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Presents a theoretical framework for comparing political systems in both time and place. PLEASE NOTE: This is a summary and analysis of the book and not the original book. SNAP Summaries is wholly responsible for this content and is not associated with the original author in any way. If you are the author, publisher, or representative of the original work, please contact info[at]snapsummaries[dot]com with any questions or concerns. If you'd like to purchase the original book, please paste this link in your browser: <https://amzn.to/35VxEz9> In Live Not By Lies, blogger and author Rod Dreher attempts to awaken the slumbering American church to fight against the totalitarianism that he sees rising in the US. Progressives seek to turn America away from its religious values, and Christians must be prepared to resist the dismantling of their faith. What does this SNAP Summary Include? - Synopsis of the original book - Key takeaways from each chapter - The pro-totalitarian signs Christians should watch out for - How Christians can resist and survive tyranny - Editorial Review - Background on Rod Dreher About the Original Book: Are American Christians ready to live under a totalitarian regime? This is the question that Rod Dreher wants his fellow believers to ask themselves. They have allowed materialism and comfort to infiltrate the church, even as their religious freedoms and values are being threatened by the radical Progressive agenda. In his book, Live Not By Lies, Dreher recounts his conversations with Christian dissidents who lived through communism in the Soviet Union. These survivors warn that socialism will spell the end of America if people don't wake up. This is an insightful manual that Christians can use to form a strong resistance against totalitarianism in America. DISCLAIMER: This book is intended as a companion to, not a replacement for, Live Not By Lies. SNAP Summaries is wholly responsible for this content and is not associated with the original author in any way. If you are the author, publisher, or representative of the original work, please contact info[at]snapsummaries.com with any questions or concerns. Please follow this link: <https://amzn.to/35VxEz9> to purchase a copy of the original book. This book is a rediscovery and examination of the thinking of Vasile B?ncil?, a philosopher forbidden by the totalitarian regime of Nicolae Ceau?escu. The philosopher Lucian Blaga saw B?ncil? as a threat to the spirit of the highest Romanian culture. It is estimated that B?ncil?'s work extends to 32 volumes, 17 of which have been published so far. With such a significant opus, Vasile B?ncil? is, indisputably, a key figure in contemporary Romanian culture, particularly in the sphere of philosophy. The book has eleven chapters and is divided into two parts. The first part deals with the hermeneutics of the author's youthful works. His reflections on the purpose of philosophy for life are important, about the role of this discipline in the education of adolescents and students, the relationship between irony and education, his thoughts of one of the greatest Romanian poets, Mihai Eminescu, and the philosophy of Descartes and of Schopenhauer. In the second part, the book looks at B?ncil?'s aim of structuring a possible system of philosophy; more precisely, an ethnic-spiritualist metaphysics which, when it was elaborated, contradicted the official ideology of the totalitarian regime. Finally, the book covers the philosopher's work, analysing step-by-step the relation between the part and the whole (pars pro toto), as well as between existence and metaphysics, and the philosopher's conclusions about Romanian existence. Peter Wien presents a provocative discussion on the history of Iraq and the growth of nationalism during the 1930s and early 1940s. He deconstructs the established view that a large proportion of the nationalist movement in Iraq during this period was heavily influenced by Nazi Germany, arguing that the admiration for Germany was highly nuanced, and only rarely translated into admiration for Nazism. National unity and patriotism were important, but models of leadership were overwhelmingly based on Iraqis and not Hitler. Analyzing the activities of the Iraqi youth and Jewish Iraqis, Iraqi Arab Nationalism gives an understanding of Iraqis from diverse backgrounds. It incorporates source material not previously used in discussions of Iraq and nationalism and contains autobiographical and biographical material from officers,

