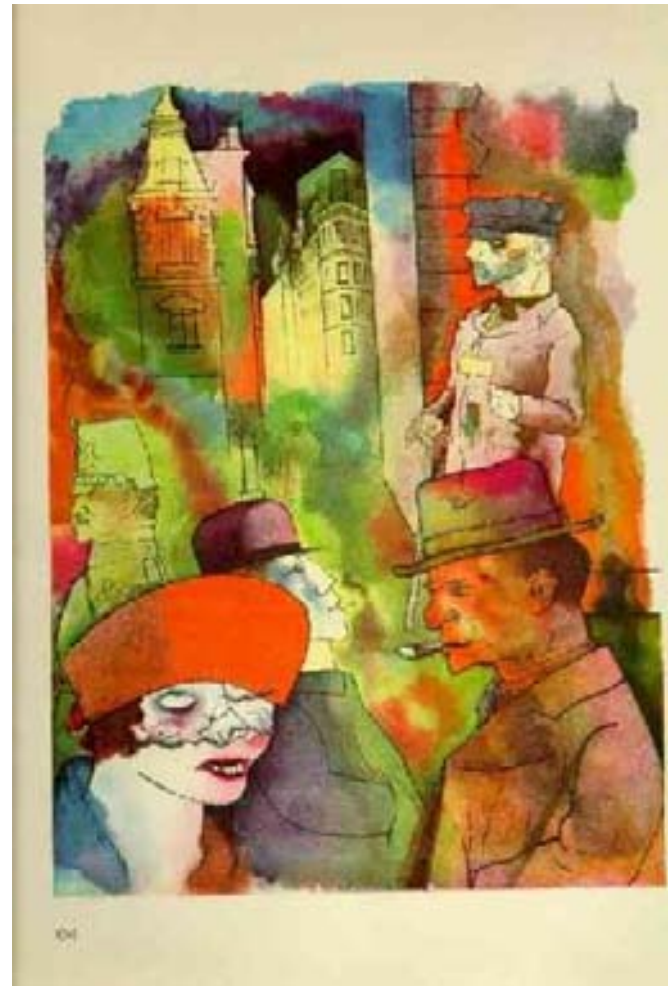


The Weimar Republic 1918-1933

Culture and the Arts

George Grosz,
Damnation, 1922



Art & Architecture

- Artists became political (largely leftist) as a result of war and revolution.
- Major artists:
 - George Grosz
 - Otto Dix
 - Oskar Schlemmer
 - Hannah Höch
 - Kaethe Kollwitz

