

HISTORICAL ARGUMENTS IN THE SUDETEN GERMAN NATIONAL STRUGGLE, 1918-1938

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Both the discontent of the greater part of the Sudeten German population with their minority situation in Czechoslovakia, as well as the simultaneous attempt to assert themselves as a definable community were expressed with historical arguments in the interwar period. This study introduces the most important and frequent arguments of this sort and submits them to a critical ideological analysis. The author, among other things, comes to the conclusion that the historical reproofs, due to the specific presuppositions of the Sudeten Germans, have not joined together in a comprehensible historical picture.