Weimar
Many parties in Weimar Republic not fully committed to democracy

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By 1932, parliamentarism has collapsed

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<th>1930</th>
<th>1931</th>
<th>1932</th>
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<td>Days in parliamentary session</td>
<td>94</td>
<td>41</td>
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<td>Laws passed by parliament</td>
<td>98</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Emergency decrees passed by president</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>66</td>
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<td>Ratio of laws to decrees</td>
<td>20:1</td>
<td>1:1.3</td>
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Source: Lepsius, p. 49.
Militias dominate Weimar Republic by 1932

Legal forces of coercion
Army: 100,000
Police: 180,000 (of whom 80,000 are militarized)
Navy: 15,000

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<td>Stahlhelm:</td>
<td>?</td>
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<td>SA/SS:</td>
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*Holborn, p. 690.

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Scenarios in January 1933

1. Suspension of Reichstaag
   • End of Republic
   • Possible civil war

2. Imposition of a right-wing dictatorship
   • General elections
   • Continuing crisis
   • Possible civil war

3. Military coup
   • End of Republic
   • Possible civil war

4. Appointment of Hitler
   • End of Republic
   • Nazi rule

5. General strike by Left
   • Coup or civil war?
Preferences of key actors
(Please rank for each person)

Main political options
Preservation of republic under minority left-led coalition (SDP, ZP, Liberals)
Non-Nazi rightist dictatorship with military support
One-party rule under Nazis
Civil war
Leftist revolution

Individuals
von Papen (and financial-industrial elite)
von Schleicher (and Reichswehr)
von Hindenburg (and Junkers)