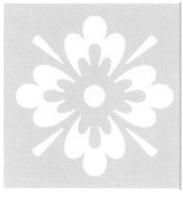
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(Dennis Showalter)
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German ambitions. (Sean Costigan)
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(Geoff Pingree)
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troops, and limits on foreign aid, as well as the resilience of Republican forces prolonged the fighting.
(James S. Corum)
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Yes. George Orwell's discussion of politics in the Republican zone and his description of the nature of the Spanish war have been supported by the historical literature and verified through other eyewitness accounts. (<i>Jill Wooten</i>)
No. George Orwell's experience in Spain was narrowly informed by his presence on a single front in the midst of a beleaguered POUM militia regiment, and thus he is a poor guide for understanding many of the broader issues of the war. (Jordi Getman-Eraso)
Regionalism: Did regionalism play a role in the Spanish Civil War?
Yes. Regional differences were decisive in precipitating the war, demarcating the division of Spain, and determining the course of the conflict and the punitive peace that followed. (<i>Jordi Getman-Eraso</i>)
No. Regionalism in Spain was largely subsumed by more prominent issues of class, religion, and ideology. (Veronica Lasanowski)
Religion: Was the Spanish Civil War a war of religion?
Yes. At its core, the tensions that produced the Spanish Civil War involved the position of the Roman Catholic Church in Spanish society, for the conflict pitted an essentially atheist vision against a conservative Catholic one.
(Enrique A. Sanabria)
Roosevelt's Policy: Was the United States truly neutral in the Spanish Civil War?
Yes. Franklin D. Roosevelt took pains to ensure that American citizens and corporations could not help either side, though some matériel got through to both the Republicans and Nationalists by clandestine means. (<i>Christopher D. O'Sullivan</i>)
No. The United States followed the policy of malevolent neutrality instigated by the French and British and calculated} to frustrate communist domination of Spain. (Joan Maria Thomas)
Soviet Aid: Did Soviet aid help the Republic's chances of
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No. The Republic never received sufficient Soviet assistance to turn the tide of the war, and the decision to accept Josef Stalin's aid served to alienate the West and thereby eliminate the possibility of French or British
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Yes. The goal of both sides in the Spanish Civil War was not simply to defeat, but rather to eliminate, the enemy, and military operations were designed accordingly.
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No. The brutality of the war affected the Spanish people on a personal level, but it did not significantly influence
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emerged early on and succeeded in shaping both internal and external perceptions of the Republic's struggle.	
(Michael Seidman)	2
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formula based on the Franquista ideology of Catholic	
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movement, the role of graphic propaganda was less crucial than in the Republic, where public opinion	
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Many of the Republicans and their international supporters	•
were influential literary figures and artists, and when the	
Republic was defeated, the literature allowed them the	
means to keep the Loyalist cause alive. (José Manuel Del Pino and Antonio Gomez Lopez-Quiñones)	Л
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