

For what reasons, and with what results, were there so many single-party states in the 20th Century?

- Economy
 - High unemployment
 - High inflation
 - Reparations (Germany)
 - Debts from WWI
 - Strikes
- Weak Governments
 - Ineffective governments couldn't deal with economic and political problems going on:
 - Democracies in Germany and Italy
 - Monarchy in Russia
 - Brutal dictators in Batista and Kai-shek
 - Some governments were corrupt or brutal, so people were ready for an alternative
 - Paramilitary groups dominated and created violence which the governments couldn't stop
- Mistakes
 - Provisional government in Russia failed to make reforms and kept them in WWI
 - German and Italian leaders thought that Hitler and Mussolini could be controlled or would be mild
 - Chiang Kai-shek demilitarized troops and let the Communists gain some of these people; there were many spies in Kai-shek's government
 - Fulgencia Batista granted Fidel and other amnesty to prevent any sour public sentiment
- Disillusionment
 - Disbelief in the current system
 - People were ready for a change and change is exciting
 - Need for nationalism to restore pride
- Ability and personality
 - Most dictators were good orators
 - Message appealed to the people
 - Used events to manipulate to gain and consolidate power