

# German Anglophobia and the Great War, 1914–1918

MATTHEW STIBBE

*Liverpool Hope University College*



**CAMBRIDGE**  
UNIVERSITY PRESS

# Contents

<i>List of illustrations</i>	page viii
<i>Acknowledgements</i>	x
<i>List of abbreviations</i>	xii
<b>Introduction</b>	1
<b>1 <i>Unser gehasstester Feind. German anglophobia and the 'spirit of 1914'</i></b>	10
From russophobia to anglophobia	12
<i>Gott strafe England!</i>	16
The militarisation of public opinion	22
Propaganda initiatives	27
'Perfidious Albion': anglophobia in poetry and prose	33
England and France as 'betrayers' of the white race	38
The cartoonists and England	45
<b>2 The cultural war. German intellectuals and England</b>	49
The racist denunciation of England	52
England and the Great Powers	59
Economic rivalries and Germany's claim to world power status	66
The cultural war and the English national character	72
<b>3 German war aims and propaganda against England</b>	80
Admiral von Tirpitz and the German navy	81
Annexationist propaganda: the case of Count Ernst zu Reventlow	87
Annexationist propaganda: the Pan-German League and its industrial allies	96
Right-wing political parties and pressure groups	100
The annexationist agitation continues	107

## Contents

<b>4 'U-boat demagogu' and the crisis of Bethmann Hollweg's chancellorship</b>	<b>110</b>
The campaign against Bethmann Hollweg	113
The weakness of the moderate opposition to submarine warfare	119
The government and the annexationists	131
<b>5 The submarine crisis deepens</b>	<b>135</b>
Munich in the summer of 1916: anglophobia and particularism	137
The agitation spreads to other parts of the Reich	143
The Volksausschuß für die rasche Niederkämpfung Englands: membership, aims and tactics	148
The final moves towards unrestricted submarine warfare	158
<b>6 The Anglo-American powers and the collapse of the German empire</b>	<b>165</b>
German freedom versus Anglo-Saxon tyranny	169
England, Satan, the Antichrist and anti-Semitism	172
The German army and total war	177
The rise and fall of the German Fatherland Party	184
The final offensive	188
<b>Epilogue</b>	<b>194</b>
Nazi ideology	197
Hitler and German anglophobia	201
Conclusion	205
<i>Notes</i>	210
<i>Bibliography</i>	248
<i>Index</i>	263