

# Germany, Propaganda And Total War, 1914-1918: The Sins Of Omission

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will be exposed to them. It is hoped that in a second edition, now already needed, Roger Chickering will bring his calm, quiet demeanor to these issues, and be able quickly to update his fine survey of a field that is presently soaking up a scholarly downpour.

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*Germany, Propaganda and Total War, 1914–1918: The Sins of Omission.* By David Welch. New Brunswick, New Jersey: Rutgers University Press. 2000. Pp. xii + 355. \$45.00. ISBN 0–8135–2798–8.

David Welch, who has written extensively on propaganda in the Third Reich, turns his attentions in this volume to the First World War. The object of the book, he writes, is to analyze the "interaction between imperial propaganda and the responses of different social groups in Germany both to each other and to the impact of total war" (p. 1). This is a broad plan, which approaches "an analysis in toto of German society at war" (p. 2). The account accordingly touches on the organization of German propaganda during the war, the debates over war aims, the material hardships faced by the German home front, mounting opposition to the war from pacifists and feminists, the mobilization of opinion by the third supreme command, and the German collapse at the war's conclusion. Welch emphasizes the effectiveness of German propaganda, which sustained popular morale until the war's last year. The basic problem in the whole undertaking, the reason for Germany's "moral collapse," he argues, lay in the "sins of omission," the arrogant unwillingness of the military leadership to respond to public opinion with genuine constitutional reform. These conclusions, which the author supports with a series of illustrations, rest on an impressive foundation of sources, particularly on far-flung archival materials that Welch has been the first to bring together.

The book is nonetheless a disappointment. It suffers from several major flaws, which together convey the impression of a first draft — a work that, for all the archival labor that went into it, was abandoned prematurely by an author who had grown tired of it. Its analytical underpinnings, including basic concepts like "propaganda," "public opinion," and "total war," are insufficiently developed to bring control or focus to the vast material with which they struggle. While the account presents a rich collection of information, much of it is undigested and relates only remotely, if at all, to the problem of propaganda or the public's response to it. Scores of inconsistencies, repetitions, heedless errors of fact, and typographical mistakes compound the difficulties posed by a porous argument,

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