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### **Comparison of Communist and Fascist Ideologies**

Communism is an ideology that emphasizes the collective ownership of property and resources, with the goal of creating a classless society in which wealth and power are distributed equally among all citizens. In Russia and China, communist leaders such as Lenin and Mao sought to achieve this ideal through state control of the economy and the abolition of private property. They believed that the state should control all means of production and distribution to ensure that resources were allocated fairly and that the needs of the community were prioritized over individual interests. Communist governments also promoted the values of social equality, universal education, and healthcare for all citizens.

Fascism, on the other hand, is a nationalist and authoritarian ideology that emphasizes the supremacy of the state over individual freedoms and rights. In Italy, fascist leader Benito Mussolini sought to create a totalitarian state in which the government had complete control over all aspects of society. Fascists believed in the importance of a strong military, national unity, and the superiority of their own race or nation. They opposed democracy and liberalism, viewing them as weak and ineffective. Fascism also promoted traditional gender roles and conservative social values. In practice, fascist regimes often engaged in state-sponsored violence and repression against political opponents and minority groups.