The Comparisons H & S

The comparison between communism, Hitler, and Stalin usually comes from the way authoritarian governments can combine ideological control, political persecution, propaganda, and state violence, even when their stated political beliefs differ.

The important distinction is that communism, as a political and economic theory, is not identical to Stalinism, and neither is identical to Nazism. However, Stalin's Soviet Union and Hitler's Nazi Germany both developed systems in which the state sought extensive control over society and violently persecuted people considered enemies.

How Stalin and Hitler came to be compared

Joseph Stalin: Communist dictatorship

- Forced agricultural collectivization and state control of production.
- Political purges, executions, imprisonment, and deportations.
- Used propaganda and the label “enemy of the people” to justify repression.

Historical documentation:

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Adolf Hitler: Nazi dictatorship

- Racial hierarchy, antisemitism, and extreme nationalism.
- Political persecution, secret police, concentration camps, and mass murder.
- Used propaganda to portray targeted populations and political opponents as enemies.

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What did they have in common?

Authoritarian practice	Stalin's Soviet Union	Hitler's Nazi Germany

Concentration of power	Communist Party dictatorship	Nazi one-party dictatorship
Political opposition	Purges, imprisonment, executions	Arrests, imprisonment, executions
Propaganda	Class enemies and enemies of the state	Racial enemies and enemies of the state
Secret police	Political surveillance and repression	Gestapo and other security organizations
Mass persecution	Forced collectivization, deportations, and political terror	Racial persecution, genocide, and political terror
Expansion by force	Soviet territorial expansion and domination	Aggressive conquest and occupation

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Why can the combination seem so familiar?

The central issue is the use of ideological beliefs to justify absolute political authority. A government may claim it is protecting workers, the nation, a particular race, or the future of society. When its leaders treat disagreement as treason, define groups of people as enemies, and place the state above individual rights, those beliefs can become instruments of persecution.

There is also a crucial historical difference: Nazism and Stalinism were rival ideologies. Hitler's regime was explicitly racist, antisemitic, ultranationalist, and anti-communist. Stalin's regime claimed to pursue a communist society organized around class and collective ownership. Their ideological objectives differed, even though both regimes committed extensive state violence.

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The two regimes even signed the Nazi-Soviet Pact in August 1939, a temporary agreement that enabled them to coordinate certain strategic objectives and divide spheres of influence in Eastern Europe. Hitler subsequently invaded the Soviet Union in June 1941.

The underlying lesson

If by “a mix between Hitler and Stalin” you mean people who combine ideological fanaticism, intimidation, scapegoating, and attempts to control others, the more precise terms are authoritarianism, political extremism, and coercive control. Depending on the specific behavior, other terms may apply.

However, a person being a communist does not automatically mean that they support Stalin's methods or Hitler's crimes. The relevant question is what that person or organization actually advocates and does.

The key distinction is between an ideology's stated goals and the conduct of people who claim to act in its name. Neither a political label nor a person's beliefs alone establish that they are violent or authoritarian; evidence of their actions, threats, and treatment of others matters.

Ways the Modern American Parties Compare:

1. *One deports illegal migrants: criminals, traffickers, smugglers, rapists, violent criminals, gangs, cartels, terrorists, and anyone who is not from here and does not belong here.*
2. *The other deports Americans: hardworking American families, Dads, Grandparents, White Americans, Native Americans, Black Americans, and anyone who is actually from here and belongs here.*

- *The Modern Communist Party is far worse than any Ku Klux Klan Americans have come to understand. They are comfortable stalking and targeting Americans and harming them in any way they seek to. They are willing to partner with foreign enemies. They will assault and even glorify those who resort to murder.*
- *They have a group psychopathy, want to hurt people, and they don’t care. They are what we get when political criminals are not held accountable.*

Hold them accountable, please.