

American Minute with Bill Federer

D-Day, June 6, 1944: Turning Point for World War Two in Europe & the Nazi aggression that led up to it; FDR "A Struggle to Preserve our Republic, our Religion and our Civilization"

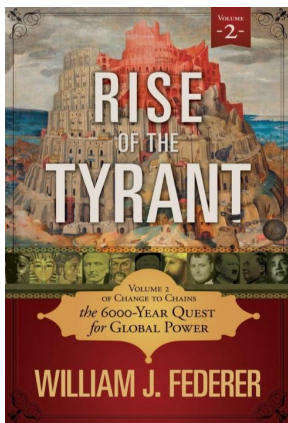
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After **World War I**, Germany's economy suffered from depression and a devaluation of their currency.



On January 30, 1933, **Adolph Hitler** was elected **Chancellor of Germany** by promising hope and universal healthcare .. [continue reading American Minute here ...](#)

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Less than a month later, on February 27, 1933, a crisis occurred -- the **Rheichstag, Germany's Capitol Building**, was **suspiciously set on fire**, with evidence

pointing to Hitler's supporters.

Hitler, though, **blamed the attack on his political opponents** and used the power of the state to **falsely accused and arrest them**.

Hitler used the panic of the "crisis" as an opportunity to suspend citizens' rights and systematically undermine **Germany's Weimar Republic**.

He had radical homosexual activist **Ernst Röhm** and his feared **Brownshirts**, called "**Sturmabteilung**" (**storm troopers**), to **storm into the meetings** of his political opponents, **disrupting and shouting down speakers**.

Brownshirts organized **protests and street riots**, similar to modern day BLM/Antifa-style protests, **smashing windows, blocking traffic, setting fires, vandalizing**, and even **beating to death innocent bystanders to spread fear and panic**.

Nazis implemented **boycotts of Jewish businesses**.

The riots destabilized the country and led to the overthrow old political leaders.

On **Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass)**, they broke windows, looted and set on fire over 7,500 Jewish stores and 200 synagogues.

Once securely in power, **Hitler** had his **SS and Gestapo secret police** kill the **Brownshirts** in the **Night of the Long Knives**, thus **eliminating competition** and giving the public impression that he was **cracking down on lawbreakers**.

Nazis had **old military leaders falsely accused and forced to retire**.

Some were **imprisoned** and even **shot without a trial**.

He pushed a type of **critical race theory**, whereby all other races were **taught that they were inferior** to the Aryan race.

Hitler then **confiscated weapons** from law-abiding citizens.

An **SA Oberführer** warned of an ordinance by the provisional Bavarian Minister of the Interior:

"The deadline set ... for **the surrender of weapons** will expire on March 31, 1933. I therefore request the immediate **surrender of all arms** ...

Whoever does not belong to one of these named units (SA, SS, and Stahlhelm) and ... **keeps his weapon** without authorization **or even hides it**, must be viewed as **an enemy of the national government** and will be held responsible without hesitation and with the utmost severity."

Heinrich Himmler, head of Nazi S.S. ("Schutzstaffel"-Protection Squadron), announced:

"Germans who wish to use **firearms** should join the S.S. or the S.A. **Ordinary citizens don't need guns**, as their having **guns** doesn't **serve the State**."

In 1938, when a suspected homosexual youth shot a Nazi diplomat in Paris, it was used as an excuse to **confiscate all firearms from Jews**.

German newspapers printed, November 10, 1938:

"Jews Forbidden to Possess Weapons by Order of SS Reichsführer Himmler, Munich ...

'Persons who, according to the Nürnberg law, are regarded as **Jews, are forbidden to possess any weapon**. Violators will be condemned to a

concentration camp and imprisoned for a period of up to 20 years."

The New York Times, November 9, 1938, reported:

"The Berlin Police ... announced that ... the **entire Jewish population of Berlin had been 'disarmed'** with the confiscation of 2,569 hand weapons, 1,702 firearms and 20,000 rounds of ammunition.

Any **Jews** still found in **possession of weapons** without valid licenses are threatened with the **severest punishment.**"

Of the Waffengesetz (Nazi Weapons Law), March 18, 1938, **Hitler** stated at a dinner talk, April 11, 1942 (*Hitler's Table Talk 1941-44: His Private Conversations*, 2nd Edition, 1973, p. 425-6, translated by Norman Cameron and R. H. Stevens):

"The most **foolish** mistake we could possibly make would be **to allow the subject races to possess arms.**

History shows that all **conquerors** who have allowed their **subject races to carry arms** have prepared their own **downfall** by so doing ...

