

Abstract

The thesis "American Eugenics and Its Impact on Nazi Germany" is a study about influence of the American eugenics movement on the racial policies of Nazi Germany. The origin of the eugenics movement is in the early 20th century. At that time, the movement also began to cooperate at the international level. After World War II, the German eugenicists were excluded from international co-operation for a while. During this period, German eugenicists began to cooperate with the American movement. German eugenicists and Adolf Hitler with other future leaders of Nazi Germany adored American immigration laws that limited immigration of "defective" ethnic groups to the United States. American eugenics movement became also a model for its research and eugenics sterilization laws in the majority of American states. This study describes the extent of this cooperation. American eugenics movement was also related to euthenics and birth control movement. The study also focused on this connection and explains why the birth control movement was not connected with the eugenics movement in the Weimar Republic, then Nazi Germany, although, the movement cooperated with eugenicists at the international level. The study covers the time from the beginning of the 20th century to the end of the Second World War.