Chapter 20  
Imperial Germany, 1871–1912

Further reading

Web Sites

All sources have been selected from German Historical Images and Documents, 1866-1890 and 1890–1918. See http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/about.cfm

1871–90

Parties and Political Mobilization

The Kulturkampf

1. The ‘Pulpit Law’ (December 1871)
2. The School Inspection Law (11 March 1872)
3. The Anti-Jesuit Law (4 July 1872)
6. Bismarck’s conception of a *modus vivendi* with Rome (17 December 1882)

**Relations with the Socialists**
13. Bismarck’s Anti-Socialist Law (21 October 1878)
26. The Socialist Workers’ Party of Germany, the Gotha Program (May 1875)
27. Karl Marx’s Critique of the Gotha Program (April/May 1875)

**Anti-Semitism**
29. The Anti-Semitic German Social Party, Bochum Program (11 June 1889)

**Elections**
32. Elections to the German Reichstag (1871–1890) a statistical overview

**Bismarck’s Resignation and Reputation**
42. Letter of resignation (March 1890)
43. Hans Delbruck on Bismarck’s legacy (April 1890)
44. Jacob Burkhardt on Bismarck’s legacy (1890)
45. Eugen Richter on Bismarck’s legacy (1890–1917/18)

**Military and International Relations**
3. Bismarck tells the British Ambassador that Germany has achieved its legitimate objectives (11 February 1873)
4. Bismarck’s ‘Nightmare of Coalitions’, a selection from his Memoirs (1879–98)
18. Friedrich Fabri, *Does Germany need Colonies?*
19. Friedrich Kapp’s objections to Colonies (22 October 1880)
20. The Society for German Colonization, founding Manifesto (26 January 1889)
24. Bebel’s speech against German colonial policy in East Africa (20 January 1889)

William II’s response to Bismarck’s resignation

1890-1912

Politics
2. The Kruger telegram (3 January 1896)
3. William II’s ‘Hun’ speech (27 July 1900)
4. Interview with the Daily Telegraph (28 October 1908)

Elections
7. Elections to the Reichstag, 1887–1912

International Affairs
2. Bernhard von Bulow’s ‘Dynamic’ Foreign Policy speech (11 December 1899)
7. Bernhard von Bulow’s ‘Place in the Sun’ speech (1897)
14. The ‘Risk Fleet’ Excerpts from a draft memorandum from the Budget Department of the Imperial Naval Office
16. Alfred von Tirpitz looks back on the Naval Race with England (1920)
18. The Schlieffen Plan (1905)
21. Record of the War Council (December 1912)