intellectuals and politicians, along with contemporary journalistic writings, which sheds new light on Iraqi nationalism. Explains why and how ideocratic and totalitarian governments emerge, establish themselves, evolve, eventually collapse, and disintegrate or transform themselves into new ideocracies. Product Description: Totalitarian Art achieves nothing less than a thorough and serious comparative study of the official art of Stalin's Russia, Hitler's Germany, Mussolini's Italy, Kim Jong-Il's North Korea, and Saddam Hussein's Iraq. In the Soviet Union, and later in Maoist China, theories of mass artistic appeal were used to promote the Revolution both at home and abroad. In Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy they asserted the putative grandeur of the epoch. All too often, art that served the Revolution or the new millennial society became "total realism," and always it became a slave to the state and the cult of personality, and ultimately one more weapon in the arsenal of oppression. Igor Golomstock gives a detailed appraisal of the forms that define totalitarian art and illustrates his text with more than two hundred examples of its paintings, posters, sculpture and architecture, and includes a powerful comparative visual essay which demonstrates the eerie similarity of the official art of these very different regimes. The Islamic State analyzes the transformation of ISIS (Daesh) from an underground insurgent organization to a quasi-state entity. It traces the genesis and evolution of what may be interpreted as a revolutionary war aimed at the creation and expansion of a new society and world order in the ruins of Syria and Iraq. This book: Analyzes the regime's totalitarian features including structure, ideology, propaganda, and violence; Examines its ideology with a focus on radical Islamism and Salafi-jihadism; Studies the economics behind its continued existence; and Explores the attitude of key state and non-state actors, especially Russia, USA, and the Global Coalition, towards Daesh. An indispensable guide to the study of modern terrorism, this book will be of great interest to students and researchers of Middle East studies, terrorism, with a focus on ISIS, military and strategic studies, politics and international relations, as well as general readers. The official monthly record of United States foreign policy. Mobutu's political system, inaugurated in 1965 and lasting more than three decades, met all the characteristics of totalitarianism. This study shows that the failures and misdeeds of Mobutu's system were clear evidence that it lacked an African-centred vision and did not put the interests of the African people of Congo (formerly Zaire) at the centre of this political project. In this study Mobutu's political actions in the 1990s - mostly as they related to the National Sovereign Conference - are critically analyzed and found to be a deliberate attempt to obstruct the momentum of democracy for the African people of Congo. From an Afro centric standpoint, this obstruction is evidence of Mobutu's attempt to impede the search for harmony and peace by the Zairian people, and to reject the African-centred truth that without Ma'at (harmony) there is no understanding and no possible restoration of balance. Mobutu's Totalitarian Political System will be of interest to students and scholars of ethnic studies, political science and international relations. Presents a defence of social order, beginning from philosophical first principles which aims to be a systematic answer to liberal egalitarianism, and also a defence of the Western social, religious, cultural and political inheritance. This book also demonstrates that this inheritance is a reflection of the deepest truths about human nature. In *The Future is History* Masha Gessen follows the lives of four Russians, born as the Soviet Union crumbled, at what promised to be the dawn of democracy. Each came of age with unprecedented expectations, some as the children or grandchildren of the very architects of the new Russia, each with newfound aspirations of their own - as entrepreneurs, activists, thinkers and writers, sexual and social beings. Gessen charts their paths not only against the machinations of the regime that would seek to crush them all (censorship, intimidation, violence) but also against the war it waged on understanding itself, ensuring the unobstructed emergence of the old Soviet order in the form of today's terrifying and seemingly unstoppable mafia state. *The Future is History* is a powerful and urgent cautionary tale by contemporary Russia's most fearless inquisitor. Why did some of the "best and brightest" of Weimar intellectuals advocate totalitarian solutions to the problems of liberal democratic, capitalist society? How did their "radical conservatism" contribute to the rise of National Socialism? What roles did they play in the Third Reich? How did their experience of totalitarianism lead them to recast their social and political thought? This biography of Hans Freyer, a prominent German sociologist and political ideologist, is a case study of intellectuals and a "god that failed"--not on the political left, but on the right, where its significance has been overlooked. The author explores the interaction of political ideology and academic social science in democratic and totalitarian regimes, the transformation of German conservatism by the experience of National Socialism, and the ways in which tension between former collaborators and former opponents of National Socialism continued to mold West German intellectual life in the postwar decades. Saddam Hussein ruled Iraq as a dictator for nearly a quarter century before the fall of his regime in 2003. Using the Ba'ath party as his organ of meta-control, he built a broad base of support throughout