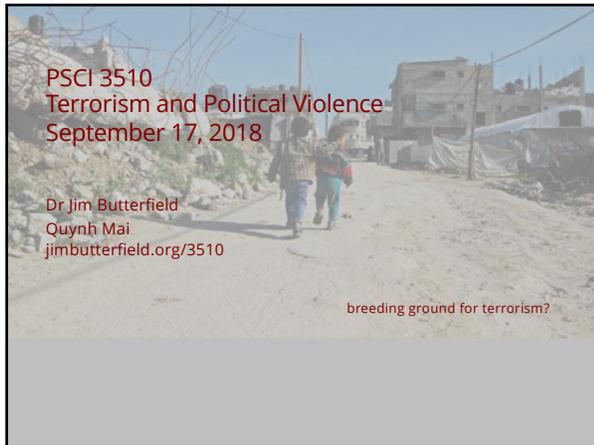
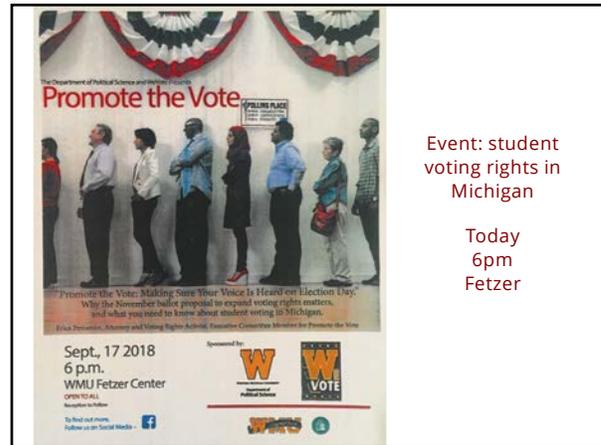


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breeding ground for terrorism?



Event: student voting rights in Michigan

Today  
6pm  
Fetzer

Before we begin...

- Movie nights: M, T, W and/or Th? (6:00 or 6:30 pm)
- Expressions of interest: chair of the Security Council (we need two).
  - Must be willing to run meeting for two class days.
  - Must be willing to master parliamentary procedure (details are online).
- This Wednesday and next Monday: bring your electronic devices.





For most of the course, we will be addressing grass-roots terrorism (i.e., terrorism from below, rebel terrorism).

But let's look at state terrorism for a moment.

Nazi mass execution site  
Palmiry, Poland



State Terrorism vs State-Sponsored Terrorism

- State-sponsored terrorism: states support rebel terrorism in other countries or provide safe havens for terrorists.
- State terrorism: states that commit terror against their own population.

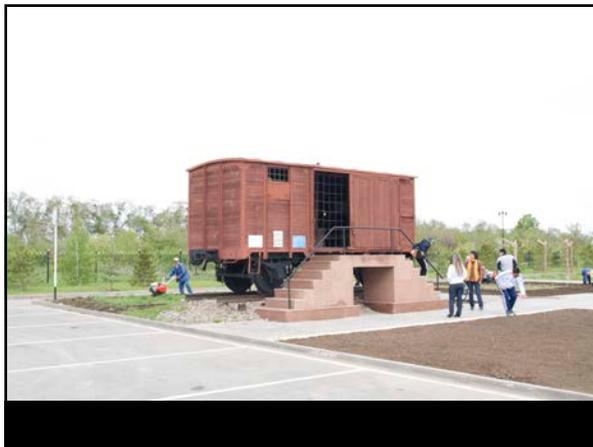
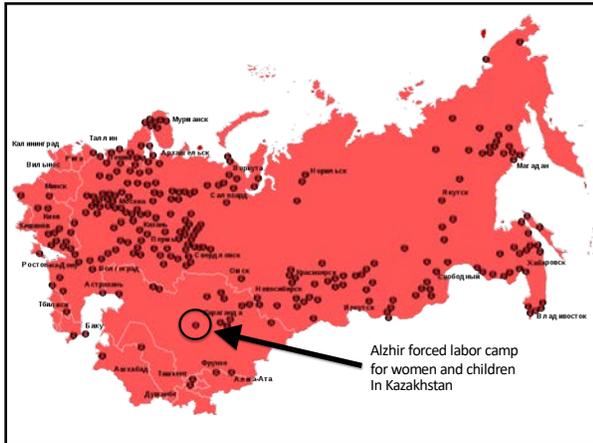
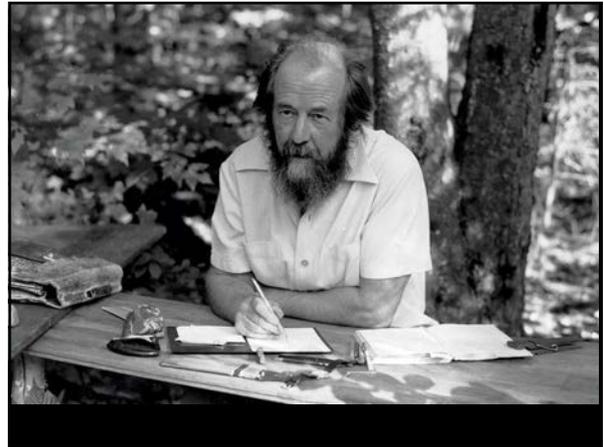


State Terrorism

- Examples:
  - Robespierre and the Jacobins: 1793-1794
  - Stalinist terror (USSR): 1928-1953
  - German genocide: 1938-1945
  - Khmer Rouge, Kampuchea/Cambodia: 1975-1979

Solzhenitsyn's *Gulag Archipelago*

- Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, 1918-2008
- Post-WWII: eight years in labor camps
- *Gulag Archipelago*, 1973
  - GULAG = State Administration for Labor Camps
- Exiled, lived in Vermont 1974-2004





A woman whose hopes and thoughts of escaping captivity has led her to poetry, to verses, to beauty in the mind.



Fascism

- Ideology from 1920s.
- Giovanni Gentile (Italy) and Carl Schmitt (Germany).
- Extreme nationalism and ethnic superiority.
- All-powerful state.



Communism

- Karl Marx (19<sup>th</sup> C), Vladimir Lenin (early 20<sup>th</sup> C) and Josef Stalin (mid-20<sup>th</sup> C).
- Marx: evolutionary development of communism from below.
- Lenin (design) and Stalin (in fact): revolutionary transformation from above.
- Goal: eliminate social injustices associated with capitalism.
- All-powerful state.



Khmer Rouge

- Influenced by Mao Zedong (China).
- Re-education and re-enculturation.
- Destroy and rebuild
- All-powerful state.
- The subject of *The Killing Fields* (film later this semester).

Pol Pot  
1925-1998



Ieng Sary  
1925-2013



### The Logic of Totalitarianism

- Terror is necessary for total control.
- Total control is necessary to transform society.
- Transformation of society is necessary to achieve vision.



Not all state terror is rooted in ideology.

Example: Idi Amin, Uganda 1971-1979.

100,000-500,000 killed.



### Possible Causes of Terrorism

- Poverty (correlated somewhat with education).
- Religious identity.
- Other forms of identity (e.g., nationalism, religion, ethnicity).
- Psychological maladies or propensities.



### Causes of Terrorism

- An oft-cited cause: poverty and corresponding lack of education.
  - Ted Gurr: the *relative deprivation* thesis.

