The White Rose: German Resistance During the Third Reich

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### The Scholl Siblings' Childhood

- Grew up in an isolated town surrounded by nature
- Encouraged by liberal and open-minded parents
- Moved to Ulm in their late childhood
- Joined the Hitler Youth
- Started noticing the lack of diversity and demand for conformity in the Nazi Party

### Ideology

- “Now it is our task to find one another again, to spread information from person to person, to keep a steady purpose, and to allow ourselves no rest until the last man is persuaded of the urgent need of his struggle against this system”
- Influenced by philosophy and Christian values
- Moral and religious, not political or personal

### Actions

- Drafted and copied six leaflets urging German citizens to passively resist and sabotage the war effort between 1942 and 1943
- Painted treasonous slogans on walls in Munich
- Tried to branch out and connect with other resistance groups

### Aftermath

- The six core members as well as several of their associates were executed
- Other resistance groups distributed their leaflets or took inspiration from their actions
- Nazi officials feared other resistance groups would soon emerge
- Allies spread their leaflets around Germany during the war

### Did They Achieve Their Goals?

- The widespread resistance movement they had hoped for never happened.
- They are held up as an example of what should be done in an oppressive regime
- Their actions continue to inspire people to this day

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