

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.

- 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

GOVERNMENTS OF EUROPE

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. 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)



2) **Benito Mussolini**
(Italy)



3) **General Franco** (Spain)



4) **Adolf Hitler** (Germany)





**Why would people support
a dictator and his party?**