



Fire was a potent symbol of purity

"the torch relay is a total fabrication" Ira Nadel UBC professor

"the Nazis invented it for the 1936 Olympics. There was nothing like it in the ancient Olympics." Ira Nadel

"Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda chief, was much more the Olympic opportunist. He realized that the Games were a gift to the Nazis, a chance to show the regime's best face to the world and present itself as highly modern yet rooted in the best ancient values, technologically sophisticated but aesthetically sensitive, physically dynamic and highly, highly regimented." This is the Torch that Hitler Lit G&M
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The torches route looks suspiciously like the later plan for Nazi domination as it wound its way through Europe ... "they were rehearsing the Nazification of Europe and ceremonially visualizing what a new Europe might look like" J. Hoberman professor UofT

"The Nazis had a real fascination with torch marches, on the first night they came to power, they held a torch march through Berlin. To them it suggested imperial power in the style of Ancient Rome." J. Large