

Critical read the last paragraph of, “***The Political and Social Doctrine of Fascism***” by Benito Mussolini (on the back of your Political/Economic Systems sheet)

**What is the role of the state (gov)  
under Fascism?**

And now... Communism

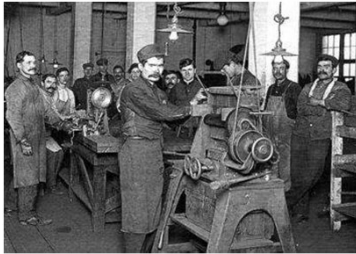
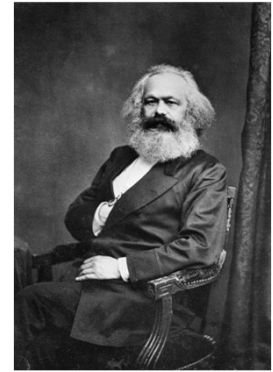


# Karl Marx, *the father of Communism*

Criticized the social inequalities of his time

Industrial Revolution create two classes:

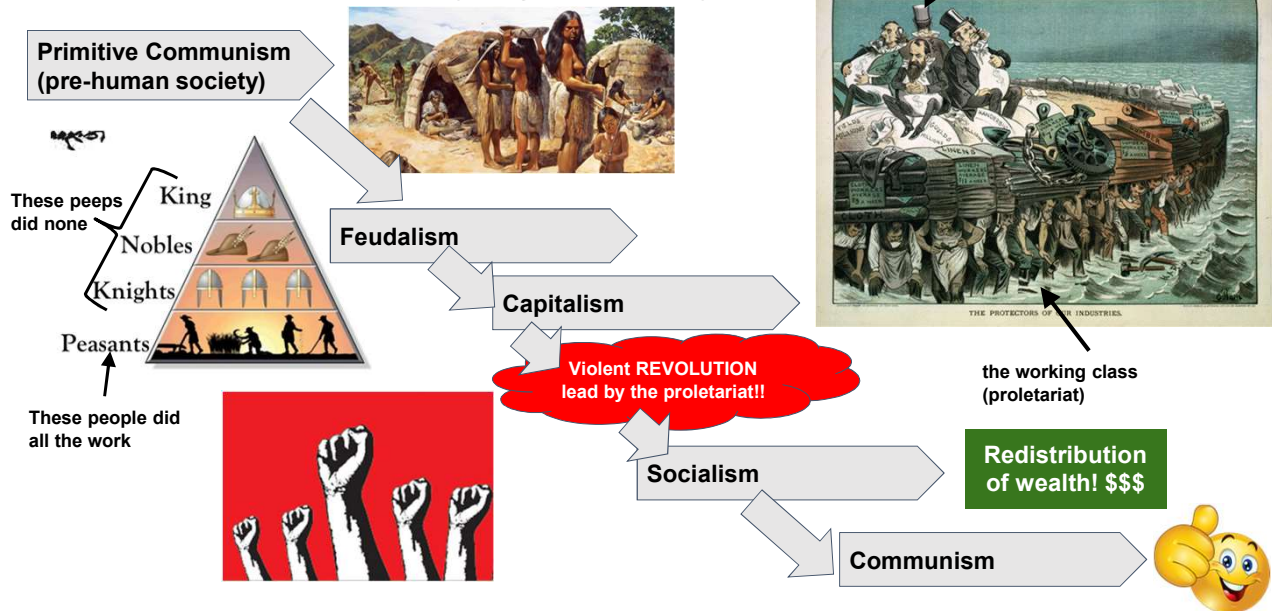
- **working class (proletariat)** → sell their labor power



- **Capitalist (bourgeoisie)** → own the means of production



# Karl Marx, *Theory of History*





# Case Study: Russia



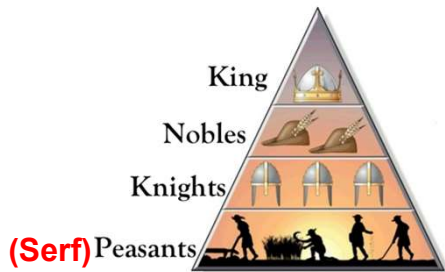
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Divide into 3 sections