So let's **not have any native militia** or native police. German troops alone will bear the sole responsibility for the maintenance of law and order."

Hitler's **Minister of Propaganda, Joseph Goebbels**, pioneered the use of **fake news** to **sway public opinion** so that the entire nation accepted the **lies of the deep-state:**

"If you **tell a lie big enough** and **keep repeating it**, people will eventually come to **believe it** ...

The truth is the greatest enemy of the state."

In socialist countries, a person's life is only of worth if it benefits the state:

"No life still valuable to the state will be wantonly destroyed." (*German Penal Code*, October 10, 1933)

Those not promoting the deep-state narrative were driven from their jobs, publicly ridiculed, and eventually removed from society and sent to labor and concentration camps.

National Socialist Workers Party operated over **1,200 concentration camps** where millions of Jews, Poles, Gypsies, handicapped, and others were experimented upon, tortured, or were killed in gas chambers.

German churches were silent, as they had for centuries taught **pietism** - a version of **separation of church and state** where **Christians were instructed** to only focus on their own personal spiritual life and **withdraw from involvement in worldly politics**.

As a result, **the church stood by silent** as the **National Socialist Workers Party** usurped power, leaving the work of **stopping Hitler** to be done by the **sacrifice of millions of courageous Allied soldiers**.

By the time a few courageous Germany church leaders spoke out, such as **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, it was too late - - the government had grown so powerful it simply arrested and executed them.

Hitler's **National Socialist Workers' Party** used diplomatic intimidation, deception, and Blitzkrieg "lightning war" attacks to take control of:

- Austria,
- The Sudeten Region,
- Bohemia,
- Moravia,

- Poland,
- Denmark,
- Norway,
- Luxembourg,
- Belgium,
- Holland,
- France,
- Monaco,
- Greece,
- The Channel Island (UK),
- Czechoslovakia,
- Baltic states,
- Serbia,
- Italy,
- Hungary,
- Romania,
- Bulgaria,
- Slovakia,
- Finland,
- Croatia, and more.

Other **Axis Powers** were also aggressively expanding:

- Italy had invaded **Ethiopia** in 1935, and
- the **Empire of Japan** had invaded **China** in 1937.

The **United States** entered **World War II** on **December 7, 1941**, when **Pearl Harbor** was **bombed by Imperial Japan**, a **Tripartite Pact partner with Nazi Germany** and **Italy's Benito Mussolini**

The turning point in the **Pacific War** was the **Battle of Midway**, June 4, 1942.

The turning point in **Europe** was **D-Day**, **JUNE 6, 1944**.

Over 160,000 troops from America, Britain, Canada, free France, Poland, and other nations **landed along a 50-mile stretch of the Normandy coast of France**.

In his **D-Day Orders**, JUNE 6, 1944, Supreme Allied Commander General **Dwight Eisenhower** sent nearly 100,000 Allied troops marching across Europe to defeat Hitler's **National Socialist Workers Party**:

"You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade ... The eyes of the world are upon you.

... The hopes and **prayers of liberty loving people** everywhere march with you ...

You will bring about ... the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe ...

... Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle hardened, he will fight savagely ...

And let us all beseech the blessings of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking."

It was the **largest seaborne invasion force in world history**, supported by 13,000 aircraft, 5,000 ships with 195,700 navy personnel.

Prior to the invasion, Allies attempted to mislead the Nazis as to where the attack would take place.

The invasion was supposed to take place June 5, but the weather was so bad aircraft could not fly. **General Eisenhower** gave the risky order to delay the attack 24 hours to allow the weather and tide to improve.

The night before, Allied aircraft launched an enormous air assault on Nazi defenses, batteries, and bridges.

Then **paratroopers** were sent in **behind enemy lines** to cut off their supplies.

President Ronald Reagan stated at the 40th

Anniversary of D-Day:

"Something else helped the men of D-day: their rockhard belief that **Providence** would have a great hand in the events that would unfold here; that **God** was an ally in this great cause.

And so, the night before the invasion, when Colonel Wolverton asked his **parachute troops** to **kneel with him in prayer** he told them:

'Do not bow your heads, but look up so you can see **God** and ask **His blessing** in what we're about to do.'

