**Nazism**

Prior to Hitler joining, the Nazi Party held extremely nationalist, racist and antisemitic views. After Hitler had joined the party, he expanded upon and marketed these ideas. Hitler had a racist world view. He believed that people could be separated into a hierarchy of different races, where some races were superior, and others were inferior. Hitler believed the German race to be the superior race and called the German race ‘Aryan’. Hitler and the Nazis considered Jews to be an inferior race of people who set out to weaken other races and take over the world. Hitler believed that Jews were particularly destructive to the German ‘Aryan’ race and did not have any place in Nazi Germany. Hitler also wanted to rid Germany of the disabled, homosexuals, Roma and Sinti, and other minorities that did not fit in to his idea of an Aryan race. The Nazis labelled these groups “a-social”. Hitler was an extreme nationalist, believing the German ‘Aryan’ race should dominate. His [expansionist](https://www.theholocaustexplained.org/life-in-nazi-occupied-europe/foreign-policy-and-the-road-to-war/) policies sought Lebensraum for the German people. Hitler wanted to create a generation of young Aryans who were physically fit and totally obedient through programmes such as Hitler Youth. He believed these policies would unite Germany and ensure it was the strongest nation on earth. Hitler developed and publicised all these ideas in his books, Mein Kampf (1925) and Zweites Buch (1928), and speeches throughout his time in power.

**Neo-Nazism**

Neo-Nazi literally means “new-Nazi”, or “revived Nazi”, and it refers to people who have adopted ideologies like those first identified with the Nazi Party, which ruled Germany under Hitler between 1933 and 1945. “Nazi” is a contraction of the German words meaning “National Socialism”. Nazis and neo-Nazis base their ideology on [the notion of the racial superiority](https://www.holocaust.com.au/the-facts/racism-and-nazi-racial-ideology/) of white people (in the case of Germany’s Nazi Party the “Aryan” or white Nordic race) over all other races. The Nazis [graded races in order of their alleged superiority](https://www.ushmm.org/antisemitism/what-is-antisemitism/origins-of-neo-nazi-and-white-supremacist-terms-and-symbols), with black people and Jews at the bottom of the hierarchy. Homosexuals, Gypsies and others were also condemned. Neo-Nazis hold a similar set of beliefs. One of the Nazi slogans was “blood and soil”. The neo-Nazis identified in the investigation are heard chanting the similar “blood and honour”. They also chant Ku Klux Klan slogans, after the racist American organisation responsible for lynchings and killings of African Americans.