



## The Assassination of Europe, 1918–1942: A Political History

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The two epic wars of the twentieth century were separated by twenty-odd years of European despondency, impoverishment, and simmering, unresolved hatreds. The 1920s and '30s witnessed a devastating series of murders against the political leaders of several countries, extremists gained power, and fascism took possession of the cultured, ancient peoples of Germany and Italy.

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