George Grosz



Metropolis

George Grosz



Republican Automaton



The Regular's Table

George Grosz

A Winter's Tale



Otto Dix



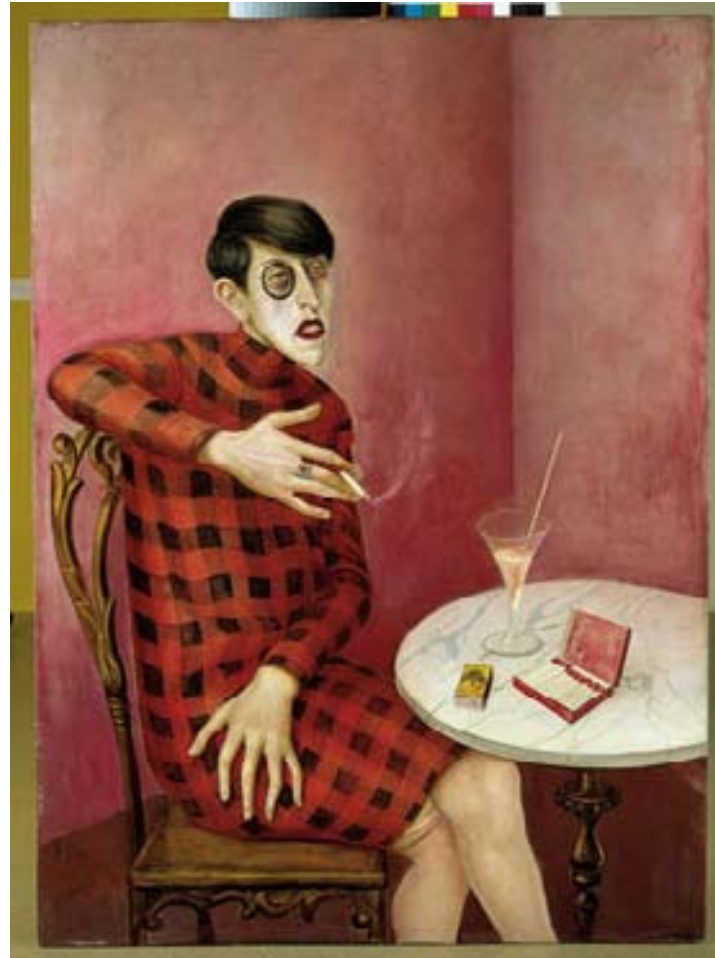
Otto Dix, Self-Portrait



War Cripples

Otto Dix

Sylvia Harden



Otto Dix



Metropolis



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War is Hell



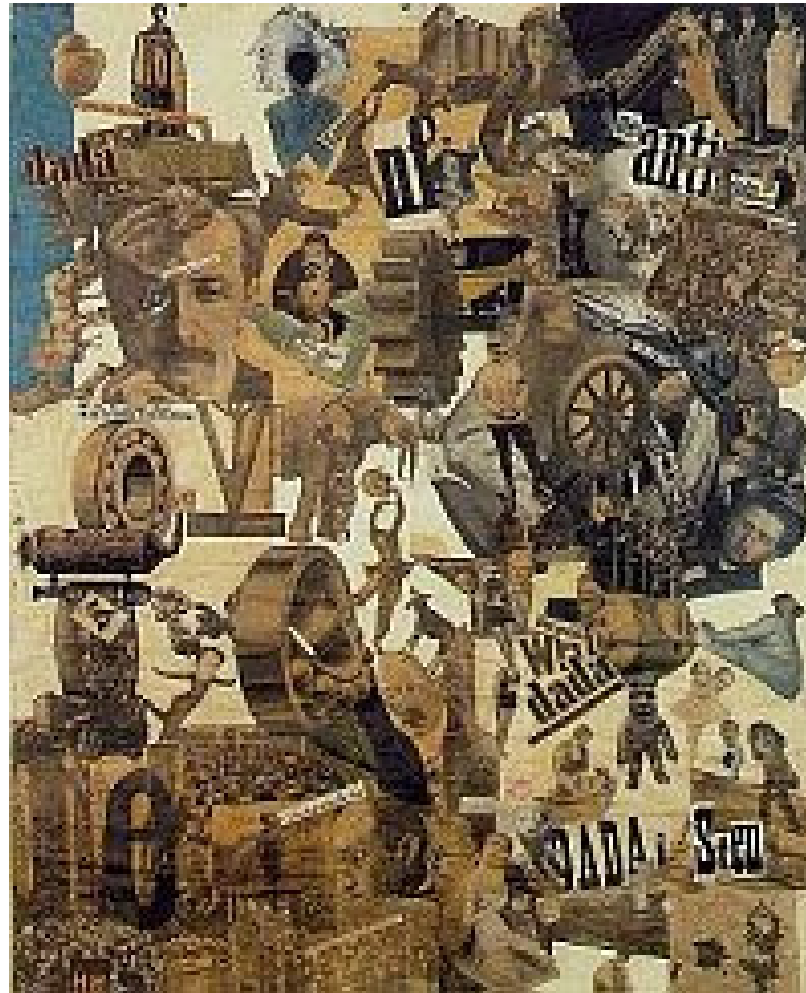
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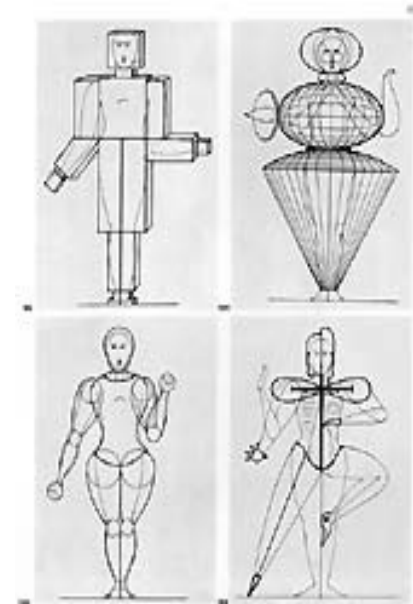
No More War!

