

EUROPEAN DICTATORS

Country	Leader/Nickname	Political Party	Key Points/Facts
SOVIET UNION	JOSEF STALIN "MAN OF STEEL"	leader of the COMMUNIST PARTY (totalitarian regime)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ruled Soviet Union from 1924-1951 schemed/killed to get power forced policies of rapid industrialization + agriculture killed (liquidated) Kulaks Rule by Force, Fear + Violence
ITALY	BENITO MUSSOLINI "Il Duce" (the leader)	leader of the Fascist Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ruled Italy from 1922-1943 Black shirts (secret police) started out semi-democratic but slowly eliminated opposition controlled press, radio, etc. Propaganda = tool for power
SPAIN	General Franco "PACO RAJAS" (the Frog)	leader of the Nationalist (Fascist) Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1930s Spain under military dictatorship Franco ruled from 1936-1975 Civil War broke out 1936 Allies w/ Hitler + Mussolini but kept Spain neutral (out of WWII) Banned all political opposition
GERMANY	Adolf Hitler "the Fuhrer" (the leader)	leader of the National Socialist Party (NAZI PARTY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ruled Germany from 1933-1945 leader of Nazi Party 1922-1945 was elected into power in 1933 Secret Police (SS = Storm Troopers) Appealed to working class Once in power, banned all parties PROPAGANDA USE + CENSORSHIP! Rule by Force / Use force / violence / fear

The Rise of Dictators

1920's and 1930's

As Canada and the USA struggled with the Depression after the 1929 fall of the Stock Market, other countries were experiencing enormous political, economic, and social upheaval in Europe. The economies of most European nations never fully recovered after WWI, and the Great Depression made matters worse.

chaos

- unemployment was high throughout Europe
- food was scarce
- lawlessness behaviour became a huge problem
- governments could not offer solutions
- people across Europe became divided over how these issues should be solved

Germany:
 • Treaty of Versailles
 ↳ signed by the WEIMAR REPUBLIC
 ↳ WAR GUILT clause
 ↳ German people humiliated by Treaty.

GOVERNMENTS OF EUROPE

ie: Weimar Rep.

People had lost faith in their governments and began looking to alternative parties who offered to restore law, stop the poverty, and provide a solid economic plan to get the nations back on track. → **JOBBS + FOOD**

These "alternative party leaders" turned out to be powerful dictators who, once in power, suppressed all forms of opposition and dissension.

DICTATORS OF EUROPE:

① Josef Stalin (Soviet Union)

Took power through violence + "behind the scenes" tactics (1928)



Russia USSR
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② Benito Mussolini (Italy)

(Fascist)
Il Duce



Took power by appealing to the people, using violence + demanding a role in gov't. (1925)

③ General Franco (Spain)

Franco + the fascists won the Spanish Civil War... he became dictator in 1939.



④ Adolf Hitler (Germany)



Hitler appealed to the masses and became leader of the NAZI Party in 1922. He officially became Chancellor in 1933 through "democratic means"