

Section 2
Forms of Government

CHAPTER

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Dictatorship has been described as the opposite of a democracy, both in the structure of the government and in the principles upon which it is based. The cartoon below, from 1933, deals with Nazi Germany's dictator Adolf Hitler, who took power in that year. Study it and answer the questions that follow.

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**Interpreting Political Cartoons**

1. Describe what is happening in the cartoon.
2. Hitler had absolute authority in Nazi Germany. Does that fact explain why the cartoon blames Hitler personally for the treatment of German minorities? Explain.
3. Why might a minority group in the situation shown by the cartoon go along with a dictator's demand?
4. **Drawing Conclusions** Why do you think Hitler wanted German minorities to tell the world they were doing well?