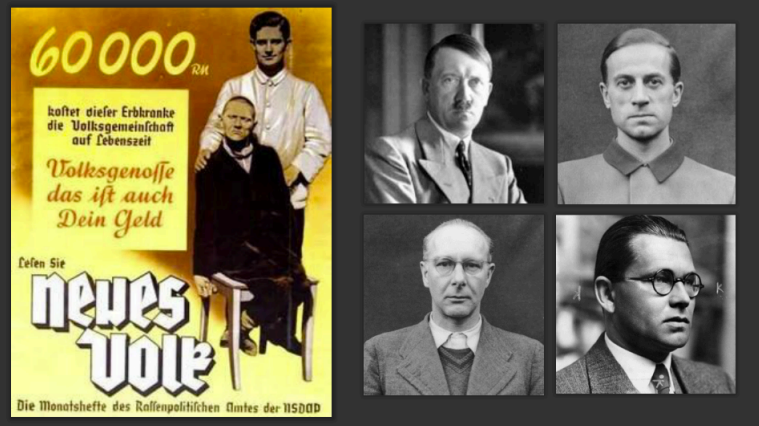


Item name: T-4 Program



Victims of Aktion T4 (official data) 1940 – 1941

T4 Center	Operation	Numbers of victims		
		1940	1941	Total
Grafeneck	01/1940 – 12/1940	9,839	—	9,839
Brandenburg	02/1940 – 10/1940	9,772	—	9,772
Bernburg	11/1940 – 07/1943	—	8,601	8,601
Hartheim	05/1940 – 12/1944	9,670	8,599	18,269
Sonnenstein	06/1940 – 09/1942	5,943	7,777	13,720
Hadamar	01/1941 – 07/1942	—	10,072	10,072
Total by year:		35,224	35,049	70,273

Description:

In early 1939, members of Hitler's private Chancellery began to discuss the idea of a secret campaign that would target physically and mentally disabled children living in Nazi Germany.

The secret program would first target infants and toddlers. This program was known as the T-4 euthanasia program, and was in many ways the test run for the “Final Solution,” or the mass extermination of the European Jews.

In January 1940, an adult Euthanasia Program paralleled the murder of German infants and juveniles, utilizing poison gas as its killing technique. The program was halted, though, when it became an open secret, leading to widespread public and private protests, including from church leaders.

According to T4's own internal calculations, the "euthanasia" effort claimed the lives of over 70,000 institutionalized mentally and physically disabled persons at the six gassing facilities between January 1940 and August 1941.

Planners of the Final Solution later borrowed the gas chamber and accompanying crematoria, specifically designed for the T4 campaign, to murder Jews in German-occupied Europe.