Iraqi state and society. Why did millions participate in his government, parrot his propaganda, and otherwise support his regime when doing so often required betraying their families, communities, and beliefs? Why did the "Husseini Ba'athist" system prove so durable through uprisings, two wars, and United Nations sanctions? Drawing from a wealth of documents discovered at the Ba'ath party's central headquarters in Baghdad following the US-led invasion in 2003, *The Ba'athification of Iraq* analyzes how Hussein and the party inculcated loyalty in the population. Through a grand strategy of "Ba'athification," Faust argues that Hussein mixed classic totalitarian means with distinctly Iraqi methods to transform state, social, and cultural institutions into Ba'athist entities, and the public and private choices Iraqis made into tests of their political loyalty. Focusing not only on ways in which Iraqis obeyed, but also how they resisted, and using comparative examples from Hitler's Germany and Stalin's Russia, *The Ba'athification of Iraq* explores fundamental questions about the roles that ideology and culture, institutions and administrative practices, and rewards and punishments play in any political system. In a kind of "Sequel" to Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's *The Gulag Archipelago* (quoted throughout), with Solzhenitsyn's intellect, honesty and intense passion for speaking Truth William Baptiste unravels 380 years of bad philosophy that has resulted in Marxism, anti-scientific Postmodernism developed by Marxists to protect Marxism from facts, and current Neo-Marxist Identity Politics which foments racial hatred, which all frequently accompany

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Jordan Peterson's fellow Canadian intellectual, non-partisan thinker & logician William Baptiste, is fed up with Pro-Choice 'Creeping Totalitarianism' taking away normal democratic freedoms of speech, expression, assembly, conscience & religion of Pro-Life Human Rights Advocates, including real doctors who follow the 2500-year Hippocratic Medical Tradition that doctors don't kill. Officially Pro-Choice political parties in his country and others keep asininely insisting the Abortion Debate (the Human Rights for All Humans Debate) is "settled" in their favor, all while they pass totalitarian laws making peaceful Pro-Life Human Rights Advocacy a crime in order to silence the Free Speech of Pro-Lifers. All because Pro-Choice politicians simply cannot win a respectful, intellectually honest, intelligent, rational, scientific and rigorously logical debate about abortion. 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WilliamBaptisteHumanRightsAndFreedomsForever.com Providing an innovative conceptualization to extremist political movements founded upon "world-historic" populations and vanguard party organizations, Vanguardism sets out a new path in investigating the intellectual and historical influences that created extremist politics, the totalitarian movements and regimes of the twentieth century, and a framework for interpreting extremism in the present. Expanding its view across the turbulent intellectual currents of the nineteenth century, Philip W. Gray illustrates how these ideas shaped the shared ideational and organizational structures that would develop into Leninism, Fascism, and Nazism in the early twentieth century. Moving beyond the Second World War, the book explicates how vanguardism did not vanish with the war's conclusion, but was modified throughout the period of national liberation movements and Western extremist groups over the ensuing decades. Concluding in the present with an eye to the future, Gray presents a framework for comprehending the extremist movement of today, and how organizational shifts can give us clues to the forms of totalitarian politics of tomorrow. Original and provocative, Vanguardism will become essential reading for everyone looking to understand totalitarianism and extremist politics of our time. Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 Nothing is more characteristic of the totalitarian movements in general and of the fame of their leaders in particular than the startling swiftness with which they are forgotten and the ease with which they can be replaced. #2 It is a serious mistake to forget that the totalitarian regimes, while they are in power, command and rest upon mass support. This support is not simply a result of self-interest, which is the most powerful psychological factor in politics. #3 The attraction of evil and crime for the mob mentality is nothing new. It has always been true that the mob will admire deeds of violence for their cleverness. The disturbing fact about totalitarianism is the true selflessness of its adherents: they will not waver even if their own children are being harmed. #4 The totalitarian movements aim at and succeed in organizing masses, not classes. While all political groups depend on proportionate strength, the totalitarian movements depend on the sheer force of numbers to such an extent that they seem impossible, even under otherwise favorable circumstances, in countries with relatively small populations. A