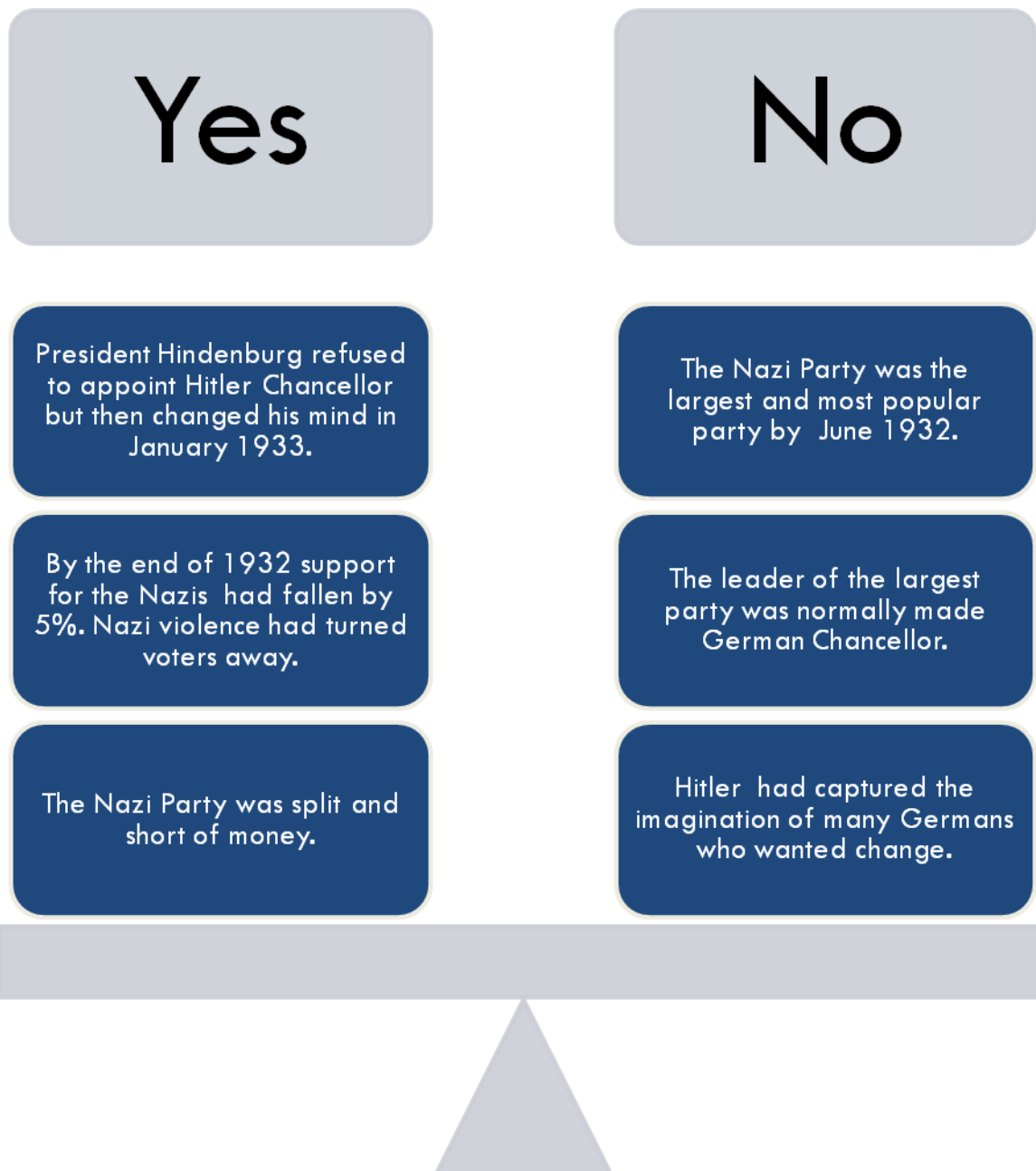


# THE HOLOCAUST INTERACTIVE

## Could Hitler's Rise to Power Have Been Stopped?



### **TASK**

Study the arguments presented on the diagram. Do you think that Hitler's rise to power could have been stopped?

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## German Jews in the First World War

The war was a total war and therefore a total disaster. But in a perverse and not too surprising twist of events, the Jewish population of Europe suffered most.

As individuals, the Jews fought in the armies of all sides, showing strong patriotism for their countries, determined to prove that they really “belonged.” This was especially true of German Jews. Over 12,000 Jews died fighting for the “Vaterland”.

But in spite of their patriotism, there were some people who wanted to damage what Jews did by making accusations of disloyalty. In 1916, the German General Staff ordered a census of all Jewish soldiers in the army to determine how many actually served on the front line. The results showed that 80% of all Jewish soldiers served on the front lines, far higher than the general population, but this was never released to the general public.

