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8. What is the root of all evil for Marx? *Private property.*
9. What is the function of the state according to Marx? *To enforce the status quo ("the ruling committee of the bourgeoisie").*
10. What is the function of religion? *It is "the opiate of the masses" designed to make people accept their lot in life.*

Lenin's theory of revolution comes predominately from two texts:

What is to be Done? (1902)

State and Revolution (1917)



Marx, Lenin and Stalin

- Marx: the critique of capitalism and the idea of communism.
- Lenin: the revolutionary.
- Stalin: the builder.

d. 1883

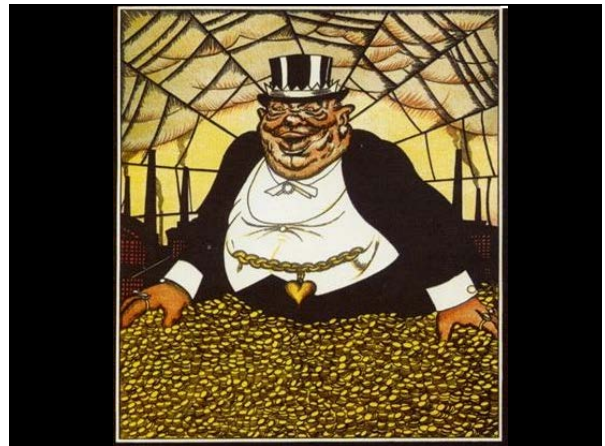


d. 1924



d. 1953





Periodization of Russian/Soviet History

- Tsarist period: to 1917
- The Revolutions: 1917
 - February: overthrow of the tsar
 - October: communist revolution
- Civil War: 1917-1920
- Stabilization and power struggle: 1921-1927
 - Lenin's stroke: 1922
 - Lenin's death: 1924
- Building of communism: 1928-1941