

More on the Strawman Fallacy

This comes from a recent controversy in Germany, involving the German Justice Minister, who made the following statements at a campaign rally:

“The Americans have enough oil. Bush wants to distract attention from his domestic problems. This is a popular method. Hitler also used it.”

– German Minister of Justice, Herta Daeubler-Gmelin

“President Bush's spokesman yesterday denounced Germany's justice minister for painting Bush as a Nazi by comparing him to Adolf Hitler.”

– *New York Post*

Is the second statement a misrepresentation of the first? Is it a strawman fallacy?