TOTALITARIANISM in Interwar Europe

EUROPE IS NOW safe... FOR DEMOCRACY

Totalitarianism

Authoritarian & dictatorial governments that control all aspects of public and private life.

State > Individual
Bolshevik Revolution
(Russia/Soviet Union) 1917

Self-Determination OF PEOPLES

Treaty of Trianon
The OTHER Versailles Treaty

An explanation of the Treaty of Trianon from a Hungarian perspective
The Weimar Republic 1919-1933

Germany briefly experimented with liberal democracy.

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

HYPERINFLATION

A Million German Marks = NOTEPAPER

German Federal Archives (no 3-i)
STRIKE three

Democracy is OUT!

Totalitarian Regimes

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Fascism (Italy)

Radical Authoritarian Nationalism

Benito Mussolini, *il Duce*

Statue of Romulus and Remus in Rome, GA
Nazi Party (Germany) 1933

National Socialist German Workers Party

Adolf Hitler der Fürher

Fascism and Bolshevism

Common Traits

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The Problem of the Left/Right Dichotomy

“FAR LEFT”

“FAR RIGHT”

Democrats (US) Labour (UK) Conservatives (UK) Republicans (US)

MODERATE GOVERNMENTS

Fascists Nazis

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Contrasting Totalitarian Regimes

LEFT WING

OPPOSITION to Social Hierarchy

RIGHT WING

SUPPORT for Social Hierarchy

Bolshevism

Internationalist

Goal: Worldwide Communist Revolution

CLASS HATRED rather than racial hatred.

(Soviet states were ethnically diverse)

Fascism

Nationalist

Mussolini – Fascism “not for export”

CLASS HATRED

Master Race Ideologies

The enemy = outsiders & ethnic minorities

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