Presidential election March/Apr 1932

- H returned to office
- Hitler only 30.1% on first ballot & 36.8% on the second — H = more
- But they still presented it as a success as their vote had doubled from the Rstag election

Emergency decree April 1932:

- Defeat in election = emergency decree
- Banned SA & SS in response to growing street violence & evidence the Nazis had been formulating plans to stage a coup if Hitler won the election

How did von Schleicher have an impact on the Nazis during Apr/May 1932?

- Minister of the Interior (von Groener) who introduced the ban was undermined by a campaign led by von Schleicher who had the idea of taming the Nazis and to use his mass movement to create a military dictatorship with populist backing.

Schleicher’s involvement in the removal of Brüning:

- He met with Hitler May 32 and Hitler agreed to accept the ole in a new presidential cabinet in return for the removal of Brüning and lifting SA & SS ban
- Success — Groener resigned

29th May – 16 June 1932:

- Hindenburg demanded Brüning’s resignation 29th May
- New cabinet formed:
  - Von Papen = Chancellor
  - Schleicher = Minister of defence
- Date for new election to the Rstag was then 1st of July
- Ban on SS lifted 16th June