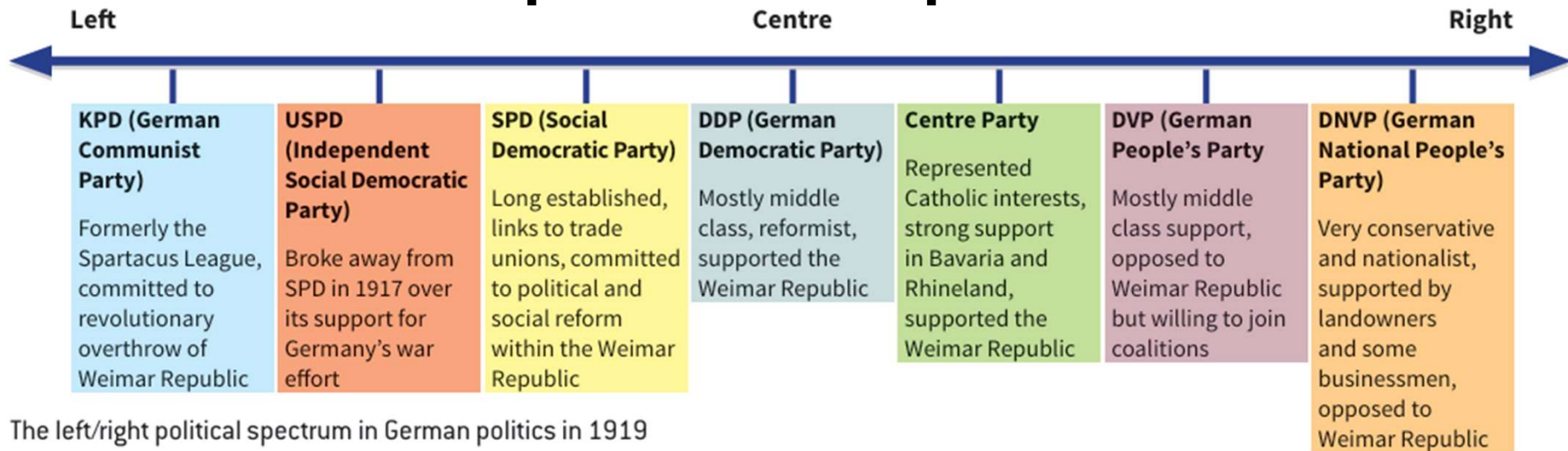


# German political parties 1919



The left/right political spectrum in German politics in 1919

## Socialist groups and parties in 1918

| Spartacist League (later KPD)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | USPD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | The Social Democratic Party (SPD)                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Founded:</b> 1916, by a more revolutionary minority group from the SPD. The name was changed to German Communist Party (KPD) in January 1919.                                                                                                              | <b>Founded:</b> 1917, by a breakaway minority group from the left of the SPD.                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Founded:</b> 1875, as a Marxist socialist party committed to revolution.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Leaders:</b> Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg.                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Leaders:</b> Hugo Hasse.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Leaders:</b> Friedrich Ebert and Philipp Scheidemann.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Aims:</b> Wanted republican government controlled by workers' and soldiers' councils, welfare benefits, nationalisation, workers' control of major industries, disbanding of the army and creation of local workers' militias. Opposed to First World War. | <b>Aims:</b> Wanted a republic with national Reichstag working with workers' and soldiers' councils, welfare improvements, nationalisation of industry, breaking up of large estates, reform of the army and creation of a national militia. Opposed to First World War. | <b>Aims:</b> Wanted moderate socialist republic with democratic elections and basic personal freedoms, welfare improvements and gradual nationalisation of industry. Wanted continuity and order. Supported Germany's entry into First World War. |
| <b>Support:</b> a throng of workers would often join them on their rallies and demonstrations in the streets.                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Support:</b> grew in strength during 1918 as war-weariness grew.                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Support:</b> Appealed largely to working-class voters and, in 1912, became the largest party in the Reichstag.                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Membership:</b> c. 5,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Membership:</b> c. 300,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Membership:</b> c. 1 million                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## A CLOSER LOOK

The main non-socialist political parties in the new republic:

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| <b>Centre Party</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formed in 1870 to protect Catholic interests in the mainly protestant German Reich</li> <li>Had strong support in the main Catholic areas of Bavaria and the Rhineland</li> <li>Supported a democratic constitution</li> </ul> | <b>German Democratic Party (DDP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A left-leaning liberal party, based on the old Progressive Party</li> <li>Most support came from intellectuals and middle class</li> <li>Supported a democratic constitution</li> </ul>                                                  |
| <b>German National People's Party (DNVP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A nationalist party, based on the old Conservative Party</li> <li>Most support came from landowners and some small business owners</li> <li>Rejected the democratic constitution</li> </ul>           | <b>German People's Party (DVP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A right-leaning liberal party, based on the old National Liberal Party</li> <li>Most support came from upper-middle class and business interests</li> <li>Opposed to new republic but willing to participate in its governments</li> </ul> |

**Table 1** *The election results of January 1919*

| Party  | Number of seats gained |
|--------|------------------------|
| SPD    | 163                    |
| USPD   | 22                     |
| Centre | 91                     |
| DDP    | 75                     |
| DNVP   | 44                     |
| DVP    | 19                     |

### Task 1.

Learn the key information on each party (including abbreviations) for knowledge test.

### Task 2

#### KEY CONCEPT

The political 'right' and 'left', **nationalism** and **liberalism** are key concepts for the study of modern Germany.

a Define the following terms:

- Left-wing
- Right-wing
- Nationalism
- Liberalism

b Which groups in society are likely to adopt left-wing views or right-wing views?