### **TASKS**

1. What evidence is there that Jews were very patriotic during the First World War?
2. Why did some Germans want to discredit the war record of Jews?

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## Holocaust Survivors Today

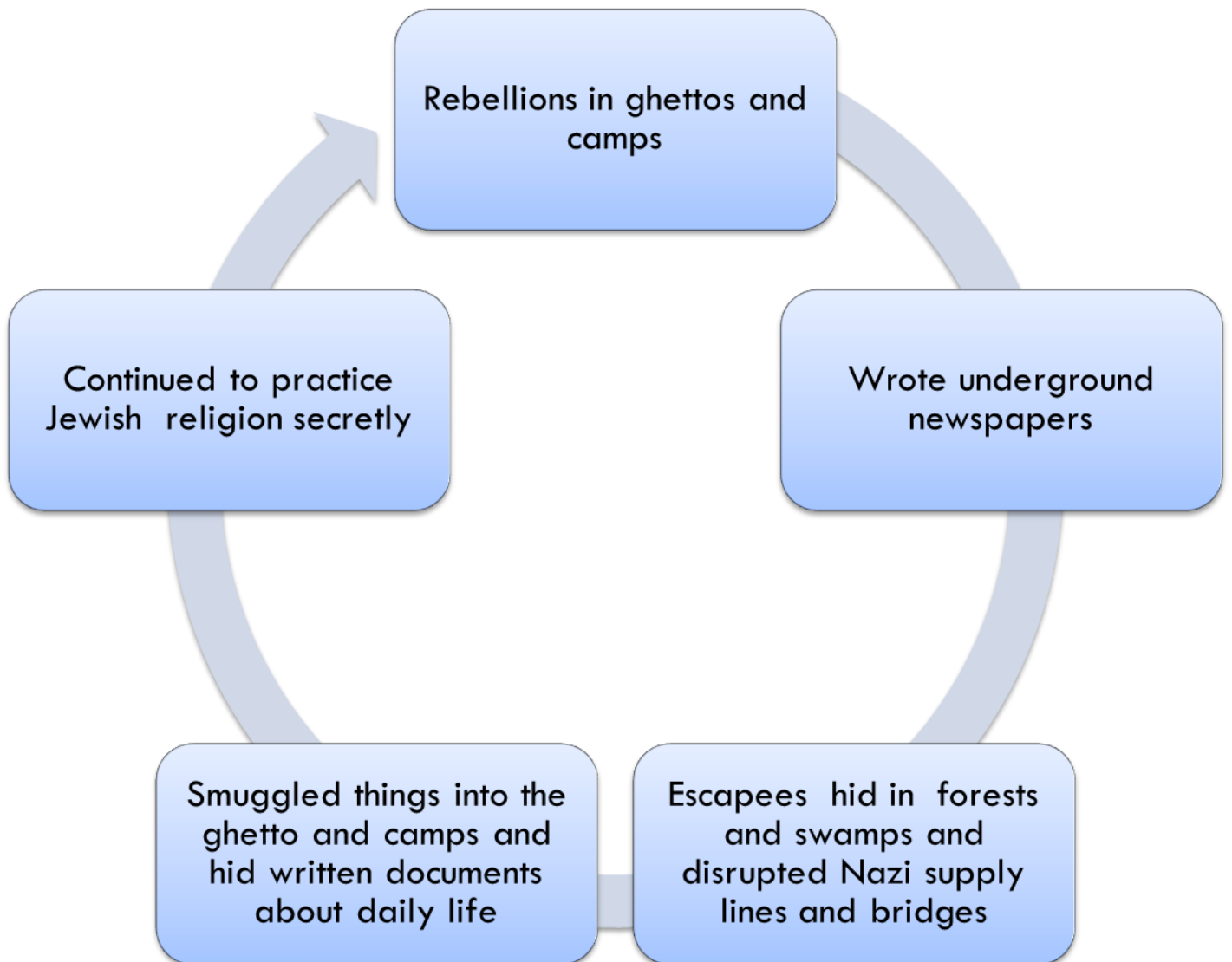
### **1996 Figures:**

- 300,000 Holocaust survivors living in Israel
- Of these about 200,000 are aged 65 +, and
- 100,000 were children during the war, making them 70-80 today.
- 2/3 of survivors went to Israel
- Another 150,000 scattered all over the world
- The clock is running out of time to get their stories and testimonies recorded

***Holocaust Memorial Day is commemorated on 27 January in the UK.***

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## Jewish Resistance



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## Who Spoke Out During Kristallnacht?

### “The Night of Broken Glass”

- President Roosevelt recalled the German Ambassador in protest
- He also extended the visas of over 12000 German Jews visiting in the US
- Widespread condemnation in the press
- Little concrete action with respect to immigration issues

#### **TASK**

The events of Kristallnacht were reported worldwide. Read the information above about the reaction to Kristallnacht. Do you think the world reaction was either strong enough or would have helped the Jews? Explain your answer.