Also that night, General Matthew Ridgway on his cot, listening in the darkness for the promise **God** made to **Joshua: 'I will not fail thee nor forsake thee.'**

Then elite **Army Rangers** went in to **scale the cliffs** and take out Nazi machine gun positions.

President Reagan stated:

"40 years ago at this moment, the air was dense with smoke and the cries of men, and the air was filled with the crack of rifle fire and the roar of cannon.

At dawn, on the morning of the 6th of June, 1944, 225 Rangers jumped off the British landing craft and ran to the bottom of these cliffs.

Their mission was one of the most difficult and daring of the invasion: to climb these sheer and desolate cliffs and take out the enemy guns.

The Allies had been told that some of the mightiest of these guns were here and they would be trained on the beaches to stop the Allied advance.

... The Rangers looked up and saw the enemy soldiers -- the edge of the cliffs shooting down at them with

machineguns and throwing grenades.

And the American Rangers began to climb.

They shot rope ladders over the face of these cliffs and began to pull themselves up. When one Ranger fell, another would take his place.

When one rope was cut, a Ranger would grab another and begin his climb again. They climbed, shot back, and held their footing.

... Soon, one by one, the Rangers pulled themselves over the top, and in seizing the firm land at the top of these cliffs, they began to seize back the continent of Europe. Two hundred and twenty-five came here.

After 2 days of fighting, only 90 could still bear arms."

At 6:30am, Allied forces began landing.

Troops ran across the heavily fortified beaches of:

- Utah Beach
- Pointe du Hoc
- Omaha Beach
- Gold Beach
- Juno Beach
- Sword Beach

Ocean water ran red with the blood of almost 9,000 killed or wounded.

In the next two and a half months, over two million soldiers arrived on the shores.

Paris was liberated on August 25, 1944, and the Nazi war machine was pushed back over the Seine River

It was a major turning point in World War II.

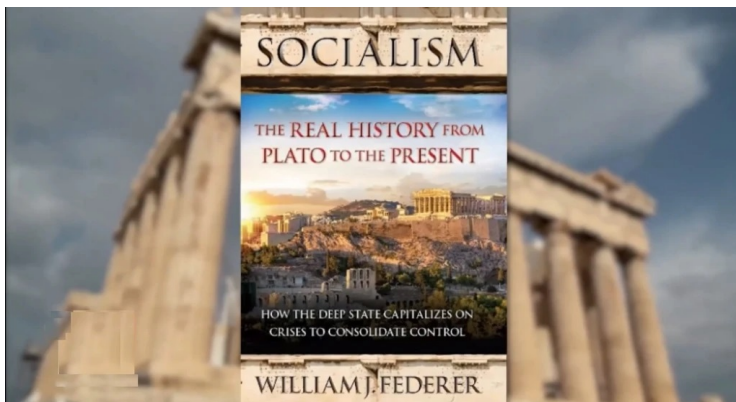
Reagan continued:

"The men of Normandy had **faith** that what they were doing was right, faith that they fought for all humanity, faith that a just **God** would grant them mercy on this beachhead or on the next.

It was the deep knowledge -- and pray **God** we have not lost it -- that there is a profound, moral difference between the use of force for liberation and the use of force for conquest."

Shortly after **D-Day**, on July 20, 1944, a **courageous German resistance movement** was formed which **attempted to assassinate Hitler**, but he survived.

Hitler retaliated by **killing over 7,000 Germans**.



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President Franklin Roosevelt stated JUNE 6, 1944:

"My fellow Americans: Last night, when I spoke with you about the fall of Rome, I knew at that moment that troops of the United States and our allies were crossing the Channel in another and greater operation ...

I ask you to join with me in **prayer**:

Almighty God, Our sons, pride of our Nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, **a struggle to preserve our republic, our religion, and our civilization ...**

Give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith. They will need Thy blessings. Their road will be long and hard.

For the enemy is strong. He may hurl back our forces ... We know that by Thy grace, and by the righteousness of our cause, our sons will triumph ...

Some will never return. Embrace these, **Father**, and receive them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy kingdom ..."

Of those who "never returned" was **Orval Wilford "Billy" Epperson**, the uncle of the writer of this article.

