

# Bolshevism

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**Is Bolshevik the same as communist?** The Bolsheviks ultimately became the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. The Bolsheviks, or Reds, came to power in Russia during the October Revolution phase of the 1917 Russian Revolution, and founded the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic (RSFSR).

**Why is it called Bolshevik?** The party divided into two groups, the Bolsheviks and the Mensheviks. They were called Bolsheviks because it means "those who are more." Vladimir Ilyich Lenin was the leader of the Bolshevik group. The more moderate group, the Mensheviks (meaning "those of the minority") were led by Julius Martov.

**What were the Bolsheviks fighting for?** The Bolsheviks were a revolutionary party, committed to the ideas of Karl Marx. They believed that the working classes would, at some point, liberate themselves from the economic and political control of the ruling classes.

**What are Bolsheviks and mensheviks?** In 1912, the RSDLP had its final split, with the Bolsheviks constituting the Russian Social Democratic Labour Party (Bolsheviks), and the Mensheviks the Russian Social Democratic Labour Party (Mensheviks). The Menshevik faction split further in 1917 at the middle of World War I.

**What do Bolsheviks believe?** Bolshevism (derived from Bolshevik) is a revolutionary socialist current of Soviet Leninist and later Marxist–Leninist political thought and political regime associated with the formation of a rigidly centralized, cohesive and disciplined party of social revolution, focused on overthrowing the existing capitalist state ...

**Why did Russia become communist?** In Russia efforts to build communism began after Tsar Nicholas II lost his power during the February Revolution, which started in 1917, and ended with the dissolution of the USSR in 1991.

**What is another name for a Bolshevik?** Sense: An adherent of the Bolsheviks  
Synonyms: Marxist, revolutionary, Soviet, Communist, Marxian socialist, Bolshevik, Commie, Red, Pinko (slang), Menshevik, Leninist, Stalinist, leftist, leftie (slang), left-winger.

**Who did the Bolsheviks overthrow?** Economic hardship, food shortages and government corruption all contributed to disillusionment with Czar Nicholas II. During the Russian Revolution, the Bolsheviks, led by leftist revolutionary Vladimir Lenin, seized power and destroyed the tradition of czarist rule.

**What does "Soviet" mean?** Soviet is from the Russian sovet, "governing council," and its Greek source, symboulion, "council of advisors." After the Russian Revolution, the term soviet was used for local governments elected by workers, as well as the higher councils that those local soviets elected in turn.

**What is the Russian Communist Party also known as?** The Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU), at some points known as the Russian Communist Party, All-Union Communist Party and Bolshevik Party, and sometimes referred to as the Soviet Communist Party (SCP), was the founding and ruling political party of the Soviet Union.

**What is the difference between communism and socialism?** Communism advocates for the working class to take control of industry and production, sharing ownership of all property collectively. Socialism advocates a more gradual shifting of power from the elite to the working class and is focused on the collective good.

**How did Lenin's views differ from Marx's?** Marxism envisioned a revolution of proletarians in industrialized countries, while Leninism also emphasized the revolutionary potential of peasants in primarily agrarian societies (such as Russia).

**Why did the Bolsheviks abandon democracy?** After Lenin's party, the Bolsheviks, only got a minority of the votes in the election to the Russian Constituent Assembly, he disbanded it by force after its first meeting, citing the refusal of the Right Socialist

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