

# Aggressive Nations/Fascism foldable

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  - Why
  - What Happened

Japanese Rape  
of Nanjing

Italy Invades  
Ethiopia

Spanish Civil War

Germany Invades  
the Rhineland

# Fascism

- Extreme system of government that emphasized military, loyalty to the state, and obedience to its leader
- Leader promised to revive the economy, punish those responsible for hard times, and restore order and national pride
- Attracted those angry after WWI and Great Depression



# Characteristics of Fascism

| Cultural   | Social   | Economic  | Political   | Basic Principles  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Censorship</li><li>-secret police</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-supported by middle class, industrialists, and military</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-everything controlled by state corporations or state</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-nationalist</li><li>-racist</li><li>-one party</li><li>-supreme leader</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-state more important than individual</li><li>-action oriented leader</li></ul> |

# How Fascism & Communism are similar

- Ruled by dictators, one-party rule
- Denied individual rights
- State was supreme
- No democracy or basic civil rights

# How Fascism & Communism are different

- Fascists did not seek “classless” society
- Fascists believed each class had its place & function
- Fascists were made up of aristocrats & industrialists, war veterans & lower middle classes.
- Fascists were nationalists where Communists were internationalists seeking hoping to launch world revolution among workers.

# Italy

- Still upset about not gaining that much territory after WWI
- Need leader to step in and take control



# Benito Mussolini

- Former newspaper editor and politician
- Promised to restore Italy's economy and military power
- 1922-over 30,000 supporters marched on Rome and told king to put Mussolini in power





# Mussolini

- Known as Il Duce (the leader)
- Fascist methods
  - Instated own police force, black shirts
  - Cleared political parties-only fascism allowed
  - Radio and newspapers only allowed to use Fascist materials

# Germany

- Adolf Hitler
  - Was decorated WWI soldier
  - Upset about Germany's punishments in Treaty of Versailles
  - Joined right wing political party
    - National Socialist German Worker's Party (NAZI)
    - Nazism, Germany's version of fascism



# Hitler

- Hitler chosen as leader, Fuhrer
- 1923-his secret police (Brown Shirts) attempted to take Munich like Mussolini took Rome
  - Arrested and spent 9 months of 5 year sentence in jail



# Hitler

- While in jail, wrote *Mein Kampf* (my struggle)
- Details his plan for a better Germany
  - His master race, Aryan nation, in control
  - Eliminate all non-Aryans, Jews, gypsies, Slavs
  - Regain territory lost from WWI



# Major Ideas of Mein Kampf

- Extreme nationalism
- Race was the single-most important factor in Nazi ideology.
  - The Aryans were the master race
- Jews were inferior & scapegoated for long list of problems confronting Germany. Very antisemitic.
- Fascist govs were all anti communist.
- Lebensraum demanded by Nazis
- Women and Motherhood
- Slavic people as slaves to Germans

# Hitler

- 1932-Nazi party becomes largest political party and Hitler is elected Supreme Chancellor
  - Germany now totalitarian state, gov't in control of everything
  - Elite force, SS, formed for protection
  - Gestapo, police, kidnapped and murdered hundreds of those who got in his way

# Party Representation in the Reichstag 1920-33



The Reichstag

- National Socialist (Naz)
- German National Peop
- German Peoples
- Economic
- Others
- Catholic Centre
- Bavarian Peoples
- State
- Social Democrat
- Independent Socialist
- Communist



# Hitler

- 1936-public works program rebuilds German infrastructure and greatly reduces unemployment rate (Hitler's New Deal)
- Propaganda
  - Burns books not supportive of him
  - Boys and girls must attend his schools
  - Churches forced to preach Nazi beliefs





# Nazism & the Churches

- Hitler saw Christianity as weak
- **Wanted to replace it with a racial creed**
- Combined all Protestant sects into one single state church to better control them
- **Many Catholic churches were closed and the clergy was silenced**
- Some did support Hitler though including the Pope who recognized the Nazi regime and never uttered a complaint against what it was doing to the Jews

# Some Clergy Supported Hitler



GENERALLY SPEAKING, I'D LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR OUR SINS OVER THE PAST 2000 YEARS.

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME SPECIFICS?



# Totalitarian State

- Single party dictatorship
- State control of the economy
- Police spies & state terrorism
- Strict censorship & government control of the media
- Use of schools & media to indoctrinate citizens
- Demands unquestioning obedience to Hitler
- All of these are also elements of Fascism.
- What then is the difference? In fascism the element of race & nationality is paramount.
- In a Communist society the goal is world revolution and elimination of nationalism

# Militarists Take Control of Japan

- Many Japanese blamed the government for the Great Depression.
- Military leaders gained support and control of the country.
- Restored the traditional control of gov. to military, with the emperor as the symbol of power.
- Planned to solve economic problems through foreign expansion.

# Authoritarianism in Eastern Europe

- Ethnic & religious rivalries persisted & undermined political stability
- Agric economies lacked capital to industrialize & modernize
- Instability of govts helped fascist rulers gain power
- With the exception of Czechoslovakia & Finland all Eastern European govts were run by right-wing dictators

First they came for the  
socialists, and I did not speak out  
because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the  
trade unionists,  
and I did not speak out  
because I was not  
a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews,  
and I did not speak out  
because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me,  
and there was no one left  
to speak for me.

Pastor Martin Niemöller

Prior to and during World War II, Hitler's genocidal Nazi party used variations on the triangle to identify citizens and concentration camp prisoners according to religion, ideology, sexual preference and numerous other categories.

Some of the symbols were:

**Yellow on Yellow (Star of David):** Jews  
**Pink Triangle:** Homosexuals  
**Brown:** Gypsies  
**Purple:** Jehovah's Witnesses



**Red:** German Political Prisoners—Communists, Socialists  
**Black:** Vagrants and Lesbians  
**Green:** Habitual Criminals  
**Blue:** Emigrants







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