He was a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corp, (525th Bomber Squadron, 379th Bomber Group, Heavy, A.P.O. 550 (#0-768946), Recipient of the Purple Heart.)

Oval W. "Billy" Epperson was killed during **Operation Overlord** one month after **D-Day**.

His **B-17 Flying Fortress**, nicknamed "**Pansy Yokum**," was shot down on July 9, 1944, about 8 ½ miles northwest of Le Havre (over the English Channel.)

His name is on the monument near **Omaha Beach**, at the Cimetière Américain de Normandie (in Colleville-sur-Mer, France) at the Killed in Action Wall ("Tablet of the Missing").

FDR concluded his **D-Day Prayer**:

"Help us, **Almighty God**, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this **hour of great sacrifice** ...

I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of **prayer** be on our lips, invoking Thy help to our efforts.

Give us strength ... and, **O Lord**, give us Faith. Give us

Faith in Thee ... With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy ...

And a peace that will let all of men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil. **Thy will be done, Almighty God. Amen."**

FDR's D-Day Prayer has been added to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., thanks to the tireless efforts of **Chris Long** of the **Ohio Christian Alliance** who initiated **The D-Day Landing Prayer Act (S 1044)**.

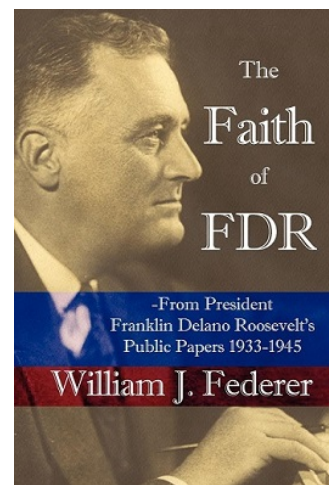
The bipartisan bill was introduced in the House by **Ohio Congressman Bill Johnson**, introduced in the Senate by **Ohio Senator Rob Portman**, and signed into law in 2014.

For more information on this historic project visit:
www.ddayprayerproject.org

President Donald Trump read a portion of **Franklin Roosevelt's D-Day Prayer** at the 75th anniversary memorial event held in Portsmouth, England, with England's Queen Elizabeth II, Prime Minister Theresa May, French President Emmanuel Macron, and other world leaders.

FDR stated in his D-Day Prayer that the war was "a struggle to preserve **our republic, our religion, and our civilization.**"

A Democrat, President Roosevelt shared his **Christian nationalist sentiments** during a Fireside Chat, April 28, 1942:



"THIS GREAT WAR effort must be carried through ... It shall not be imperiled by the **handful of noisy traitors --** betrayers of America, **betrayers of Christianity itself.**"

FDR stated at Madison Square Garden, NY, October 28, 1940:

"WE GUARD AGAINST the **forces of anti-Christian aggression**, which may attack us from without, and the forces of ignorance and fear which may corrupt us from within."

FDR stated in Brooklyn, New York, November 1, 1940:

"**THOSE FORCES HATE democracy and Christianity** as two phases of the same civilization. They oppose democracy because it is **Christian**. They oppose **Christianity** because it preaches democracy."

FDR stated in a Labor Day Address, September 1, 1941:

"PRESERVATION OF THESE rights is vitally important now, not only to us who enjoy them, but to the whole **future of Christian civilization.**"

FDR addressed Congress, March 1, 1945:

"I SAW SEVASTOPOL and Yalta! And I know that there is not room enough on earth for both German militarism and **Christian decency.**"

Eleven months after **D-Day**, the war in Europe ended with an Allied victory on May 8, 1945.

FDR stated May 27, 1941:

"THE WHOLE WORLD is divided between ... pagan brutality and the **Christian ideal**. We choose **human freedom which is the Christian ideal.**"

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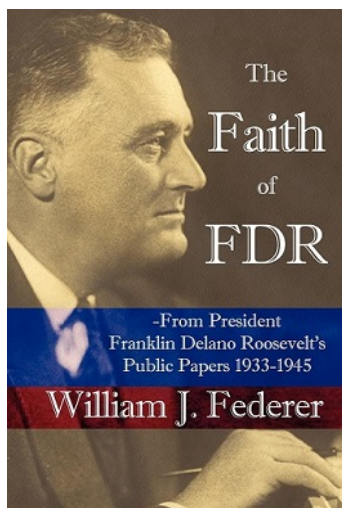
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