

Stresemann

1878-1929

"The economic position is only flourishing on the surface. Germany is in fact dancing on a volcano. If the short term credits are called in, a large section of our economy would collapse."

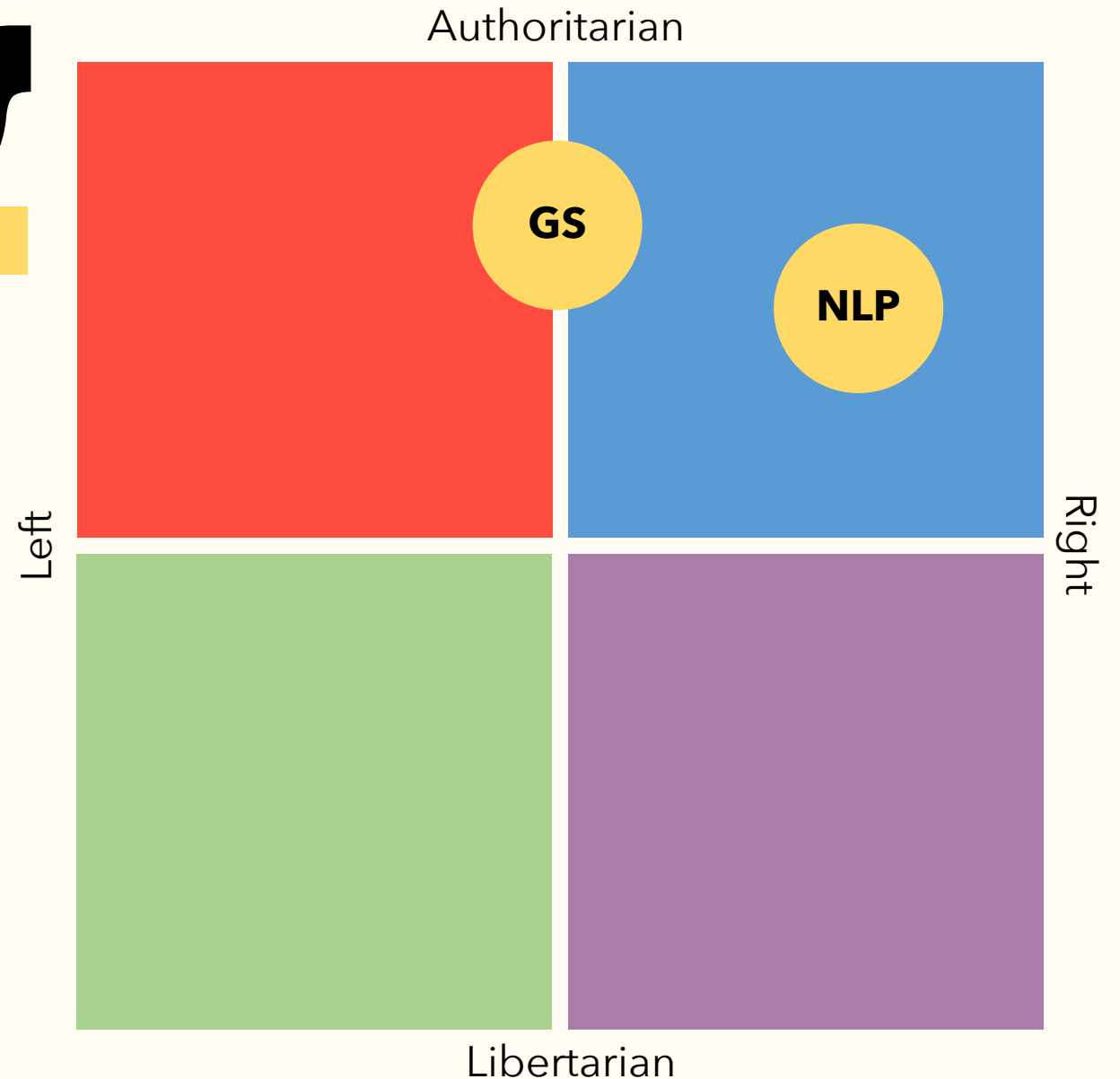
Background

- Born into the middle class
- Introvert with a passion for modern History
- Studied Economics at University of Berlin
- PhD about "The Berlin Bottled-Beer Industry"
- Elected a 'Abgeordneter' for the NLP



