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## Great Purge

Extended families were purposely left with nothing to live on, which usually sealed their fate as well, affecting up to 200,000—250,000 people of Polish background depending on the size of their families. The political purge was primarily an effort by Stalin to eliminate challenge from past and potential opposition groups, including the left and right wings led by and , respectively. The first part of the collection deals with annihilation policies against the Soviet elite and the Communist International.

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In a letter to Molotov dated 13 January 1940, Meyerhold wrote: The investigators began to use force on me, a sick 65-year-old man. The purge of the and removed three of five then equivalent to four-star generals , 13 of 15 army commanders then equivalent to three-star generals , eight of nine admirals the purge fell heavily on the Navy, who were suspected of exploiting their opportunities for foreign contacts , 50 of 57 army commanders, 154 out of 186 division commanders, 16 of 16 army , and 25 of 28 army corps commissars. The claim is unsupported by facts, as by the time the documents were supposedly created, two people from the eight in the Tukhachevsky group were already imprisoned, and by the time the document was said to reach Stalin the purging process was already underway.

## Soviet Trade Unions and the Great Terror

The former Politburo members and many lower-level victims were also declared innocent in the 1950s. The campaigns were carried out according to the , often by direct orders of the headed by Stalin. According to one interpretation, Stalin's regime had to maintain its citizens in a state of fear and uncertainty to stay in power Brzezinski, 1958.

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The following events are used for the demarcation of the period. What is also established is that not only was law often ignored but was also twisted and used as a facade to enhance and legitimize appalling inhumanity. Arch; Rittersporn, Gábor; Zemskov, Viktor 1993.

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The commission stated: Stalin committed a very grave crime against the Communist party, the socialist state, Soviet people and worldwide revolutionary movement.

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As the purges began, the government through the NKVD shot Bolshevik heroes, including and , as well as the majority of Lenin's Politburo, for disagreements in policy. Lenin, Stalin, and Hitler: The Age of Social Catastrophe. The book was funded and widely disseminated by , who also published collected by Conquest's secretary Celia Kirwan.

**Stalin's Terror Revisited**

No longer is it widely believed that Stalin deviated from Lenin's model but, as John Hostettler shows, terror was inherent in the whole of Lenin's revolutionary career. Lastly, it was based on an analysis of official Soviet documents such as the.

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The broke out amid the purge. It suggests that more believed in Stalin's quest to eliminate internal enemies than were frightened by it. In 1934, Stalin used the murder of as a pretext to launch the Great Purge, in which about a million people perished see.

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