

28. Who were called the November Criminals? Why are they targeted?

Ans - Supporters of the Weimar Republic were known as the November Criminals. They were mainly comprised of the socialists, Catholics and democrats. They were targeted because they became easy targets of attack in the conservative nationalist circles.

29. Explain the impact of the First World War on European Society and Polity.

Ans - The impact of the First World War on European Society and Polity was profound. It wreaked havoc across the entire continent.

- (i) The soldiers were seen as superior to people in society.
- (ii) The soldiers' trench existence was praised by the media.
- (iii) Politicians and publicists emphasized the importance of aggressiveness and masculinity in men.
- (iv) In the public sphere, aggressive war propaganda and national pride took centre stage.
- (v) Popular support for newly created dictatorships expanded.
- (vi) Democracy, as a young and vulnerable concept, was unable to withstand the instabilities of interwar Europe.