

Communism, Fascism, Nazism

Totalitarian Governments in the 1930s

Treaty of Versailles

**Black Tuesday
1929**

- stock market crashes

**Great Depression
during
1930s**

Totalitarianism

**Total Control
of State by a
Dictator**

**Increasing influence of new
political parties that emphasize
state control**

- For example: Communism,
Nazism, Fascism

The Political Spectrum



COMMUNISM

SOCIALISM

CAPITALISM

FASCIST

EXTREME

EXTREME

LEFT

LIBERAL

CENTRE

Conservative

RIGHT

Totalitarianism

Medicare

Authoritarianism

Soviet Union

Higher Taxes

Republicans

Nazi Germany

China

Democrats

Lower Taxes

Community

Individual

This is the political spectrum. When you hear the terms “right-wing” and left-wing” in regards to politics, this is what they are referring to. Where do your political beliefs fall on the spectrum?

In terms you may be more familiar with, a Republican would have more in common with the right, sharing characteristics such as conservative beliefs, belief in lower taxes, and capitalism. A Democrat would lean towards the left as they tend to be more liberal, and believe in higher taxes to fund social programs.

Totalitarianism

A. *What is it?*

- ✓ is a political system where the state holds total authority over the society and seeks to control all aspects of public and private life wherever necessary.

B. *Describe its characteristics...*

Totalitarianism

- Government establishes complete control of all aspects of the state (political, military, economy, social, cultural)
- Highly nationalistic (flags, salutes, rallies, uniforms)
- Strict controls and laws
- Military state (secret police, army, military)
- Censorship (opposing literature and ideas)
- Propaganda (media – radio, newspapers, posters)
- One leader (dictator); charismatic
- Total conformity of people to ideas and leader
- Use of Terror and Fear



Nazism

Totalitarianism



Communism



Fascism

****These theories, specifically Communism and Fascism, are completely different theories that are bitterly opposed; however they exhibit the same behavior****

Communism



What is Communism?

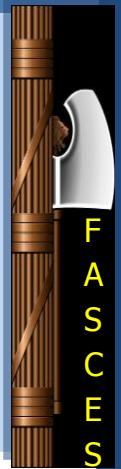
- **LEFT WING**
- based on theory by Karl Marx
- revolutionary idea of a political, economic and social system that creates a “classless society”
- state ownership and control of the means of production (no private ownership)
- Soviet Communism or “Stalinism”, was more of a totalitarian and military state combined with elements of communism

Fascism



What is Fascism?

- Right Wing
- intense nationalism and elitism
- totalitarian control
- interests of the state more important than individual rights
- maintains class system and private ownership in cooperation with state



Interesting Fact: The word fascism was derived from the fasces, an ancient Roman symbol of authority consisting of a bundle of rods and an axe.

Nazism



What is Nazism?

Right Wing

- extremely fascist , nationalistic and totalitarian
- based on beliefs of the National Socialist German Workers Party
- belief in the racial superiority of the Aryan, the "master race"
- belief that all Germans should have "lebensraum" or living space in Europe
- Violent hatred towards Jews and blamed Germany's problems on them