Global Catastrophic Risk is one that has the potential to inflict serious damage to human well-being on a global scale. This book focuses on such risks arising from natural catastrophes (Earth-based or beyond), nuclear war, terrorism, biological weapons, totalitarianism, advanced nanotechnology, artificial intelligence and social collapse. This volume aims to take a socio-legal perspective as a general guideline, and from this point of view to focus on the reciprocal interrelations between totalitarian systems and their legal structures. This book is a rediscovery and examination of the thinking of Vasile B?ncil?, a philosopher forbidden by the totalitarian regime of Nicolae Ceau?escu. The philosopher Lucian Blaga saw B?ncil? as a threat to the spirit of the highest Romanian culture. It is estimated that B?ncil?'s work extends to 32 volumes, 17 of which have been published so far. With such a significant opus, Vasile B?ncil? is, indisputably, a key figure in contemporary Romanian culture, particularly in the sphere of philosophy. The book has eleven chapters and is divided into two parts. 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system of philosophy; more precisely, an ethnic-spiritualist metaphysics which, when it was elaborated, contradicted the official ideology of the totalitarian regime. Finally, the book covers the philosopher's work, analysing step-by-step the relation between the part and the whole (*pars pro toto*), as well as between existence and metaphysics, and the philosopher's conclusions about Romanian existence. Based on a synthesis and reinterpretation of recent work, this book presents a balanced view of science in totalitarian regimes by going beyond attacks on their pseudo-science to investigate and understand how politics and culture shape science and technology. 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In seventeen essays leading European, American and Russian scholars discuss the theory and the history of totalitarian society with a comparative approach. They revisit and reassess what Zaslavsky considered the most important project in the latter part of his life: the analysis of Eastern European - especially Soviet societies and their difficult "transition" after the fall of communism in 1989-91. The variety of the contributions reflects the diversity of specialists in the volume, but also reveals Zaslavsky's gift: he surrounded himself with talented people from many different fields and disciplines. In line with Zaslavsky's work and scholarly method, the book promotes new theoretical and methodological approaches to the concept of totalitarianism for understanding Soviet and East European societies, and the study of fascist and communist regimes in general. Get the book that will end the abortion debate once and for all. By giving readers on both sides of the debate the solid Human Rights Education they need to not be fooled by vacuous rhetoric and invalid logic, so they can come to an educated position on human life issues (and on lasting democracy built on equal human preciousness). And just in time, since officially "Pro-Choice" political parties in power throughout the West (like France, Canada, some US States) are starting to show their totalitarian roots and are now passing laws and policies restricting the democratic freedoms of Pro-Life Human Rights Advocates, just because ending freedom of speech for human rights advocacy is the only way the "Pro-Choice" side can ever keep abortion legal long-term, since the most pertinent facts of Human Rights History, Biological Science, and the Science of Logic prove that Pro-Life equals Pro-Democracy - as shown in this book. Note that the first two modern political parties in power to de-criminalize the abortion-killing of humans were the totalitarian Soviet Communist Party in Russia in 1920 and totalitarian Nazi Party in Germany in 1934 - because these totalitarian States did not believe in equal human preciousness nor the Inherent Human Right to Live. The Nazis were condemned at the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials in 1948 for legal abortion they encouraged mothers to ask for, legal abortion being described as "an inhumane act" and "a crime against humanity." This book traces the history of Western human rights and democratic freedoms starting with the original criminalization of abortion in the 4th Century, because that is when the West first learned that human life is not cheap, to serve a greater (totalitarian) State, but human life is precious, and the State is obligated to protect (and ultimately serve) precious human lives - which is one of the foundations

