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In the early 20th century, as the world moved from an Agrarian to a fully industrialized society, revolutions occurred in China, Russia, Mexico & Italy. Ideologies emerged based on "ideal states" & strong leaders rose up to lead the people into new understandings of their nation and themselves.

Communism and Facism emerged as a political ideology but it did cause a lot of controversy in the early 20th century. Communism was the political ideology based on Karl Marx's abundant amount of writing on history. It was used to provide a more scientific explanation for the industrial society. The endpoint of this ideology was that they wanted to overthrow the proletariat and create this utopian society. This led them to be against nationalism, imperialism, and discrimination. It was easy for Russia to follow this ideology with them already having this system, but they lacked any capital class. Communism opened that door for Russia to modernize their country. The Chinese communist were placing agrarian peasants as the face of the revolution. Unlike communism, Facism influenced more countries that were already industrialized, since Facism didn't require a change from the Agrarian era. But because their program is so contradicting. Also their Facistol leaders didn't want to lose their power by losing their military power, Italy being the first to follow this political ideology in 1920.

Fascist and communist couldn't see eye to eye as both programs were polar. Fascist wanted to maintain the structure and power and communist wanted change and transformation, and that was exactly what fascist feared.