



EDELWEISS PIRATES

Collection of different groups who were all united against Nazi youth groups. They would have names like Roving Dudes and the Navajos

They were mostly left wing groups and some were connected to the KPD (Communist party)

They would have alternative gatherings to camp and sing anti Nazi songs.

Some would play a more active type of resistance by beating up Hitler Youth, writing anti Nazi graffiti on walls or helping allied air men escape.

There were estimated to be over 2,000 members in these groups. The gestapo had many of these under observation In 1944, 12 were executed in Cologne.

SWING TYPES

These were more rebellious types of young people who were determined not to 'conform' to the ideas the Nazis had for them in terms of fashion and music.

They would grow their hair long, smoke and listen to Jazz music (swing) which was banned due to its African American origins.

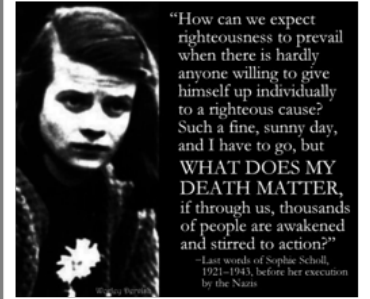
Many had the greeting Heil Benny in tribute to Benny Goodman, an American musician.

They tended to be wealthier and middle class. They weren't executed but some were jailed and beat up as an example to others.



WHITE ROSE

This was a student group formed in Munich by brother and sister Hans and Sophie Scholl. It was started following Hans experiences in Poland and his disgust at the treatment of locals there as well as Bishop Galen's denunciation of euthanasia. The group handed out lots of anti Nazi leaflets around Munich university denouncing national socialism as a depravity. They were caught, tortured and guillotined in 1943.



Conservative groups were well connected and resourced but were also regularly under suspicion. Many had lost faith in Hitler or had been put off by Nazi policies. Towards 1943 groups such as the KREISAU CIRCLE began to meet. This was a diverse group of people who began to think about an alternative Germany after Nazism based on social democracy and freedom. It was heavily influenced by Christianity. The problem with this group was that it could not work out how to rid Germany of Hitler to begin! Many were implicated in the 1944 July bomb plot including VON MOLTKE one of its key leaders.

Conservatives

Important personalities like ULRICH VON HASSELL, the ex ambassador to Rome and Carl Cordeler, the Mayor of Leipzig expressed opposition to Hitler and the Nazis

Young people



Opposition to the Nazis

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Church



The Catholic Church has faced huge criticism for seeming to be only interested in protecting its own interests and not those of the Jews. However, the Catholic Church did a number of things to oppose the Nazis

- Bishop Von Galen bravely stood up to the Nazis for their T4 euthanasia policy and received so much support that the programme was halted - at least temporarily on Hitler's orders. He was later arrested for a potential role in the 1944 bomb plot but survived the war. He was nicknamed the Lion of Munster for his actions

The church also successfully protected many Jews in the Vatican under the orders of the Pope.

PROTESTANT CHURCH



The Protestant church was never a centralised church and so harder to create the one Reich church that the Nazis wished for.

Many Protestant dissidents formed their own. CONFESSIONAL CHURCH. This opposed the Nazi ideas. It was led by pastor NIEMOLLER. He survived the war very narrowly despite being ordered to be killed. Pastor BONHOEFFER was not so lucky. He too was in the Confessional church and was executed as the war drew to a close

Up to 400 pastors were arrested and many imprisoned or executed.

Military



Left wing

The left wing - Communists and Socialists should have been the natural opposition to Hitler but the effectiveness of Hitler's terror programme had quickly rendered them virtually powerless by March 1933! Many were locked up as part of the Decree powers and the rest were actively infiltrated by the gestapo

RED ORCHESTRA

One left wing spy network was called the Red orchestra and it successfully infiltrated parts of the government.

Communist 'cells' operated in up to 89 factories in Berlin alone. However, acts of sabotage were very rare and many groups confined themselves to printing anti Nazi leaflets or just staying alive!

On top of all this there was actual Grumbling or passive resistance. Many Germans made fun of Hitler or created anti Nazi jokes-'this could have been punishable by death

There were some successful exceptions

- The church successfully campaigned to have the crucifix brought back to German classrooms when they were removed.
- many Germans smoked as this had been frowned upon by ...

