSDAP, the army and the police. Who's going to stop you or stand up for them!?
B	Close their churches.
C	Allow the threat to continue, they're a minority threat.