

Week Four

Outline Lecture Eleven: Totalitarian Alternatives—Stalin and Mussolini

Key Questions:

- a) What are the essential differences between how democratic mass societies and totalitarian regimes operate?
 - i) A study of the Machiavellian use of fear in modern society
 - ii) A leader who says “I feel your pain” vs. “I will show you pain”
- b) Do they lead to similar or different outcomes?

I) Lenin’s “Dictatorship of the Proletariat”

- a) Beginnings of the Bolshevik Revolution
 - i) Extremely violent revolution
 - ii) Initial collectivization
- b) Stages of revolution
 - i) First—led by bourgeois socialist leaders
 - ii) Second—Direct rule by the proletariat and peasantry
 - iii) Split over policy towards Russia’s participation in W.W. I
- c) “Insurrection as an art”
 - i) Marx’s idea of the organic process of revolution
 - ii) Crisis of Peasant strikes in 1920’s
 - iii) Naval mutiny at Kronstadt
 - iv) Lenin’s New Economic Policy
 - v) Left Wing vs. Right Wing after Lenin’s death in 1924
 - (1) Trotsky—Left Wing
 - (2) Bukharin and Stalin—Right Wing

II) Stalin’s Rise to Power and the “Cult of Personality”

- a) Ousting of Trotsky’s in 1927
- b) The ousting of Bukharin in 1929
- c) Stalin’s Reversal of Policy
 - i) Grain Crisis in 1928-29
 - ii) Rapid Industrialization
 - (1) Five Year Plans
 - (2) Substantial Growth
 - (3) The Great Helmsman’s promise
- d) The Cost of Growth
 - i) Elimination of the kulaks
 - ii) Tremendous levels of famine
 - iii) Purges of 1930’s based on terror and coercion

- iv) Departure from Lenin's vision
- e) Stalin's Cult of Personality

III) Mussolini and Fascism in Italy

- a) Difference in Rise of Fascism
 - i) National indignity—e.g. of Fiume
 - ii) Defines itself against the other ideologies
 - (1) Attack against democracy
 - (2) Attack against liberalism
 - (3) Attack against Communism
- b) Movement based on force
 - i) Origin of the term Fascism
 - ii) Threat of force
 - (1) "Men in Black"
 - iii) Fascism and the individual

IV) Be it mass society's manufacture of consent or totalitarianism's compulsion of consent, how does an individual resist disempowerment in the 20th century?