Pre-Revolution	Revolution of 1917	Post-Revolution

## 1900: Government in Russia

- Absolute Monarch: Tsar
- Feudalism



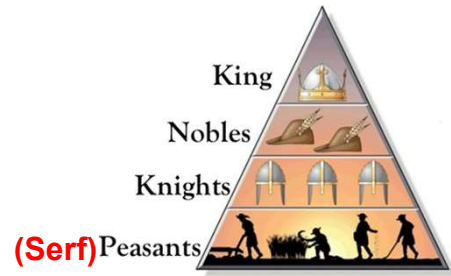
## 1900: Economy in Russia

- State directed **Westernization** (*become more like Western Europe*)
- State directed **Industrialization** in the late 19<sup>th</sup>- early 20<sup>th</sup> Century
  - Coal, textile and oil industries
  - **In cities only - countryside was still focused on agriculture**
    - 80% of the population was peasants



## 1900: Society in Russia

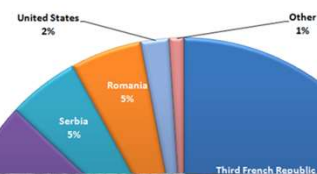
- Nobility: large landowners. Largely westernized.
- Growing Middle Class in industrialized cities
- Majority of the population is **peasants (serf)**
  - Owned their land but...
    - Poor, uneducated
    - NOT westernized (traditional religion, dress, language, etc.)
- **Factory workers – 5% of the population**
  - *Face all the same problems as all working classes in Industrial nations but*
  - *Labor unions & political parties do not exist*
  - **MANY strikes**
- 1905 Revolt:
  - Violently suppressed but led to...
  - Some changes (*created a parliament, made labor unions legal*)



## 1917 Communist Revolution

- ❖ Sparked by WW1
  - **Soldiers deserted**
  - **Factory workers seized factories**
  - **Peasants seized land**
- ❖ **Bolsheviks (Russian Socialists)** seized power
  - Led by Vladimir Lenin
  - 3 years of civil war..

World War I Military Deaths (Entente Powers)





## *After the Revolution: Government in Russia*

- Politically: **One Party Communist Rule**
  - Lenin followed by Joseph Stalin (and so on)
  - Use of Propaganda/ controlled media
  - Suppression of all opposition
    - *Especially under Stalin*



## *After the Revolution: Society in Russia*

- Mass education (especially for peasants)
- Laws declaring **equality for women.**
- Suppression of Religion (E. Orthodox Christianity)



## The Great Purge

- Also known as, “**the Great Terror**”
- Large scale purge (killing) of the Communist Party, government official, repression of the peasants, and Red Army leadership
- Widespread police surveillance, suspicion of “saboteurs”, imprisonment and arbitrary execution
- Estimated 600,000 to 3 million or even more were killed



## After the Revolutions: Economy in Russia

- Government ownership of industry
- **Five Year Plans**
  - Communist Party plans to develop industry - completely government directed
  - Led to significant economic growth
- **Collectivization of Agriculture**
  - Wealthy peasants (**kulaks**) imprisoned or killed
  - Government seized all land
  - Peasants strongly resisted
  - **Disastrous consequences → famine**



## Famine

- Crops were sold to the gov't at fixed prices
- Drought
- Estimate 7-9 millions died

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### SIX MILLION PERISH IN SOVIET FAMINE

*Peasants' Crops Seized, They and Their Animals Starve*




Like hundreds of millions of peasants across the world, the Soviet Union's peasants were forced to sell their crops at fixed prices to the government. This led to a famine that killed millions of people and their animals.

where children, women and men have died of starvation. The women were permitted, at a great penalty, to pick the berries.

Russia's beautiful, thronged towns, known the world over, are now in the grip of a famine. The streets are empty, and the people are dying of starvation. Their livestock was driven off by armed soldiers.

The million died in a few years. How can Russia's fate, coupled in one week to death. Peasants hoping food to come needed on every farm, are dying off by the millions of starvation.

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