Analysis

Jewish Bolsheviks Killed Over 60 Million Christians

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The article's central claim — that "Jewish Bolsheviks killed over 60 million Orthodox Christians" — should be treated with serious skepticism. There is a well documented historical record of mass killings, religious persecution, forced deportations, famine, and political repression under the Bolsheviks and the Soviet government. However, attributing more than 60 million deaths specifically to Jewish people or to the killing of Orthodox Christians is a different claim, and it requires evidence that the headline does not establish simply by stating the number.

It is important to distinguish three historical questions:

- What the Soviet regime did: The Bolshevik government and its successors carried out executions, imprisoned and deported millions, suppressed religious institutions, and pursued policies that contributed to catastrophic famines.
- How many people died: Estimates depend on the period, the events included, and whether the count covers executions, famine deaths, deaths in forced-labor camps, deportations, and other causes.
- Who was responsible: The Soviet government was a political regime whose leadership, security services, military, and party officials were responsible for specific policies and crimes. Assigning collective responsibility to Jewish people based on the ancestry of some individual revolutionaries is historically misleading.

Fact check: the article's main claims

Article's claim	Assessment
The Bolsheviks persecuted Orthodox Christians.	True. Religious institutions and clergy faced severe repression.
Soviet authorities destroyed or confiscated church property.	True. Churches were closed, valuables seized, and religious activity restricted.
More than 60 million Orthodox Christians were killed by Jewish Bolsheviks.	Unsupported. The article does not establish a reliable death toll of 60 million Orthodox Christians or demonstrate that those deaths were caused by Jewish people as a group.

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Karl Marx personally led the Russian Revolution.	False. Marx died in 1883, decades before the 1917 Russian Revolution. He influenced communist ideology but did not lead the revolution.
Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn estimated that 66 million people were murdered by the Bolsheviks.	Requires qualification. The article attributes this figure to Solzhenitsyn without establishing the original passage, its methodology, or precisely which deaths it counts.

What the historical record supports

The Soviet government under Vladimir Lenin and Joseph Stalin committed grave crimes, including political executions, forced collectivization, deportations, mass imprisonment, and persecution of religious communities. Stalin's policies contributed to catastrophic famines, including the 1932–1933 famine in Ukraine and other parts of the Soviet Union. These crimes deserve serious historical examination.

However, there is a crucial distinction between the total number of people who died under Soviet rule and the number of Orthodox Christians deliberately killed because of their religion. These are different categories. A total that combines famine deaths, executions, wartime casualties, and deaths in labor camps cannot automatically be presented as a count of Orthodox Christians murdered for their faith.

The article also makes ethnicity central to its explanation. Some Bolshevik leaders were Jewish by ancestry, while others came from different backgrounds. Their ancestry alone does not establish why they acted, and Jewish people as a whole cannot be held responsible for the Soviet government's crimes.

My conclusion

I would not use this article as a reliable source for the claim that Jewish Bolsheviks killed more than 60 million Orthodox Christians. It combines genuine historical atrocities with an extraordinary numerical claim and an ethnic attribution that it does not adequately substantiate.

For a more reliable account, consult the work of historians such as Richard Pipes on the Russian Revolution and Sheila Fitzpatrick on Soviet society and Stalinism. Their historical work provides a stronger foundation for understanding Soviet repression without relying on an unverified headline figure.

The persecution of Orthodox Christians was real and devastating. Establishing its true scale requires careful historical evidence rather than attributing an unverified death toll to an entire ethnic group.