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Plans to publish the new version have been controversial and drawn fire especially from Jewish groups, who have argued the book is dangerous and should never be printed again.

The copyright passed to the state of Bavaria following his suicide in the Berlin bunker in April 1945, along with all his possessions. The new version of his autobiography and political viewpoint will be an annotated edition of the book which, during the 12 years the Nazis ruled Germany, was more popular than the Bible.... Institute deputy director Magnus Brechtken said the two-volume edition will contain 2,000 pages. Hitler's words will be dwarfed by comments from historians and academics, pointing out the absurdity of his statements and his politics. (Daily Mail)

'This is not just a source for the study of Nazi ideology, said the historian responsible for the project, Christian Hartmann. "It is also a symbol and it is one of the last relics of the Third Reich.'" (News)

'I understand some immediately feel uncomfortable when a book that played such a dramatic role is made available again to the public. On the other hand, I think that this is also a useful way of communicating historical education and enlightenment "a publication with the appropriate comments, exactly to prevent these traumatic events from ever happening again," added Brechtken (Daily Mail)

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