

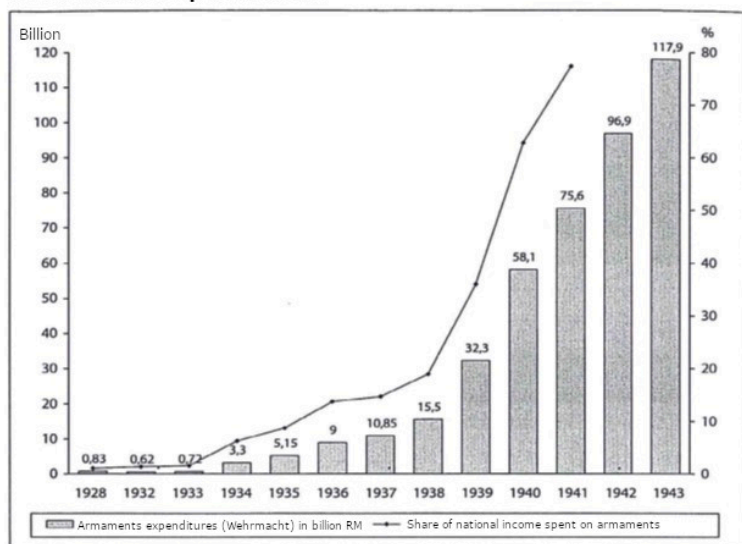
Armaments Expenditures 1928-1943

Abstract

In the last years of the Weimar Republic, owing to the conditions of the Versailles Treaty, the German government spent practically nothing on its military forces. The table shows the immediate change that accompanied the appointment of Adolf Hitler as chancellor. While the levels of expenditure were relatively low at first, we see a steady annual increase in both the amount of money going to the military and the percentage of the national income represented by those amounts as Hitler's government prepared Germany for war.

Source

Armaments expenditures



Share of armaments spending in gross national product in %:

1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
23	40	52	64	70

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