

### **3a) How useful are sources B and C for an enquiry into the reasons for the growth in support for the Nazi Party in the years 1929-1932**

Source B is a photograph from a German newspaper which suggests that unemployment was high in Germany in 1932 and that people of all classes were affected. In 1932, unemployment stood at over 6 million as a result of the Great Depression caused by the Wall Street Crash. Germany was particularly badly affected by the Wall Street Crash because of its reliance on American loans to help pay their reparations bill. This photograph would be a typical sight in Germany in the early 1930s and Hitler had promised to restore full employment to Germany if he were voted into power. Therefore, this is a useful source because unemployment is a key reason for Hitler's rise to power.

The source is also useful in that it shows the support Hitler and the Nazis had from the press and this particular newspaper obviously published this photograph to further promote Hitler and the Nazis.

Source C, an extract from 'Inside the Third Reich', suggests that a more important reason for the growth in support for the Nazis was Hitler's charisma. Hitler often found scapegoats for Germany's problems, such as the communists or the Jews, and in an 'atmosphere of hopelessness', as shown in Source B, people were all the more receptive to his ideas. Hitler himself was an important factor in his rise to power, making the source a useful one.

Source C is also useful because Speer was part of Hitler's inner circle and therefore would have been present at many of Hitler's speeches. He was influenced to join the Nazi party himself after hearing one of the speeches. This source is probably less useful than Source B though, because it was published in 1970 with the purpose of explaining why he chose to support a regime which then went on to commit the Holocaust.