

The Lineage of Imperialism: German Occupation of Eastern Europe from Ludendorff to Greiser

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Forefathers of Imperial Ideology

- Ethnocentrism--Wilhelm Heinrich Riehl
- Nationalism—Johann Gottlieb Fichte
- Social Darwinism—Thomas Henry Huxley
- Lebensraum—Friedrich Ratzel
- Blut und Boden—Ernst Moritz Arndt
- Ostsiedlung and Drang nach Osten
- Ethnography—Gerhard Friedrich Müller

Verkehrspolitik and Deutsche Arbeit

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Generalplan Ost and the Hunger Plan

Factors of Imperialism

- Psychological: “The White Man’s Burden”
- Economic: resources, ports, land, labor
- Political: nationalism and prestige

Trends of Genocide

- Agrarianism—a social or political philosophy which lauds the role of the rural farmer over that of the urban dweller and sees farming as a way of life that can shape the ideal values of society
- Expansionism—policy of economic or territorial expansion
- Racism—the belief that all members of each race possess characteristics or abilities specific to that race, especially so as to distinguish it as inferior or superior to another race or races
- Cult of Antiquity—obsession with and emulation of values, traits, and goals of the ancient past, particularly in relation to Rome and Ancient Greece

