

<i>How much change</i>	Stalinism	Compare with other Authority Prosperity Security: Lenin's Legacy; Khrushchev; Brezhnev Gorbachev	Industrialisation	For coal and steel and energy, While a quarter were coerced, Stakhanov resourced Magnitogorsk, hell-bent;	..heavy industry accelerated for national security achievements at Magnitogorsk by volunteer (50%) forced (25%) labour; propaganda over reality; steel & coal output 3x 2 nd 5 year plan canals & railways lengthened rapidly during war
	<i>Josef Stalin brooked no challenge To his totalitarian state: Every measure, wrought by terror, Sealed the Soviet Union's fate:</i>	<i>...Stalin maintained power by exploiting party machine that he'd dominated since appointed General Secretary 1922. Constitution of 1936, mocked democratic principles it was supposed to uphold, thus to veil atrocities of the previous 7 years v. any who dared oppose him.</i>	Militarisation	The need to supply the military, Meant factories fit to burst, With major production Up 500 per cent	...progress achieved at huge cost: working class movements banned; intimidation & slaughter of villages or factories failing to meet quotas concealed by massaged production statistics; geared towards military requirements: coal, steel & electricity production – up by 500%.
Authority					
Subordination to	The party and its police force	...Stalin cultivated art of status more effectively than any, incl. Hitler; omni-presence of Stalin's image ~ not hard-faced, but avuncular, kindly expression, not staring out like Hitler's 1938 poster of <i>Ein Reich, Ein Volk, Ein Führer!</i>			
Personality	Backed his power to the hilt, The cult of status Soon to inflate his claim;				
Terror: Party	After Kirov's murder, Many professed false guilt, And dying, swore The party bore no blame.	...Kirov: Leningrad Soviet secretary 1934 acc. to Khrushchev, on Stalin's order; range of suspects arrested: NKVD (Secret Police) executed 1,108 of 1,996 delegates 1934 Congress; 98 of 139 of Central committee, confessing to spare families.	<i>Soviet anti-Capitalist state</i>	<i>Joe Stalin brooked no challenge To his demigod despot rule Of an anti-Bourgeois Soviet state; Beside measures to mechanise, Terror was the tool To eradicate every capitalist trait.</i>	<i>∴ Stalin responsible for lightning speed at which Russia collectivised, mechanised & industrialised: he achieved in 10 years what the Tsarist system had failed to do over the previous 100, though the heights of production were matched by the depths of inhumanity.</i>
Army	Vishinski purged the military Of 9/10ths of its command, Which left it infirm At first 'gainst German tanks;	...1937 army purge similar: all 11 commissars; 3 of 5 marshals; 75 of 80 Supreme military councillors; 14 of 16 army commanders; 2/3rds of divisional commanders; half of commissioned officers (c.35,000 in all) blamed for 1941 failure.	Security		
			from Capitalism bOct'2	He saw the Great Depression Marking Capitalism's end, Bade goading "Social Fascists" to protest;	...relations with West affected by use of Great Depression Oct'29 to condemn capitalism as corrupt & near collapse; urged communist activists in W. Europe to challenge extremist right wing groups, believing (wrongly) it would destabilise democracy & lead to socialist govts.
Propaganda:	All children to show humility,	...Soviet society purged at every level: education strictly controlled, curriculum stressed absolute power/ quasi-divine status of Stalin by rigid, terror-enforced censorship provoked surreal assertions designed to curry favour: "Russian watches go faster than other watches..."	from Isolation 1933	He joined the League of Nations, And "assisted" Czechs & French, With his constitution Meant to seduce the West.	...saw need for peace with the West: joined League of Nations; ,mutual assistance pact v Fascism w/ France & Czechoslovakia; published "democratic" constitution; Germany, Italy Japan formed anti-Communist International ~ Comintern
Society	Were intellectually disarmed, And for his social plannin' Gave none but Stalin thanks.		1935 1936	But post-Anschluss and Munich, Animosity grew worse, And though the Nazi pact Gained Poland back, instead... Confounding Hitler's <i>Blitzkrieg</i> : White frost and blackened earth, Land East, Lend lease, And 20 million dead.	...failed to convince GB & France of German threat: so appeasement of Hitler after <i>Anschluss</i> with Austria & seizure of Sudetenland ended hope of E-W coalition; so pact with Hitler to partition Poland & restore pre-war E. Europe. ...strategically, Hitler's bridgehead for invasion, to which Russian army, its generals removed by 1937 purge, had no answer. Survival and victory made possible by winter, scorched earth tactics, transfer of heavy industry east of the Urals, expansion of railways & US treasury.
	<i>Joe Stalin brooked no challenge To his demigod despot rule Of an anti-Democratic Soviet state; Beside measures to mesmerise, Terror was the tool To eliminate opposition & debate.</i>	<i>∴ Stalin was an absolute, semi-divine despot, whose will and whim spelt exile or death to all who challenged him. Stalinism was a brutal, merciless regime whose servants were often more diabolically vicious than Stalin himself. And yet, there were millions of Soviet citizens, who genuinely worshipped him.</i>	from Fascism 1938		
Soviet anti – Democratic state			by Nazi Soviet pact 1939 v. Fascism by war: 5 factors for victory.		
Prosperity					
Sufficiency by	All farms to be collective	* Economic revolution by collectivisation of agriculture & rapid industrialisation, subject to strict, often impossible target-setting, monitored by party officials, answerable to Stalin; collective & state farms combined 50 to 100 small holdings to share machinery & production.			
Collectivisation	And with 50+ combined, Shared tractors Common practice on the land;	* <i>Kulak</i> problem created by Stalin to justify wholesale subjection of peasantry: 1st 5 yr. plan catastrophic: livestock more than halved 1928-32; famine killed 10 - 15 million; farms collectivised by 1941: <i>kolkhoz</i> collective <i>sovkhoz</i> (state farms) 23% in 1930; 98% in 1941.			
Purges	He purged the richer kulaks, Whose profit was their crime, But those left could not Reap half of what was planned.		Josef Stalin 1878-1953	<i>Joe Stalin brooked no challenge To his demigod despot rule Of an anti-Fascist Soviet state; Beside measures to militarise, Terror was the tool, to get him To the Brandenburg gate, first, And there determine Europe's fate</i>	<i>∴ Stalinism a double-edged sword. Without it, Russia might not have modernised to provide decisive resistance to the German armies. Alec Nove (Stalinism p21) quotes a Soviet colleague thus: "His character was indivisible; we could not have one without the other. How can we weigh up the positive against the negative?"</i> Refs: Lynch: Stalin & Khrushchev USSR 1924-64; Macaulay: Stalin and Stalinism; Alec Nove: Stalinism (Hist. Ass. Pamphlet No.5) WWW