

# Dictators Come to Power

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REPORT ON

## ADOLF HITLER

THE RISE OF DICTATORS



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THIS IS A TOP SECRET REPORT ON THE RISE OF ADOLF HITLER OBTAINED BY AMERICAN SPIES BASED IN GERMANY.



**CLASSIFIED**

- **Early Life-**
  - Born in Austria in 1889
  - Became an artist after dropping out of school
  - Fought for Germany in WWI and became a German Nationalist
  - Began a speaking career and gained widespread popularity
- **The Rise of the Nazi Party-**
  - Joined the National Socialist German Workers Party in 1921
  - He gave emotional speeches about the injustices of the Treaty of Versailles
  - Led an uprising in Munich and was jailed where he wrote *Mein Kampf* outlining his plans to fix Germany and blaming the Jewish population for Germany's economic problems.
  - He denounced the Soviet Union and considered them an obstacle to German expansion
- **Hitler the Dictator-**
  - Hitler appealed to the lower class promising them work
  - Under his leadership party membership grew.
  - Von Hindenburg asked the popular Hitler to be his Chancellor
  - Hitler called for an election. He won and became Fuher (leader)
  - He proclaimed the establishment of the Third Reich of the German Empire
  - He took control of all aspect of government, eliminating all political competition
  - Hitler had established a fascist state
- **Anti-Semitic Agenda-**
  - Jews were expelled from government jobs
  - Jews were not allowed to be teachers
  - Jews couldn't practice law or medicine
  - The Nuremberg Laws of 1935 denied German Jews of their citizenship
  - Jews had to register with the government and had to wear a Star of David
- **Hitler's Policies**
  - Hitler promised economic recovery and territorial expansion
  - Renewed national pride and promoted the idea of the Aryan Master Race
  - He ignored the Treaty of Versailles and built up the German Military
  - He increased taxes and controlled wages and prices to pay for his programs.



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- **Fractured Italy-**
  - Italian government had failed to live up to promises from WWI
  - Didn't have any social change or land gained
  - Lower class Italians joined nationalist groups and opposed the government
  - Mussolini used the outrage to gain power
- **Benito Mussolini and Fascism-**
  - Mussolini was a socialist turned nationalist
  - Used to glory of Ancient Rome to unite Italians
  - He despised socialism, communism and democracy favoring a form of capitalism that was regulated by the government
  - Italians craved a strong leader that could establish order after WWI
- **Rise to Power-**
  - In 1922 Mussolini led a "March on Rome" to defend it from a Communist Revolution
  - The King refused to fight against to Fascists and he appointed Mussolini prime minister.
  - Mussolini had become the leader of a puppet government and he had the right to make laws on his own.
  - Fascists controlled elections and outlawed opposition.
  - Mussolini controlled the newspapers and practiced censorship mandating positive articles about him.
  - Instituted the corporative system where employers and employees joined a government sponsored corporation and that controlled wages and prices in the industry.
  - He modernized agriculture and industry
  - Mussolini focused on improving transportation and education.
  - He took the desired territory of Ethiopia.



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- **Militarism in Japan-**

- A dictatorship had emerged in Japan prior to WWII
- Japan's markets were adversely affected after WWI and the economy was hurt by the Great Depression
- Hideki Tojo attended the Imperial Military Academy
- He was sent to Berlin after WWI to represent Japan
- In 1940, Tojo was made minister of war
- A weak government allowed the rise a military government led by Hideki Tojo
- In an attempt to expand control in Asia, Tojo built up the Military.
- The military controlled the government and imposed censorship, arrested government critics and dismissed liberal professors from their universities.
- A secret police hunted down enemies of the state.
- The press and schools preached obedience to the emperor
- Nationalist groups glorified war and the Japanese Empire.

- **Japanese Imperialism-**

- in 1931, Japan attacked Manchuria, China for its resources
- Japan used the argument that the tiny island of Japan couldn't support all of its people and they needed to expand
- Tojo wanted to create a "New Order in Asia"
- They sought to align with other fascist powers.
- Japan signed a military agreement with Italy and Germany
- This established the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Axis



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### • Rise to Power-

- When Vladimir Lenin was exiled to Switzerland, Stalin was appointed by Lenin to serve on the first Central Committee of the Bolshevik Party
- Stalin moved up the ranks once the Bolsheviks seized power in Russia in 1922 creating the Soviet Union when Stalin became general of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
- When Lenin died in 1924, Stalin won a power struggle to take control of the Communist Party.

### • Stalin as a Communist Dictator

- In 1920 he launched a series of five-year plans intended to transform the SU into an industrial superpower.
- His plan was developed around the government control of the economy focused on collectivization of agriculture
- He expanded the powers of the secret police and encouraged citizens to spy on one other.
- He instituted the Gulag system of forced labor camps for those who opposed him.
- The forced collectivization led to widespread famine across the Soviet Union that killed millions
- When farmers refused to participate in the collectives, they were shot and killed.
- Stalin instituted the Great Purge, a series of campaigns designed to rid the Communist Party and the Military of perceived threats killing millions.
- Stalin created a "Cult of Personality" around himself creating a mythology around Stalin as a hero.
- He became the subject of flattering artwork, literature and music making his name apart of the National Anthem and naming cities after himself.
- His government controlled the Soviet Media

### • Stalin and War-

- In 1939 Stalin signed a Non-Aggression pact with Hitler
- He annexed parts of Poland and Romania as well as the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.
- He also invaded Finland.
- Hitler broke the Non-Aggression Pact and the Soviet Union was forced to switch sides and join the allies to fight against Hitler.