of democracy. Whatever your current position on abortion, if you love free democracy at all, it should bother you tremendously that now in some Western regions, peaceful Pro-Life Human Rights Advocates have restrictions on their democratic freedoms of speech, assembly, expression and religion, because Pro-Choice governing parties passed laws meaning they can be arrested, heavily fined and jailed just for saying "killing humans is wrong because human rights are for all humans" anywhere within up to 150 meters/500 feet of an abortion clinic where preborn human lives are killed. A 70-year-old man died after being arrested just for holding signs reading "FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND RELIGION. NO CENSORSHIP" and "GOD SAVE OUR CHARTER RIGHTS," in protest against this Pro-Choice law taking his freedom away. It should also bother any freedom-lover that this law was introduced and passed in only 3 weeks, demonstrating how very fast in Western nations we can lose our democratic freedoms; and that another region in the same country soon after passed a similarly totalitarian law in similar timeframe. This book shows that when judged according to the objective standards of Science and Logic - and undisputed facts of Human Rights History - the Pro-Choice position is revealed as not even remotely intellectually defensible, and not even remotely acceptable in a LASTING democracy, which can only last on Democracy's historic Pro-Life foundations. In this book the Founder of the new non-profit educational organization Human Rights and Freedoms Forever!, "Professor of Human Rights" and author of DEMOCRACY 101: A Voter's and Politician's Manual for LASTING Democracy also introduces readers briefly to the (fundamentally Pro-Life) Foundational Principles of Human Rights and Democracy which all Western human rights and democratic freedoms were historically and logically built upon (and cannot last without), and to The WINNING STRATEGY for "The Culture of Life" to WIN the "Cultural War" with "The Culture of Death," to Save Humanity Forever from Bigotry and "Creeping Totalitarianism." Most cultural and legal codes agree that the intentional killing of civilians, whether in peacetime or war, is prohibited. Yet despite this fact, the deliberate killing of large numbers of civilians remains a persistent feature of global political life. Understanding the Transgenerational Legacy of Totalitarian Regimes examines the ways in which the cultural memory of surviving totalitarianism can continue to shape individual and collective vulnerabilities as well as build strength and resilience in subsequent generations. The author uses her personal experience of growing up in the former Soviet Union and professional expertise in global trauma to explore how the psychological legacy of totalitarian regimes influences later generations' beliefs, behaviors, and social and political choices. The book offers interdisciplinary perspectives on the complex aftermath of societal victimization in different cultures and discusses survivors' experiences. Readers will find practical tools that can be used in family therapy, cognitive-behavioral therapy, and peace building to recognize and challenge preconceived assumptions stemming from cultural trauma. This book equips trauma-minded mental health professionals with an understanding of the transgenerational toxicity of totalitarianism and with strategies for becoming educated consumers of cultural legacy. Digital Totalitarianism: Algorithms and Society focuses on important challenges to democratic values posed by our computational regimes: policing the freedom of inquiry, risks to the personal autonomy of thought, NeoLiberal management of human creativity, and the collapse of critical thinking with the social media fueled rise of conspiranoia. Digital networks allow for a granularity and pervasiveness of surveillance by government and corporate entities. This creates power asymmetries where each citizen's daily 'data exhaust' can be used for manipulative and controlling ends by powerful institutional actors. This volume explores key erosions in our fundamental human values associated with free societies by covering government surveillance of library-based activities, cognitive enhancement debates, the increasing business orientation of art schools, and the proliferation of conspiracy theories in network media. Scholars and students from many backgrounds, as well as policy makers, journalists and the general reading public will find a multidisciplinary approach to questions of totalitarian tendencies encompassing research from Communication, Rhetoric, Library Sciences, Art and New Media. In some circles, a nod towards totalitarianism is enough to dismiss any critique of the status quo. Such is the insidiousness of the neo-liberal ideology, argues Slavoj Žižek. Did Somebody Say Totalitarianism? turns a specious rhetorical strategy on its head to identify a network of family resemblances between totalitarianism and modern liberal democracy. Žižek argues that totalitarianism is invariably defined in terms of four things: the Holocaust as the ultimate, diabolical evil; the Stalinist gulag as the alleged truth of the socialist revolutionary project; ethnic and religious fundamentalisms, which are to be fought through multiculturalist tolerance; and the deconstructionist idea that the ultimate root of totalitarianism is the ontological closure of thought. Žižek concludes that the devil lies not so much in the detail but in what enables the very designation totalitarian: the liberal-democratic consensus itself. What caused the eurozone debacle and the chaos in Greece? Why has Europe's migrant crisis spun out of control, over the heads of national