

How much change

Authority Subordination Power

Instruments of
Soviet control
Party

Civil War

Cheka

Red Army

Prosperity Sufficiency Wealth Production (Nov'17)

Industry

War Communism
Jun'18

Leninism 1918-24

Lenin aimed to create
A "classless" state,
Using "...dictatorial power",
And on divinity
And personality
close the door;
Meanwhile he replaced
Both noble & priest
With Party men to scour
Every city and *mir*
For those who opposed his law.
Showed "Might is Right"
When Red fought White,
For though White had foreign backing
With main cities and rail,
Higher Red morale
prevailed;
The *Cheka* spread
The deepest dread,
And the Army Red sent packing
Those Kronstadt sailors
Wanting free elections held...

*Thus was the Bolshevik Revolution,
Democratically an illusion,
With basic rights & liberties compromised;
And though hearts of many were locked in
To Marxist-Leninist doctrine,
Its promise to be classless was all lies.*

The decree on Land
Officially sanctioned
Wholesale confiscation,
But still did not
Produce the food required;
Though Workers' control
Was decreed of the whole
Of Industry's operation,
Since many took flight,
There were fewer that might
be hired
But War Communism led
To fewer goods and less bread,
And the *rouble* ceased to purchase,

Compare with other Authority; Prosperity: Security Stalin; Khrush- Brezh- Gorba-chev

...Lenin believed it was his right as a
revolutionary to wage the Class War
with Soviet Party Dictatorship. He
rejected divine right & cult of
personality yet his rule was personal

...commissars replaced nobles/
priests and placed in cities, towns &
villages to implement Soviet policy,
to continue indoctrination and
punish those who resisted.

...Red Army replaced Russian
Imperial army; Bolshevism survived
the war at huge human & material
cost

...*Cheka* ~ secret police (replaced
Okranha) the instrument of Terror
to compel obedience; Red Army
instrument of force to repress revolt

...land transferred from land owners
to peasantry without compens- ation,
and given task of producing food,
which was never sufficient

...Party established workers' control
of factories

...workers leaving cities made labour
scarce

...intended to solve food material
shortages but rouble collapsing
made things worse.

Party split

(*New Economic
Policy*)
(Mar'21)

Integrity Security:

Land
Mar'18

Less
Territory

Less
Control/Influence
1922

Recovery...
1923

Isolation

Lenin:
Vladimir Ilyich
Ulyanov 22/04/1870
- 21/01/1924

And the Party was rent
Over private ent-
erprise:
Still, the N.E.P.
Let the peasant be
To profit from his surplus,
With *Vesenkha* effective
Once it electrif-
ied...

*Thus was the Bolshevik Revolution,
Economically in confusion,
With plans for nationalization compromised;
And though hearts of many were locked in
To Marxist-Leninist doctrine,
It still needed individual enterprise.*

When Lenin sent Trotsky
To Brest-Litovsk, he
Wanted peace at any price,
But the overall cost
In territory lost
was high:
Bessarabia, Poland, Baltic states
And 45 million populace,
While the loss of Ukraine
Kissed half of her grain
goodbye.
Then the Polish "*Niet*"
To the Soviet,
Poured scorn on that conviction:
They could bring about
Revolution throughout
the World;
So Lenin came
To rely again
On exploiting contradictions,
And to "disappear"
Till Western fear
was quelled.

*Thus was the Bolshevik Revolution,
Diplomatically in seclusion,
With "permanent revolution" compromised;
And though hearts of many were locked in
To Marxist-Leninist doctrine,
Its territory shrank before its very eyes.*

... so Socialism v. Capitalism
Nationalisation v. Private Enterprise
...New Economic Policy let peasants
sell their surplus and keep profit
such as it was...
...energy for power centralized by
Vesenkha

...Lenin demanded peace whatever
the cost, coining the phrase "No
peace; no war" to describe Russia's
situation

...loss of territory,
population
& grain
disastrous for the Soviet Union

...move to regain control of Poland
by starting Soviet revolution in
Warsaw failed: Red Army driven
out ending hope of "permanent
revolution" in the near future; yet
Rapallo pact anticipated 1939 Nazi
Soviet pact.

...White Russia & Ukraine were
recovered...
...but, the Soviet regime was pariah
to Western power; so period of
isolation for suspicions to fade.

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