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1 | Germanic Nationalism

CLAIM: Conservative establishments of Europe was threatened by 1840s [KBhHIST201Nationalism](#)

Strong figures in **Germany and Italy** created nation states from a top-down approach using [KBhHIST201IronWarfare](#).

=> Post-German Unification wars, Germany became the largest+strongest state in Europe

- **Otto von Bismarck** lead Prussia to wage war on neighboring states to consolidate German territories
- Bismarck wanted to strengthen the position of Prussia => made the "Iron and Blood" speech that called for absolute top-down unity of Germany
 - Advocated for the creation of a German confederation but w/o Austria => achieved by small, short wars against decisive land
 - Wanted to remove Austria from the German region so that Prussia would be the only one that shapes German business
 - Fought the **Seven Weeks' War** => very, very, very quick
 - CLAIM: won because of INDUSTRIALIZATION! (I suppose [KBhHIST201IronWarfare](#)) and the new military technologies of logistics and better guns
- After weakening Austria, the North German Confederation was formed w/ a new parliament and broad suffrage