

# FROM PUBLIC HEALTH CARE TO POLITICAL HEALTH CONTROL

Public Health in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia

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This study is devoted to theory and practice of health politics in the “Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia”. The primary focus is on the Czech population, which received supplies in parallel to the protectorate’s German population and thus compara-

ble forms of public care to a comparable extent. The author looks at two possible explanations for this situation. First, she perceives efforts on the side of the (Czech) political representatives in the protectorate to secure continuity with the welfare and public health care institutions of the interwar period and to provide for “national health”. Second, she describes that the Nazis themselves had a purposive interest in stabilizing the protectorate and to create an illusion of “occupational normality” with good social conditions and thus a “quiet environment for work”. Last, but not least, there was the vision that part of the Czech population could possibly be Germanized. These intentions and the importance of the resulting policies in the context of the Nazi Germanization programme are discussed here with regard to public health care for children and youth in the protectorate.