

## **Essay Plan: The Treaty of Versailles was the greatest problem that faced the Weimar Government between 1919-21. How far do you agree?**

### Introduction

After having been signed in 1919 the treaty of Versailles was seen as the predominant reason Germany's weakness between 1919-23. However other factors could have brought the Weimar Republic to its inevitable downfall:

- proportional representation
- Opposition of left and right wing

### 1st point

Proportional representation = Germany could vote for parties. Received seats according to the number of votes. Disaster - dozens of tiny parties, no party strong enough to get a majority, therefore: government doesn't get its laws passed in the reichstag. Partly cause coalition government was constantly unstable and can't effectively react to social prob. Led to: people dividing and forming wings

This could have worked if it wasn't for lack of support from German citizens due to the treaty of Versailles

### 2nd point

Optimism between left and right wing = able to do whatever they wanted since there wasn't a strong enough law. Weimar government was unable to stop the attacking cause his army was limited to 100000 men. Led to - workers went on strike. Partly agree : government lost support of ppl = loses support of money income ( link : humiliation increased cause of T.O.V )

### 3rd point

Impacted Germany not only politically , but economically and militarily. This made citizens lose hope, and the politicians who were involved in the treaty were seen as cowardly, treacherous and backstabbing.

Germany wasn't allowed to have a say in the TOV therefor : they had no choice but to follow the rules ( if not then ww1 would continue = it acts like a threat )

1. Pay reparations - couldn't afford
2. All the limitations
3. All the restrictions (give some examples to support your point/ extra knowledge)
4. Taking away land

1= led to : economic crises and hyperinflation + unemployment. Mostly agree cause - ww1 left Germany in a horrific state + threat + extreme poverty

### Conclusion

T.O.V was most important impact cause without money weighing on them they wouldn't be unstable = majority of revolutions ( e.g German people would be safe - kapp Putsch + Rosa Luxemburg ) lost hope no money income .

We believe that the TOV had a greater impact as it destroyed the country and it ' s republic in every sense . ( militarily economically politically morally etc . ) It may have also been what

had angered and motivated the opposing parties to carry out their revolutions in the first place , as Well as the other consequences previously mentioned