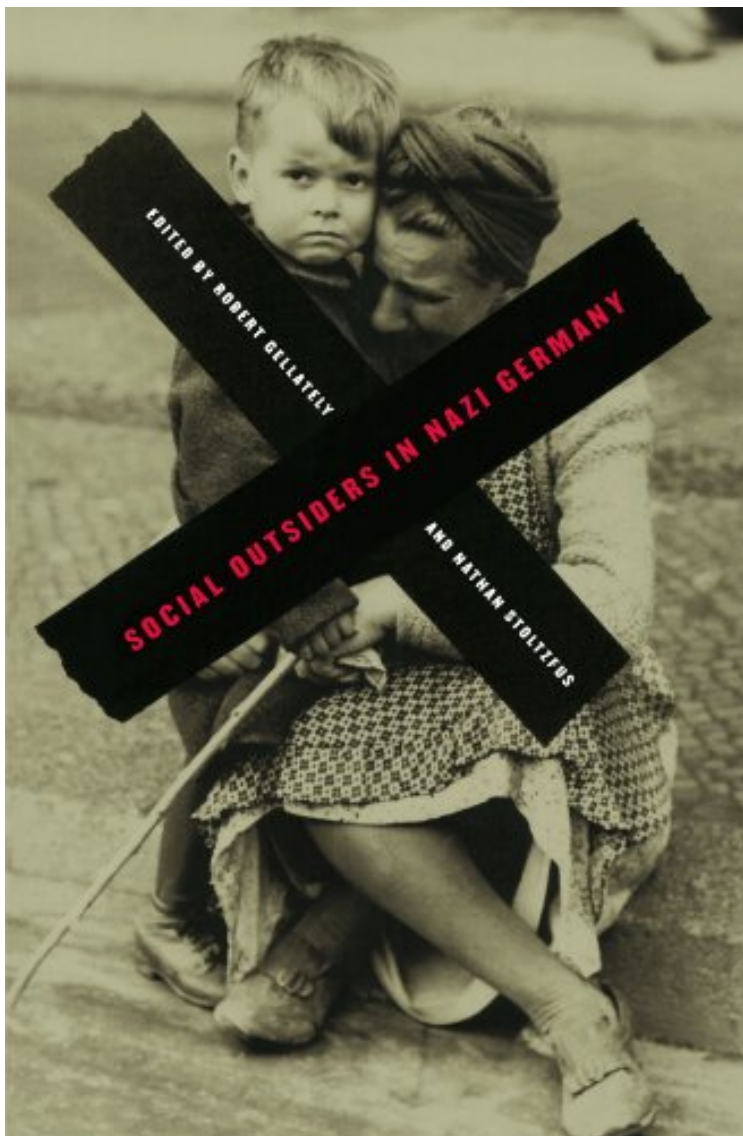


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Gellately and Stoltzfus present a collection of thoroughly researched analyses of the nuts and bolts of Nazi policies of negative integration. The book is an excellent contribution to the study of the techniques used by the propagandists and bureaucrats of the National Socialist regime to isolate and target those that the regime designated as less than fully human. Richard Evans's discussion of the

history of social exclusion in Germany since the 17th century provides an excellent backdrop to contributions that address Nazi policies toward Jews, women, Sinti and Roma people, homosexuals, and the disabled (as well as others). The contributors are all major figures in their respective disciplines, and the essays themselves are well written and accessible. It is worth mentioning that the cover photo was poorly selected. It is a picture of a German woman and her child from 1944. While it is unlikely that they were "social outsiders" in the sense discussed by the book, the claim of another reviewer that they are "in all likelihood" expellees also lacks foundation. That reviewer's criticism of the choice of image is then vitiated by a very grim (and wholly inappropriate) implication that the fate of ethnic German expellees in the years after the war somehow balances out systematically pursued Nazi policies of extermination. The story of the Vertriebenen was tragic, but it has been the subject of extensive and reputable research, and it has no bearing whatever on the quality of research in Gellately and Stoltzfus's book (which is excellent). 3 of 10 people found the following review helpful. anyone can read this By Damaris Martinez this is a good book. i bought it for a college class im taking. i love the fact that its not biased and also focuses on other areas that contributed to the "Arynyzation" Hitler was hoping to develop. I reccomend it for reference purposes or just leisure.

When Hitler assumed power in 1933, he and other Nazis had firm ideas on what they called a racially pure "community of the people." They quickly took steps against those whom they wanted to isolate, deport, or destroy. In these essays informed by the latest research, leading scholars offer rich histories of the people branded as "social outsiders" in Nazi Germany: Communists, Jews, "Gypsies," foreign workers, prostitutes, criminals, homosexuals, and the homeless, unemployed, and chronically ill. Although many works have concentrated exclusively on the relationship between Jews and the Third Reich, this collection also includes often-overlooked victims of Nazism while reintegrating the Holocaust into its wider social context. The Nazis knew what attitudes and values they shared with many other Germans, and most of their targets were individuals and groups long regarded as outsiders, nuisances, or "problem cases." The identification, the treatment, and even the pace of their persecution of political opponents and social outsiders illustrated that the Nazis attuned their law-and-order policies to German society, history, and traditions. Hitler's personal convictions, Nazi ideology, and what he deemed to be the wishes and hopes of many people, came together in deciding where it would be politically most advantageous to begin. The first essay explores the political strategies used by the Third Reich to gain support for its ideologies and programs, and each following essay concentrates on one group of outsiders. Together the contributions debate the motivations behind the purges. For example, was the persecution of Jews the direct result of intense, widespread anti-Semitism, or was it part of a more encompassing and arbitrary persecution of "unwanted populations" that intensified with the war? The collection overall offers a nuanced portrayal of German citizens, showing that many supported the Third Reich while some tried to resist, and that the war radicalized social thinking on nearly everyone's part. In addition to the editors, the contributors are Frank Bajohr, Omer Bartov, Doris L. Bergen, Richard J. Evans, Henry Friedlander, Geoffrey J. Giles, Marion A. Kaplan, Sybil H. Milton, Alan E. Steinweis, Annette F. Timm, and Nikolaus Wachsmann.

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