Hannah Höch

Cut with
A Kitchen Knife



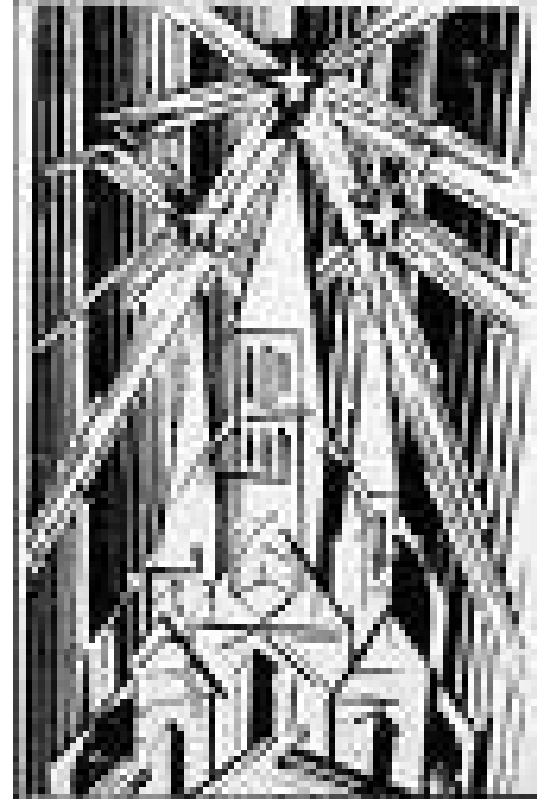
Oskar Schlemmer



Bauhaus Stairway

Architecture

- The most famous school of architecture was known as the **Bauhaus**. Its founders, Walter Gropius and Mies van der Rohe, believing in “less is more,” flat roofs, little ornamentation, and clean lines. It became an international style in the 1920s and 1930s.



Cover from
Bauhaus Manifesto

The Bauhaus



The Bauhaus Designs, 1920s

Barcelona Chair



Wassily Chair



Breuer Chairs



Weimar Film



Marlene Dietrich, *Blue Angel*, 1930



Metropolis, 1927

Weimar Theatre

- One of the most famous musical plays was the *Three Penny Opera*, by Bertholt Brecht and Kurt Weill



