around the notion of Social Darwinism and other racial theories, in which Jews were defined as a ‘race’.

- Anti-Semitism being based on the ideological notions of ‘race’, would form the basis of Nazi persecution, in which it was believed all Jews were the ‘eternal enemy’ of the ‘Aryan’ race.

- Nazi Racial Thought was based on three main concepts = 1) Social Darwinism - 2) Anti-Semitism - 3) ‘Aryan’ Supremacy.

- 1 April 1933 = National Boycott of Jewish Businesses - Boycott was intended to become a permanent feature of life in the Third Reich. Boycott was abandoned after just one day, due to customers ignoring signs, posters and members of the SA trying to deter them from shopping in Jewish businesses.

- 7 April 1933 = Civil Service Law - Removed Jews from key positions in the public sphere, such as being in the Police, being a Judge or being a Professor. This law made it clear that anti-Semitism was state ideology.

- 16 November 1934 = Marriage Law - Annulled marriages between Jews and ‘Aryans’.

- 15 September 1935 = Nuremberg Laws - 1) Reich Citizenship Law = Defined both ‘Jewishness’ and ‘Aryanism’ through Genealogy, which meant that Jews became an ‘outsider’ by law. – 2) Law for the Protection of German Blood and Honour = Banned mixed marriages between ‘Aryans’ and Jews. These laws resulted in legally separating Jews from the rest of German society.

- 1 - 16 August 1936 = Berlin Olympic Games - Decrease in the amount of anti-Semitism so foreign visitors were not aware of the realities of the dictatorial regime - Wanted to look good on the global stage.

- 1938 = ‘Aryanisation of the Economy’ - 80% of Jewish businesses had entered administration by 1938 - Nazi Party removed Jewish business owners and gave the businesses to those who were part of the Volksgemeinschaft which was an election promise - Statistics = 69% of businesses (30,000) in Marburg were ‘Aryanised’, in comparison to 20% of businesses (1.7 million) in Hamburg by 1938.

- 1938 = Jews were banned from going to certain restaurants, concerts or to the theatre.

- Belief up until this point that if the Jewish population lived by the rules imposed by the Nazi Regime that they would be alright.