# St Paul's Catholic School and Sixth Form



## Transition Work for Sixth Form

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## AQA History at St Paul's Catholic School and Sixth Form

The purpose of completing the task below is to help understand the context of the periods we are studying and give you a better understanding of the content you need to learn

**Due date: Knowledge tests will be during the week beginning 1st September 2025**

### Task 1

Task 1 will include learning the information on the wars of Roses and England in 1485 for a knowledge organiser test.

### Task 2

In Task 2, you are expected to learn the information on different German political parties for a knowledge test on the return to school. (complete additional task on organiser)

### Specification:

**[The Tudors, 1485 – 1603 \(1C\)](#)**

**[Germany, 1918 – 1945 \(20\)](#)**

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| Wars of the Roses                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                            |                                                                                                                                | Year 12 A-Level History (Tudors) induction task                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| The wars began in 1455 between the houses of York (Y) and Lancaster (Y) who could both trace their claim to the throne back to Edward III. Both sides fought intermittently for the next 30 years over who should be king. |                            |                                                                                                                                | <p><b><u>Who is Henry Tudor?</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Henry was born 28<sup>th</sup> January 1547 to Edmund Tudor and Margaret Beaufort (who was aged just 13)</li><li>- Henry was linked to royalty on his father’s side. His grandmother, Catherine, had been married to Henry V before marrying his grandfather, Owen Tudor. The fact his claim to the throne was through a female made his claim weaker.</li><li>- In 1471 when Edward IV on the throne, Henry fled (as a Lancastrian claimant) to Brittany. Where he lived in exile for 12 years under the protection of the Duke of Brittany.</li><li>- In 1472, Henry’s mother, Margaret Beaufort, married Lord Thomas Stanley. This gave her a place at court, where she could further Henry’s interests.</li><li>- In 1583, Henry now lived in Paris where he was gaining support for his claim to the throne, especially after the disappearance of the Princes in the tower. Supporters included the Bishop of Ely (John Morton), Richard Fox and the Earl of Oxford ( a loyal Lancastrian). Henry also received financial support from the French King, Charles VIII, to claim the English throne.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Changes in Monarch (1470 – 1485)                                                                                                                                                                                           |                            |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Monarch (House)                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Dates                      | Ending of the Reign                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Henry VI (L)                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1470 – 1471 (Second reign) | Murdered after his forces defeat at the Battle of Tewkesbury                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Edward IV (Y)                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1471 - 1483                | Died suddenly and unexpectedly, leaving his 13 year old son, Edward, as King.                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Edward V (y)                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1483                       | Disappeared with his brother, Richard, from the Tower of London. Probably murdered by their uncle, Richard Duke of Gloucester. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Richard III                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1483                       | Brother to Edward IV. Defeated at the Battle of Bosworth by Henry Tudor.                                                       | <p><b><u>The battle of Bosworth</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Henry landed in Pembroke in Wales on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1485 with a small army of English supporters and French soldiers. He increased his numbers marching east towards the midlands. However, his army did not match that of Richard III, who was based in Nottingham castle.</li><li>- A key part of Richard’s army was made up of 4000 men commanded by Lord Thomas Stanley (married to Henry’s mother) and his brother Sir William Stanley. Both were reluctant to support Richard but he held Thomas’ son as a hostage to ensure their support.</li><li>- Both sides met at Bosworth on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1485.</li><li>- Richard’s forces had the upper hand in the early part of the battle but the death of Richard’s commanders (the Duke of Norfolk) was killed, so both sides withdrew.</li><li>- Henry made his move at this point to approach the Stanley’s to convince them to switch sides, Richard saw this and went with his personal guard to attack Henry.</li><li>- This was the turning point in the battle. William Stanley sent his cavalry to attack Richard and William was thrown from his horse and was killed by the attacking cavalry. Crucially the Earl of Northumberland (supporter of Richard) remained on the side of the battlefield, choosing not to protect the King.</li></ul> |

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| <p>England in 1485</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>The court</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Total population was 3 million</li> <li>- 90% of people lived in rural communities</li> <li>- London was the largest town of 60 000 inhabitants. Norwich was the next with 12 000 inhabitants. Most towns has a population of under 1000</li> <li>- The main employer was agriculture. Nearly everyone in England was involved in farming.</li> <li>- The Cloth industry made up 80% of England’s exports.</li> <li>- Society was organised by the ‘Great chain of being’. It was very strict and allowed little movement as it had been ordered by God.</li> </ul> <p>Structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ God</li> <li>➤ Angelic beings</li> <li>➤ Nobility / High ranking members of the church</li> <li>➤ Gentry</li> <li>➤ Citizens / Yeomen</li> <li>➤ Labourers</li> <li>- The Catholic church was immensely powerful due to people’s beliefs and fears. The church offered people hope (going to heaven) and explanations for everyday life. The church also owned 1/3 of all Land in England.</li> </ul> | <p>Contained the most important people in the country and its role was to advise the King. It sat wherever the King was and could contain up to 1500 people.</p> <p><b>Role</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For the King it was to show how rich and powerful he was and get advice</li> <li>- For courtiers, it was a place to gain patronage (rewards from the crown), advancement and useful friendships with other courtiers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Court Keywords:</b></p> <p><b>Chamber</b> – Where important political decisions were made and collection of Royal revenues were organised. Entry into this area were restricted to certain courtiers. The <b>Lord Chamberlain</b>, presided over the chamber. He was usually an experienced noblemen and a personal friend of the King.</p> <p><b>Household</b> – responsible for looking after the court. The <b>Lord Steward</b> would organise meals and entertainment for the courtiers.</p> <p><b>Personal monarchy</b></p> <p>The political power and influence of a member of the nobility or gentry depended on how much access that person had to the monarch.</p> <p>Therefore, the monarch’s personal style of Kingship resulted in how much influence members of the court had.</p> |