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National Socialist German Workers' Party Platform

The following list contains some of the provisions that Hitler proposed at the National Socialist German Workers' Party's first large party gathering in February 1920.

- We demand the unification of all Germans in a Greater Germany on the basis of the right of national self-determination.
- We demand . . . the revocation of the peace treaty of Versailles . . .
- We demand land and territory (colonies) to feed our people and to settle our surplus population.
- . . . Only those of German blood, whatever their creed, may be members of the nation. Accordingly, no Jew may be a member of the nation.
- Non-citizens may only live in Germany as guests and must be subject to laws for aliens.
- The right to vote. . . shall be enjoyed by the citizens . . . alone. We demand therefore that all official appointments, of whatever kind, whether in the Reich, in the states or in the smaller localities, shall be held by none but citizens.
- We demand that the State shall make its primary duty to provide a livelihood for its citizens. If it should prove impossible to feed the entire population, foreign nationals (non-citizens) must be deported . . .
- All non-German immigration must be prevented. We demand that all non-Germans who entered Germany after 2 November 1914 shall be required to leave immediately . . .
- . . . To facilitate the creation of a German national press we demand:
 - that all editors of, and contributors to newspapers appearing in the German language must be members of the nation;
 - that no non-German newspapers may appear without express permission of the State. They must not be printed in the German language;
 - that non-Germans shall be prohibited by law from participating financially in or influencing German newspapers . . .

- The Party . . . is convinced that our nation can achieve permanent health only from within on the basis of the principle: The common interest before self-interest . . .¹

¹ Jeremy Noakes and Geoffrey Pridham, eds., *Nazism 1919–1945: A Documentary Reader*, vol. 1: *The Rise to Power 1919–1934* (Liverpool, UK: Liverpool University Press, 1998), 15–16.