Politics

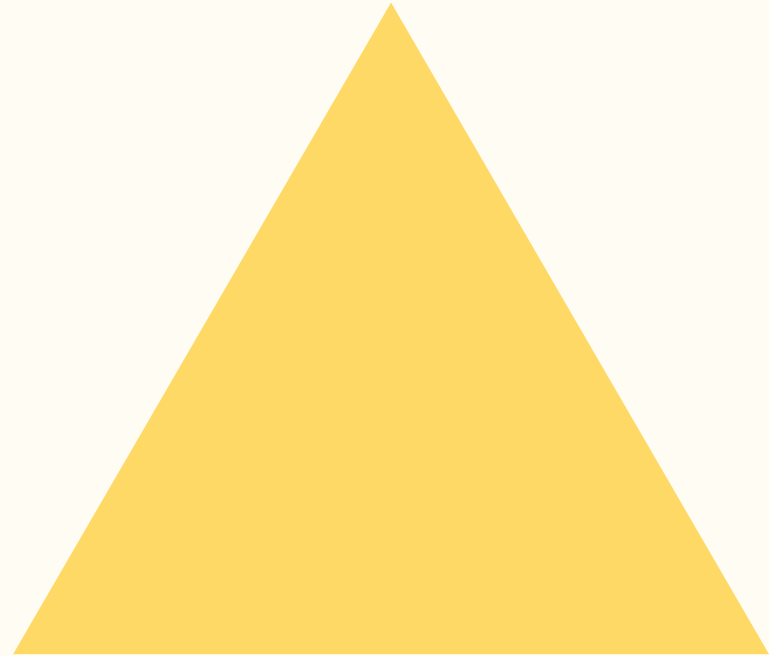
- Staunch advocate of the Empire
- Defended commercial middle class
- In favor of extending social welfare



The Great War

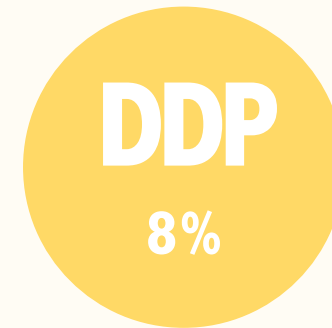
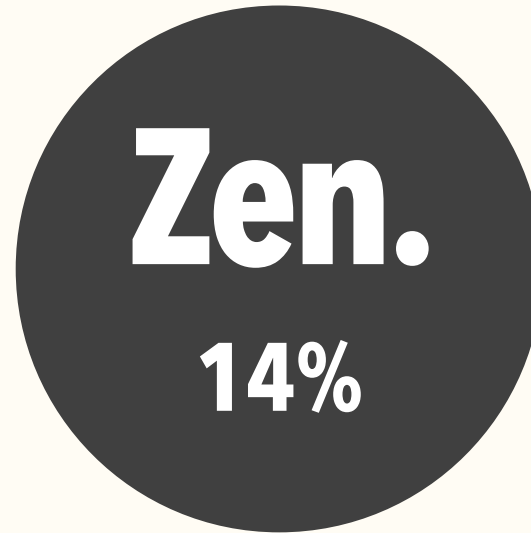


- Exempted from military service due to poor health
- Returned to the Reichstag and took over party leadership
- Aggressive supporter of pan-Germanism
- Moved increasingly to the right
- Attempted to preserve the monarchy



DVP

- Didn't acknowledge the New Constitution
- Wanted to nullify the Treaty of Versailles
- Proponent of Free Trade and industrialists
- Opposition to welfare and state subsidies
- Denounced Marxism



• '23 Coalition

Chancellor



**Ruhr
Crisis**



**Renten
-mark**



**Putsch &
Unrest**

foreign



Questions



- Was either the Second World War or a Nazi insurgency inevitable?
- What is the right mix of ideology and pragmatism in a statesman/woman?
- How/Should you enable politicians to make unpopular but necessary decisions?