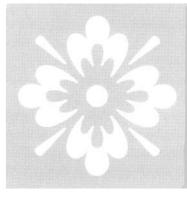
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(Paul du Quenoy)	
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No. The Soviet state was radically different from its predecessor; it monopolized political power and economic development, restricted civil liberties introduced before the	
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throughout the world since. (Sean Foley)	
No. Terrorism is too amorphous to be traced to a single source. The Russian model, developed from French Jacobins in the early	
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Revolution of 1905: Was Lenin right when he called the
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Yes. The Revolution of 1905 arose from many of the same issues and conflicts that came to the forefront in 1917. (<i>Louise McReynolds</i>)
No. The Revolution of 1905 was the impetus for reform movements that had the potential to democratize Russia. (<i>Thomas Earl Porter</i>)
Romanov Murders: Did Bolshevik leaders in Moscow order the execution of the Imperial Family in Ekaterinburg in July 1918?
Yes. Local Bolshevik officials in Ekaterinburg repeatedly sought advice from Moscow about the tsar and his family. There is convincing circumstantial evidence that the locals acted on an order from Moscow. (<i>Catherine Blair</i>)
No. Local Bolshevik officials in Ekaterinburg executed former tsar Nicholas II and his family on their own initiative in order to prevent the royals from being liberated by approaching White forces. (John Pawl)
Russia and the Balkans: Did Russia abandon its traditional role as protector of Serbia and other Balkan states during the Revolutionary period?
Yes. Russian's role in the Balkans was self-serving and rarely resulted in meaningful protection of the region's peoples and nations. (John Soares)
No. Russia helped the Balkan states facilitate the independence of the region's peoples before the 1917 revolution and protected them later. (<i>Jelena Budjevac</i>)
Russia in World War I: Was Russia a viable combatant in World War I?
Yes. Russia dealt effectively with the requirements of waging a major war; the actions of the tsar's army on the Eastern Front prevented Germany from focusing all its energies on fighting Russia's allies in the West. (Thomas Earl Porter)
No. The underdevelopment of Russian industry and transportation placed severe limitations on its military effectiveness. (<i>Phil Giltner</i>)
Russian Revolution and Anti-Semitism: Was the Russian Revolution a catalyst for international anti-Semitism?
Yes. The perception in the West that the Jews were to blame for Bolshevism was a major factor in promoting anti-Semitism during the twentieth century. (<i>Aristotle Kallis</i>)
No. Anti-Semitism was widespread before 1917, and the events of that year were only incidental to its development. <i>(Kerry Foley)</i> 160
Russian Working Class: Was the Russian working class united behind Vladimir Lenin in 1917?
Yes. The Bolsheviks commanded the allegiance of a large majority of the working class. <i>(John Pawl)</i>
the Bolsheviks meant when they said they favored democracy. (<i>Catherine Blair</i>)
Russo-Japanese War: Was Russia doomed to defeat in the Russo-Japanese War?
Yes. Russia had inept military leaders who did not plan effectively and who improperly used the available military resources. (<i>Phil Giltner</i>)

Social Class: Were social-class divisions in late Imperial Russia insurmountable? 177 Yes. The social imbalance between the peasantry and urban working class on the one side and the aristocracy and the nascent middle class on the other was too great to be overcome by anything but revolution. (<i>Bradley Woodworth</i>) 177 No. Class conflict was becoming moderated by economic growth and social change. (<i>Louise McReynolds</i>) 180 Stolypin's Reforms: Did Stolypin's reforms in the wake of the Revolution of 1905 have the potential to solve the problems of rural Russia? 184 Yes. Stolypin's reforms instilled an appreciation for private property, satisfied grievances, and began to displace outmoded peasant institutions. (<i>Thomas Earl Porter</i>) 185 No. Stolypin's reforms were inadequate to bring about the necessary redistribution of land and transform the peasantry into productive and supportive subjects of the tsar. (<i>Louise McReynolds</i>) 187 Treaty of Brest-Litovsk: Did the Bolsheviks cede permanent domination of the Russian periphery in the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk? 190 Yes. The Treaty of Brest-Litovsk. clearly gave Germany control over Eastern Europe, and only the German defeat in World War I kept Russia from permanently losing its buffer zone against invasion from the West. (<i>Phil Gittner</i>) 191 No. Desperate to end Russian involvement in World War I, the Bolsheviks agreed to the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, confident that they would regain control of the caded territory when the proletarian revolution spread to Germany. (<i>Vasilis Vourkoutitis</i>) 195 Tsarist Secret Po	No. Russia had the resources to win the war; the Japanese sued for peace before the full might of Russian military forces could be brought to bear. <i>(Paul du Quenoy)</i>
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	No. Witte's policies created great urban instability and caused many problems for Russia's emerging economy.
	(Paul du Quenoy)
Wor	nen's Rights: Did the Soviets support gender equity
	and women's rights?
	Yes. The Soviets viewed women as critical to the success
	of the state, and they ensured the fulfillment of women's
	rights and aspirations. (York Norman)
	No. The Soviets failed to establish meaningful equality for
	women, and many state directives contained fundamental
	gender biases. (Louise McReynolds)
Wor	Id War I Alliances: Was Russia's alignment with France
	and Great Britain a wise strategy?
	Yes. France and Britain were reliable counterweights to
	Germany and Austria-Hungary and shared Russia's interest
	in blocking the Germans' and Austrians'
	eastward expansion. (John Soares)
	No. Russia would have been better served politically and
	economically by aligning itself with Germany and Austria-Hungary,
	which could have helped, instead of hindered, Russian aims
	in the Balkans and were far better markets than France
	or Britain for Russian goods. (Lawrence A. Helm)
Woi	Id War I and the Revolutions of 1917: Did Russian
	defeats and shortages in World War I precipitate
	the revolutions of 1917?
	Yes. Without the traumas of World War I, the revolutions of 1917
	would not have happened.
	(Louise McReynolds)
	No. Economic and social changes associated with attempts
	at modernization made revolution against the inflexible
	Russian autocracy inevitable, regardless of Russia's
	fate in the war. (<i>Phil Giltner</i>)
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