***“How far do you agree that the Nazi government was too chaotic to allow Hitler to be a strong leader?***

“Working towards the Führer”

Intentionalist

Weak Dictator - Structuralist

All the given passages certainly suggest that Nazi government was indeed “chaotic”. In Source 3 Welch writes of the “administrative anarchy”, and this is supported in source 2 when Kershaw describes Nazi government as a “Darwinist jungle”. Moreover, in Source 1 Evans links this personally to Hitler’s “Bohemian lifestyle”. The sources disagree however about whether the Nazi state was “too chaotic to allow Hitler to be a strong leader”. The idea that Hitler was a weak dictator presiding over a chaotic system of government can be seen in Source 3, where Welch states “Hitler always found it hard to make up his mind in times of crisis”. This supports the structuralist point of view put forward by Brozat suggesting that Hitler was acting “irregularly, unsystematically and incoherently”. However, the intentionalist point of view can also be seen in the sources. In source 1, Evans suggests states that Hitler could “intervene powerfully and decisively…[where] he did not hesitate to give a direct lead even in matter of detail”. This follows the arguments of historians like Bracher, who argue that the “dictator held the key position precisely because of the confusion of conflicting power groups”. Moreover, there is another interpretation displayed within the sources. This states that key ministers were “working towards the Führer” (Source 2 - Kershaw). Government was again not too chaotic as decisions were taken by “anticipating the ‘Führer will’, and…taking initiatives to promote what were presumed to be Hitler’s aims and wishes”.