

## **Lenin, Hitler, Stalin**

The three men have something common – totalitarian form of government. Besides that, cruelty and class or racial supremacy accompany the power-political systems resulting in millions of casualties.

The most basic ideology was Marxism – the teachings or pack of ideas tending to accomplish one goal – to reach the world order by global revolution of working class and equality of people. New modern man, created by the Soviet/Nazi society will be so developed (Communist) that other nations in Europe should be enslaved in the light of honour and state ownership.

Obviously, such ideas turned into geopolitical strategies developed since the WWI in the Soviet Union. Occupation of Eastern Europe (like a buffer zone for the Reds) resulted into 40 years of very specific, limiting and oppressing society known as Socialism/Communism.

Inspired by the extermination efficiency of the state enemies of the Soviet Union, Hitler began collaboration with these ideas. National Socialism, therefore, meant modified version of Marxist ideas. Restructuring the entire societies and new order in Europe – that is another similarity of the two regimes.

Similarities reflect common nature of both regimes. Mass killings, murders of state enemies and above all, the systematic massacres of innocent people, civilians – these are the features to be remembered for all ages in order NOT to commit such acts again in the future.

However, the Communist cleansing lasted for another decades after WWII. And this is the major difference between the Nazi Germany and Soviet Union. Such a long-lasting and only Marxist super-power oppressed its population for some 70 years (since the Great October Socialist Revolution).

While Hitler and his huge killing machinery began building the concentration camps and re-structure the European population, the Soviet Union had many experiences with this social experiment based on the class war. While the Nazis tried to kill as many Jews and other “under-average” nations, Stalin wiped out many of the nations completely or removed these peoples to the Central Asia. There’s no doubt about collaborating NKVD (later known as KGB) with the Nazi SS forces before and during the WWII. Such a co-operation was enabled only thanks to the essential ideas of Karl Marx shared by Hitler and Stalin in various forms of interpretation.

Social engineering applied in the aggressor countries did not finish according to its earlier intentions. Nowadays, we enjoy freedom and prosperity never experienced before. Fortunately.

*Name the 3 common features of Soviet Marxism and Nazi ideology.*

*What is the most essential characteristics of the 3 leaders?*

*Give 2 variations (stock) of Socialism. What is the difference about?*

*Which countries were a part of the so-called Socialist bloc?*

*Name the WWII allies of Germany.*

*How many people died due to Hitler’s rule?*

*How many people died due to Lenin and Stalin’s rule?*

*Which Russian city is known for Hermitage? What does this facility serve for?*

*Why is massacre of innocent people typical for both regimes?*

## **Keywords**

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