

The Rise of Totalitarianism



The Soviet Union



- Stalin's "Five Year Plan"
- Collectivization
- A model economy during the Depression?

...not so much

- Famine in the Ukraine
- Resisters sent to the gulag

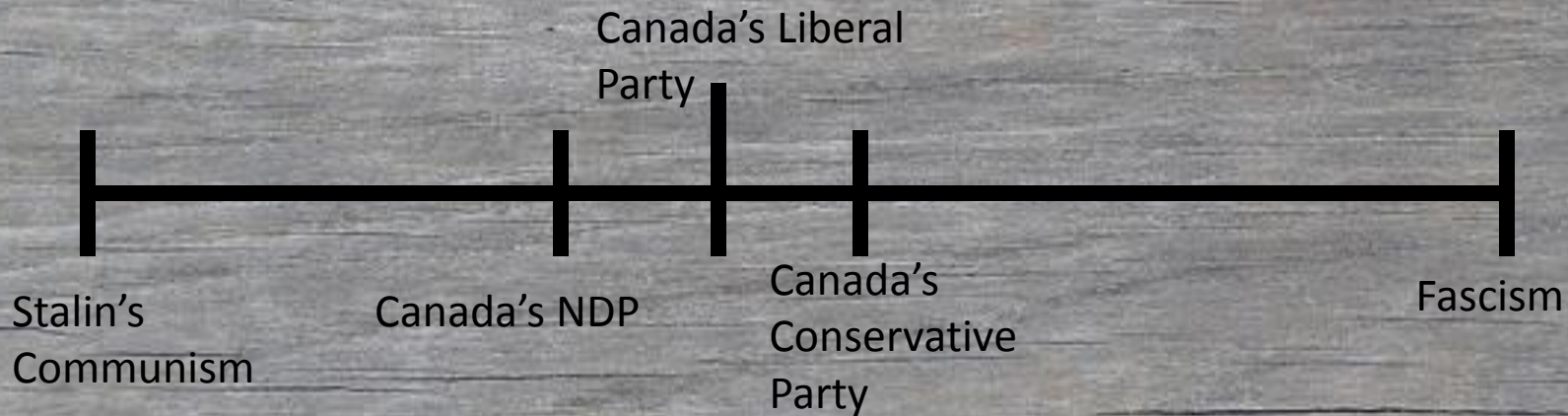


What is Fascism?

- 1. Ultranationalist
- 2. Anti-Communist
- 3. Anti-Liberal/
Democracy
- 4. Mass Movement



The Political Spectrum



Italy



- Mussolini wanted to recapture the glory of ancient Rome, especially after the First World War
- *Fasci di Combattimento*: groups”
- Italian government turned eye to fascist violence and Mussolini power in 1922



Japan

- Japanese government taken over by military in 1930s
- But was Japan truly “fascist?”



Call it “State Fascism”

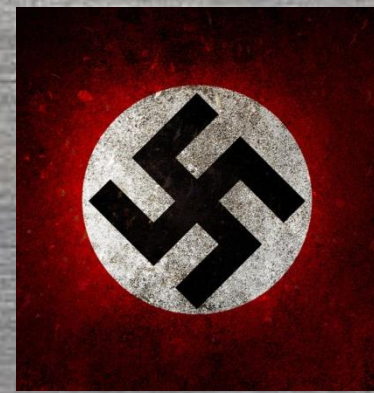


- Racial ideology? ✓
- Anti-Communist? ✓
- Mass Movement? ✗



Nazi Party members in the 1920s

Nazi Germany



- Would likely not have come to power without the Great Depression
- Blamed Jews for all of Germany's problems
 - “Capitalist Jews”
 - “Communist Jews”

- Came to power using violence and intimidation tactics
- German government turned a blind eye to Nazi violence



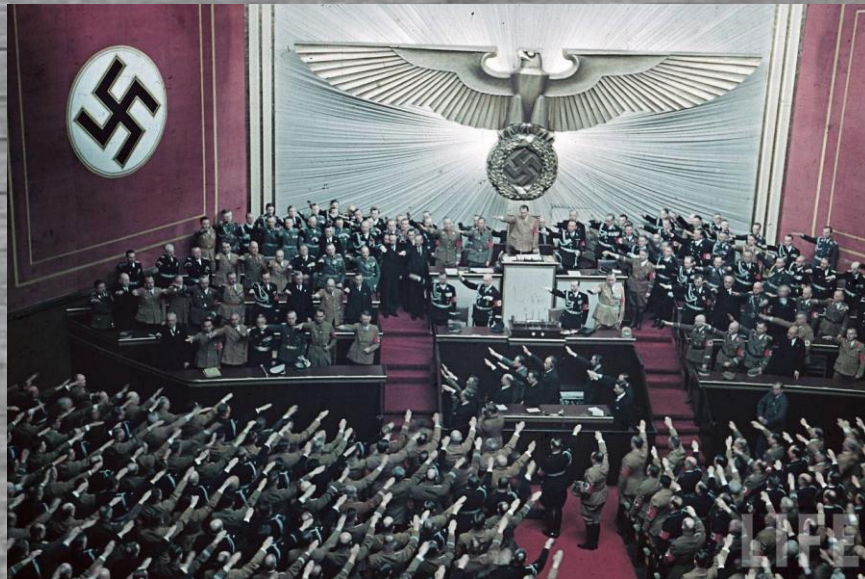
- Even tried taking over the government by force in 1923

In the early 1930s,
support for the Nazis
steadily increased

- 1928: 3%
- 1930: 18%
- 1932: 37%
- 1933: 44%

Why?

- An alternative to communism and democracy
- Appealed to German nationalism
- Appealed to the German middle class



And also...

- The cult of *The Führer*

