**Hitler’s Purge - The Night of the Long Knives**

Last clash between the revolution from below and the revolution from above.

There was wide spread impatience with the implementation of the second revolution

Only Rohm had a sufficient power base to be a threat - he had a power independent from Hitler unlike Goring, Goebbels etc

Hitler saw the SA as subordinate to the Party whereas Rohm saw it as a people’s army

It was Rohm’s vision of the SA subsuming the Reichswehr that got him into trouble

Other Nazi officials - specifically Himmler, Goring and Hess - pushed Hitler into acting in Spring 1934

Hitler wanted rearmament and conscription - needed the Reichswehr

Rohm feared conscription

Hitler needed the Riechswehr in the upcoming constitutional crisis that would be brought on by Hindenburg's death - he didn’t want the army favouring a resumption of the monarchy

Eliminating Rohm was essential to appeasing conservative reaction to his regime

Rohm agreed to stand the SA down for July

June 30 Rohm and key SA officials were executed.

Hitler also “removed” other political enemies - Schleicher and Strasser