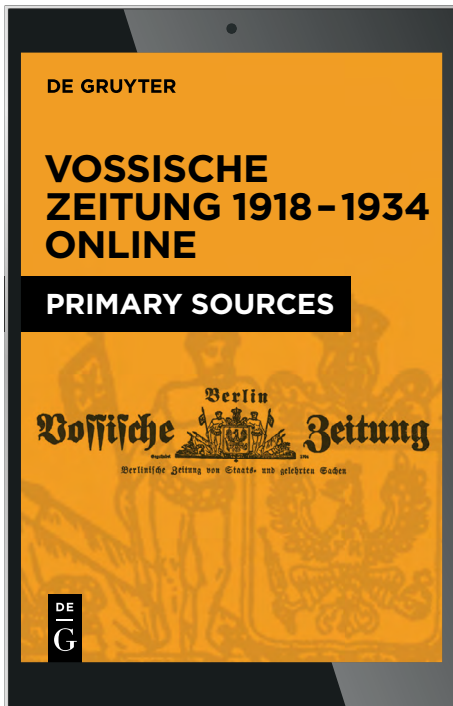


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The research database *Vossische Zeitung Online. 1918–1934* contains approximately 10,500 issues of the oldest and most renowned Berlin daily newspaper, with a total of some 127,000 full text pages.

All issues published from the year 1918 until the newspaper was closed down in 1934, including the supplements, have been arranged and prepared for the online edition, and gaps have been filled. The database also includes all the foreign editions, *Die Voss* and *Die Post aus Deutschland* (Post from Germany). Thus, it constitutes a unique and complete collection, the like of which has not previously been available in any library.

Researchers regard the *Vossische Zeitung* as a unique and significant source for the study of political reporting and public opinion in Germany. It was one of the most important sources of public opinion in Prussia, depicting and commenting upon daily events in a period of frequent change: from the end of World War One until the rise of National Socialism. Its coverage of events mirrored the rich cultural life in Berlin during the “Roaring Twenties”. After the National Socialists took power the *Vossische Zeitung* was increasingly subject to censorship. The final straw came when numerous editors were banned from pursuing their professions and Ullstein Verlag had to close the newspaper down on 25th March 1934.

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The *Vossische Zeitung Online. 1918–1934* is an excellent source for historical research on the Weimar period. It is aimed especially at researchers from the fields of history, politics, culture and media studies. In addition, it makes a contribution to the long-term archiving of very fragile newspaper material. The original copies can only be preserved at great expense.

The Vossische Zeitung Online. 1918–1934 has been developed in cooperation with the Staatsbibliothek Berlin – Preußischer Kulturbesitz (Berlin State Library – Prussian Cultural Heritage). The enlargement of the database with issues from the newspaper’s earlier years is planned.

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