Bertholt Brecht

Berlin Cabaret

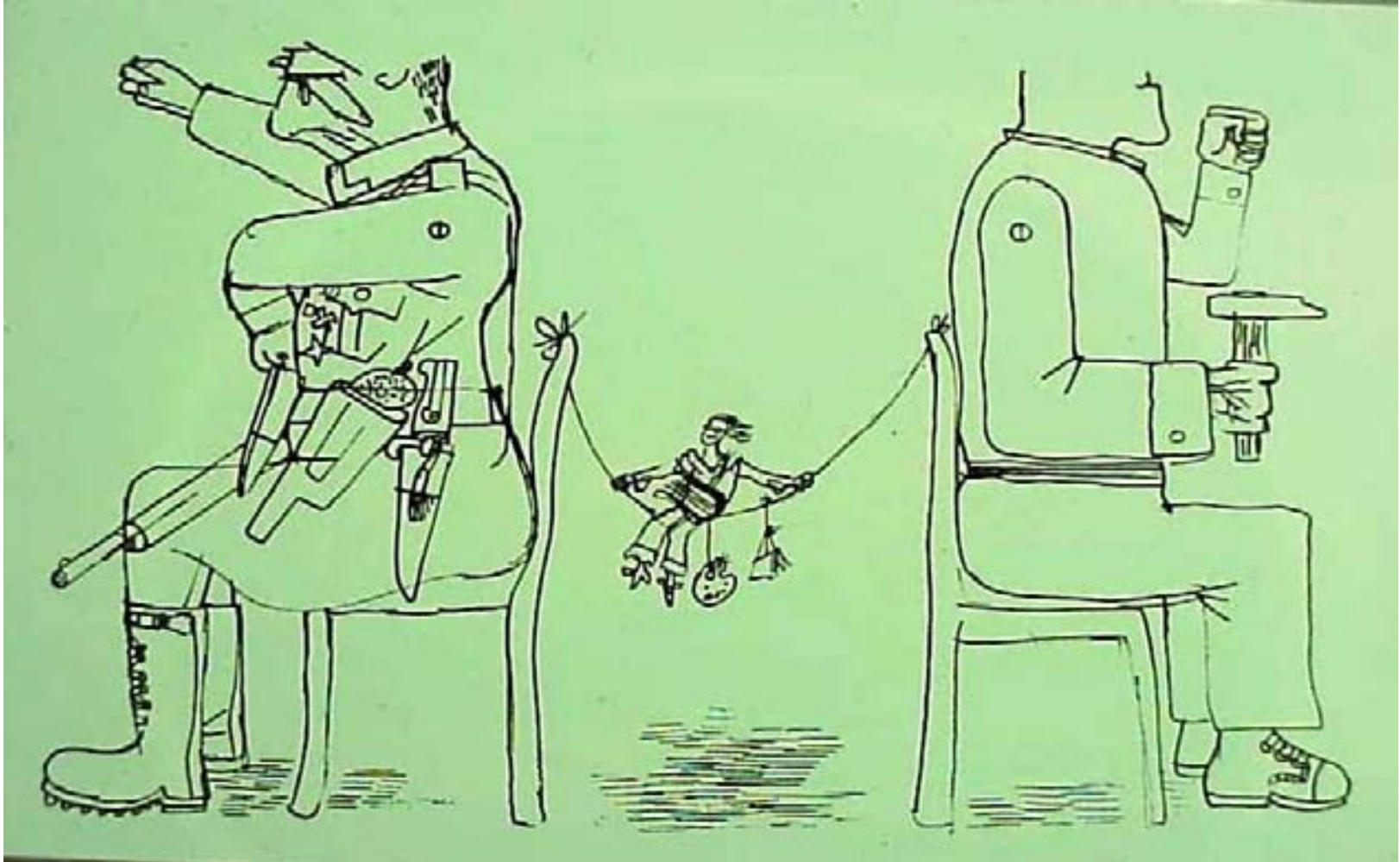


Main tendencies of modernist Weimar culture

- Rejection of ornamentation in architecture and design
- Politicized art and artists
- Thriving film industry

- Most of modernist Weimar culture condemned by the Nazis as “degenerate” and banned in the 1930s

End of Weimar Culture



George Grosz, *Art is Eternal*

Legacy of Weimar Culture

- Numerous artists, writers, architects and intellectuals fled Nazi Germany and came to the US
- **Film:** Otto Preminger, Billy Wilder, Marlene Dietrich
- **Literature:** Nobel Prize winner, Thomas Mann
- **Art:** George Grosz
- **Architecture:** Mies van der Rohe, Walter Gropius
- **Theatre:** Bertoldt Brecht, Kurt Weill
- **Music:** Arnold Schoenberg

Emigré Artists & Writers in Hollywood



Billy Wilder



Thomas Mann



Marlene Dietrich