

LIFE IN A TOTALITARIAN STATE

- I. Totalitarian States
 - a. totalitarian state is where one party dictatorship regulates every aspect of life
 - i. Obedience to state enforced with secret police and spies
 - ii. All material censored, opponents were jailed
 - b. Propaganda
 - i. Propaganda is the spreading of ideas to support a cause
 - ii. Soviets were constantly told about evils of capitalism and positive side of communism
 - iii. People urged to surpass quotas
 - iv. Enemies at home were foreign spies
 - c. War on religion
 - i. Marx – religion is the opiate of the masses
 - ii. Communists attack Eastern Orthodox church
 - 1. take away lands, property
 - 2. create museums to disprove religious beliefs
 - iii. Banned Hebrew
 - iv. Arrested Catholic priests
 - d. Communist ideology as religion
 - i. Stalin and Lenin were the icons, their writing sacred texts
- II. Changes In Soviet Society
 - a. New Elite
 - i. Communist Party members were new elite
 - 1. bigger houses and apartments
 - 2. cars
 - 3. jobs
 - 4. shopping in stores
 - ii. classes in classless society
 - b. Social benefits
 - i. free education
 - ii. medical care
 - iii. inexpensive housing
 - iv. child care
 - v. public transportation
 - vi. recreation
 - c. Drawbacks
 - i. industrial growth reduces agricultural jobs
 - 1. increase number of people in cities
 - 2. housing and food shortages

3. bread but no meat, fruit,

d. Education