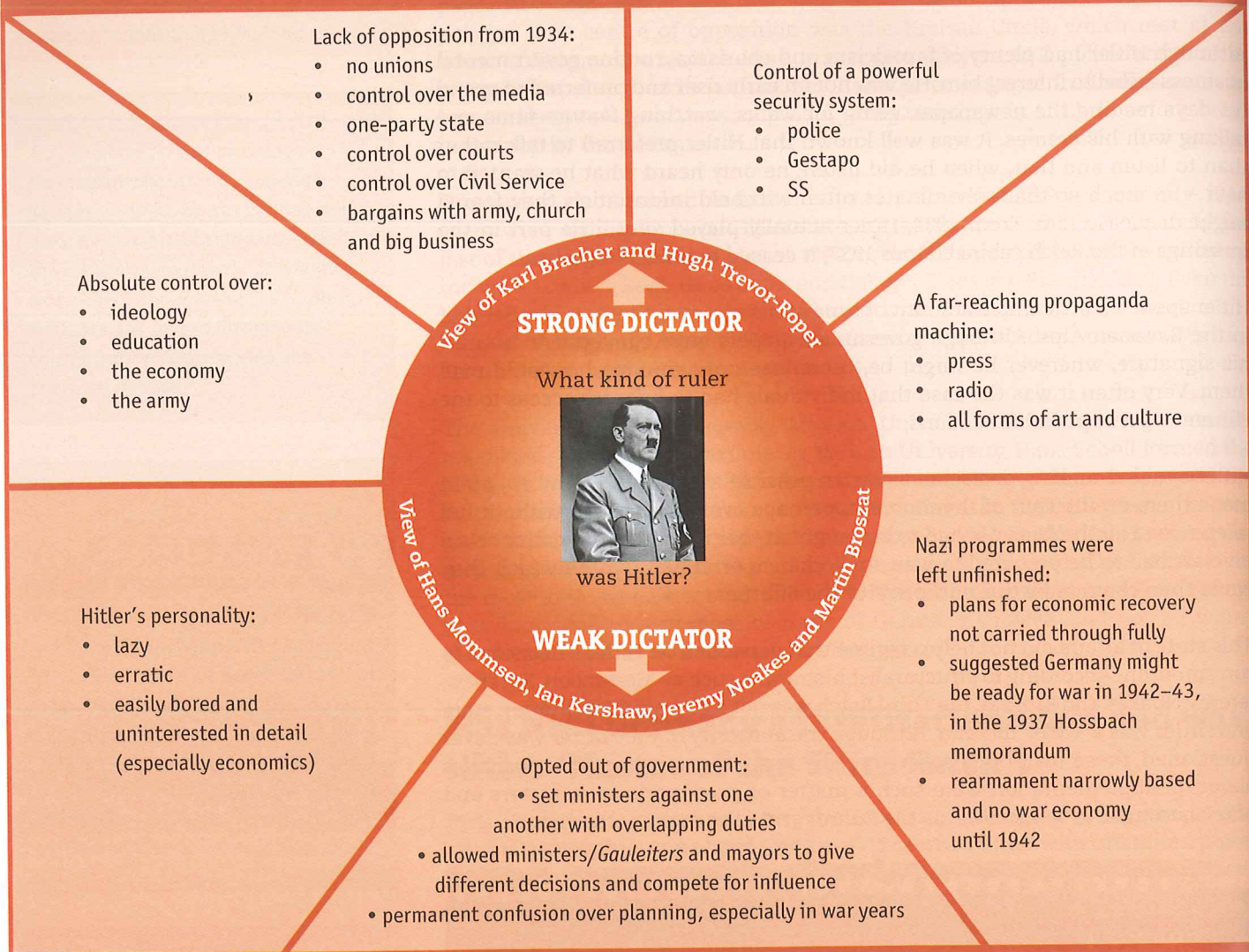


Did all power stem from Hitler with no individual being allowed to grow too powerful?
 Were there deliberately overlapping 'empires' with final decision-making dependent on access to Hitler?



Was there a confusion of private 'empires' and was Hitler's power 'negative' – destroying without replacing?

Discussion points

- 1 Why did Hitler rely primarily on the law to help consolidate his power?
- 2 Why is Hitler's state regarded as right-wing? With reference to Chapters 1 and 2, is there really any difference between right-wing and left-wing states? Are these helpful terms?



Theory of knowledge

History and ethics

What is a dictatorship? Is dictatorship always wrong? Is it possible to create a benign dictatorship?

End of unit activities

- 1 Draw a flow chart to show the stages by which Hitler consolidated his rule.
- 2 Write an obituary for Röhm (who died on the Night of the Long Knives). You could decide whether your obituary is for a pro-Nazi German newspaper or a more neutral British one.
- 3 Imagine you are interviewing Hitler for a TV news programme at the end of 1934. Produce ten questions and (after swapping scripts with another member of your group) fill in the replies that Hitler might have given.
- 4 Find one piece of visual propaganda and one piece of contemporary written evidence illustrating the 'cult of Hitler'. Explain your findings to your group.
- 5 Make a chart on which you can record the arguments that Hitler was a strong dictator and those that suggest he was a weak dictator. Try to add historians' names to the arguments and where possible find quotations from their books to support what you write.