governments? Why is Great Britain calling a vote on whether to leave the European Union? Why are established political parties declining across the continent while protest parties rise? All this is part of the whirlwind that EU elites are reaping from their efforts to create a unified Europe without meaningful accountability to average voters. The New Totalitarian Temptation: Global Governance and the Crisis of Democracy in Europe is a must-read if you want to understand how the European Union got to this point and what the European project fundamentally is. This is the first book to identify the essence of the EU in a utopian vision of a supranationally governed world, an aspiration to achieve universal peace through a global legal order. The ambitions of the global governancers are unlimited. They seek to transform not just the world's political order, but the social order as well—discarding basic truths about human nature and the social importance of tradition in favor of a human rights policy defined by radical autonomy and unfettered individual choice. And the global governance ideology at the heart of the EU is inherently antidemocratic. EU true believers are not swayed by the common sense of voters, nor by reality itself. Because the global governancers aim to transfer core powers of all nations to supranational organizations, the EU is on a collision course with the United States. But the utopian ideas of global governance are taking root here too, even as the European project flames into rancor and turmoil. America and Europe are still cultural cousins; we stand or fall together. The EU can yet be

reformed, and a commitment to democratic sovereignty can be renewed on both sides of the Atlantic. The conflict between totalitarianism and democracy provides the framework for a discussion of recent political and economic changes throughout the world. There has been a widespread move toward more market-oriented policies and institutions across the developing and former socialist countries. 31 country studies were undertaken to try to understand the divergent results of these reforms. This book presents the findings of these studies, synthesized on a regional and global basis. Brings to light critiques of modern tyranny written by German socialist intellectuals before and during World War II about the definition, origins, nature, and means of overcoming totalitarianism. Challenges the view that post-Mao China has moved away from communist totalitarianism. Totalitarian rule is commonly thought to derive from specific ideologies that justify the complete control by the state of social, cultural, and political institutions. The major goal of this volume is to demonstrate that in some cases brutal forms of state control have been the only way to maintain basic social order. Dmitry Shlapentokh seeks to show that totalitarian or semi-totalitarian regimes have their roots in a fear of disorder that may overtake both rulers and the society at large. Although ideology has played an important role in many totalitarian regimes, it has not always been the chief reason for repression. In many cases, the desire to establish order led to internal terror and intrusiveness in all aspects of human life. Shlapentokh seeks the roots of this phenomenon in France in the fourteenth to sixteenth centuries, when social processes in the wake of the Hundred Years War led to the emergence of a brutal absolutist state whose features and policies bore a striking resemblance to totalitarian regimes in the Soviet Union and China. State punishment and control allowed for relentless drive to "normalize" society with the state actively engaged in the regulation of social life. There were attempts to regulate the economy and instances of social engineering, attempts to populate emerging colonial empires with exiles and produce "new men and women" through reeducation. This increased harshness in dealing with the populace, in fact, the emergence of a new sort of bondage, was combined with a twisted form of humanitarianism and the creation of a rudimentary safety net. Some of these elements can be found in the democratic societies of the modern West, although in their aggregation these attributes are essential features of totalitarian regimes of the modern era. Anchored in contemporary debates on capitalism and political economy, this study reconsiders the major trends which are currently shaping a new stage of capitalism. With chapters examining globalization, the role of technology and environmental degradation, George Liodakis constructs a politico-economic approach on contemporary capitalism from within a classical Marxist framework of political economy. The volume provides a fitting balance between theory and empirical evidence and significantly enriches the existing scholarship on contemporary capitalism and the potential for social change. This is an important contribution to those interested in international political economy, in particular with developing a new political strategy for going beyond capitalism: a 'reinvention' of a communist perspective. Concepts of totalitarianism have undergone an academic revival in recent years, particularly since the breakdown of communist systems in Europe in 1989-91: the totalitarian paradigm, so it seems to many scholars today, had been discarded prematurely in the heat of the Cold War. The demise of communism as a social system is, however, not only an important cause of the recurring attractiveness of the totalitarian paradigm, but provides at the same time new evidence and, correspondingly, new problems of explanation for all approaches in communist studies and totalitarianism theory in particular. This book contains articles by philosophers, social scientists and historians who reassess the validity of the totalitarian approach in the light of the recent historical developments in Eastern Europe. A first group of authors focus on the analytical usefulness and explanatory power of classic concepts of totalitarianism after having observed the failed reforms of the Gorbachev-era and the collapse of Europe's communist systems in 1989-91. In these contributions the totalitarian paradigm is contrasted with other approaches with respect to cognitive power as well as normative implications. In the second group of contributions the focus is on the reassessment of methodological and theoretical problems of the classic concepts of totalitarianism. The authors attempt to reinterpret the classic concepts so as to meet the objections which have been put forward against those concepts during the last decades. The study thereby traces some of the intellectual roots of the totalitarian paradigm that precede the outbreak of the Cold War, such as the work of Sigmund Neumann and Franz Borkenau. It also focuses on the most famous authors in the field: Hannah Arendt and Carl Joachim Friedrich. In addition it discusses theorists of totalitarianism like Juan Linz, whose contributions to totalitarianism theory have too often been overlooked. This volume takes a comparative approach, locating totalitarianism in the vastly complex web of fragmented pasts, diverse presents and differently envisaged futures to enhance our understanding of this fraught era in European history. It shows that no matter how often totalitarian societies spoke of and imagined their subjects as so many slates to be wiped clean and re-written on, older identities, familial loyalties and the enormous resilience of the individual (or groups of individuals) meant that the almost impossible demands of their regimes needed to be constantly transformed, limited and recast. Why do totalitarian propaganda such as those created in Nazi Germany and the former German Democratic Republic initially succeed, and why do they ultimately fail? Outside observers often make two serious mistakes when they interpret the propaganda of this time. First, they assume the propaganda worked largely because they were supported by a police state, that people cheered Hitler and Honecker because they feared the consequences of not doing so. Second, they assume that propaganda really succeeded in persuading most of the citizenry that the Nuremberg rallies were a reflection of how most Germans thought, or that most East Germans were convinced Marxist-Leninists. Subsequently, World War II Allies feared that rooting out Nazism would be a very difficult task. No leading scholar or politician in the West expected East Germany to collapse nearly as rapidly as it did. Effective propaganda depends on a full range of persuasive methods, from the gentlest suggestion to overt violence, which the dictatorships of the twentieth century understood well. In many ways, modern totalitarian movements present worldviews that are religious in nature. Nazism and Marxism-Leninism presented themselves as explanations for all of life—culture, morality, science, history, and recreation. They provided people with reasons for accepting the status quo. *Bending Spines* examines the full range of

persuasive techniques used by Nazi Germany and the German Democratic Republic, and concludes that both systems failed in part because they expected more of their propaganda than it was able to deliver. Understanding the Transgenerational Legacy of Totalitarian Regimes examines the ways in which the cultural memory of surviving totalitarianism can continue to shape individual and collective vulnerabilities as well as build strength and resilience in subsequent generations. The author uses her personal experience of growing up in the former Soviet Union and professional expertise in global trauma to explore how the psychological legacy of totalitarian regimes influences later generations' beliefs, behaviors, and social and political choices. The book offers interdisciplinary perspectives on the complex aftermath of societal victimization in different cultures and discusses survivors' experiences. Readers will find practical tools that can be used in family therapy, cognitive-behavioral therapy, and peace building to recognize and challenge preconceived assumptions stemming from cultural trauma. This book equips trauma-minded mental health professionals with an understanding of the transgenerational toxicity of totalitarianism and with strategies for becoming educated consumers of cultural legacy.

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