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Russian / Slavic Languages, grade: 1,3, University of Dalarna, language: English, abstract: The history of the Soviet Union has shown that the light heartedness, the insouciance and the naive optimism, which distinguishes children and adolescents from their parents and grandparents, can disappear easily in times of war and oppression. With the takeover of Josef Stalin in the late 1920s, the beginning of one of the darkest periods of the Soviet Union was announced. Stalin's totalitarian regime was marked by a rigid authoritarianism and a widespread use of terror in form of the so-called purges,

which would not end until his death in March 1953.<sup>1</sup> In addition to the Stalinist regime, Soviet Union suffered under the consequences of the Eastern Front War (World War II), in which Soviet Union lost thousands and thousands of men, and the ensuing Cold War. This more than twenty years of terror, purges and war was a time in which children rarely had time to be children, and adolescents very seldom had time for leisure and jauntily dreaming, in short to be young. Nor was it a time in which their personal suffering, like the suffering of their parents and grandparents, appeared on

screen. Nevertheless was youth represented in Stalinist movies, a lot of young people were showed riding tractors and starred the popular Stalinist musicals. "Youth was the natural supporter of the new regime" and the older generations "could be treated with circumspection" (Gillenspie, 2003, p. 164). Though it was never one person only the starred a Stalinist movie, the hero was the collective and individual miseries and fates never played a role in Stalinist cinema. Problems of the youth were hushed up, like all other form of social malaise (Gillespie, 2003, p. 157). Pain

and suffering did barely exist officially and were not represented in the movies of the Stalin era, which were meant to serve as an instrument of the communist ideology. [...] The world is in the grips of mass formation—a dangerous, collective type of hypnosis—as we bear witness to loneliness, free-floating anxiety, and fear giving way to censorship, loss of privacy, and surrendered freedoms. It is all spurred by a singular, focused crisis narrative that forbids dissident views and relies on destructive groupthink. Desmet's work on mass formation

theory was brought to the world's attention on The Joe Rogan Experience and in major alternative news outlets around the globe. Read this book to get beyond the sound bites! Totalitarianism is not a coincidence and does not form in a vacuum. It arises from a collective psychosis that has followed a predictable script throughout history, its formation gaining strength and speed with each generation—from the Jacobins to the Nazis and Stalinists—as technology advances. Governments, mass media, and other mechanized forces use fear, loneliness, and isolation to

demoralize populations and exert control, persuading large groups of people to act against their own interests, always with destructive results. In *The Psychology of Totalitarianism*, world-renowned Professor of Clinical Psychology Matthias Desmet deconstructs the societal conditions that allow this collective psychosis to take hold. By looking at our current situation and identifying the phenomenon of “mass formation”—a type of collective hypnosis—he clearly illustrates how close we are to surrendering to totalitarian regimes. With detailed analyses,

examples, and results from years of research, Desmet lays out the steps that lead toward mass formation, including: An overall sense of loneliness and lack of social connections and bonds A lack of meaning—unsatisfying “bullsh\*t jobs” that don’t offer purpose Free-floating anxiety and discontent that arise from loneliness and lack of meaning Manifestation of frustration and aggression from anxiety Emergence of a consistent narrative from government officials, mass media, etc., that exploits and channels frustration and anxiety In addition to clear

psychological analysis—and building on Hannah Arendt’s essential work on totalitarianism, *The Origins of Totalitarianism*—Desmet offers a sharp critique of the cultural “groupthink” that existed prior to the pandemic and advanced during the COVID crisis. He cautions against the dangers of our current societal landscape, media consumption, and reliance on manipulative technologies and then offers simple solutions—both individual and collective—to prevent the willing sacrifice of our freedoms. “We can honor the right to freedom of expression and the

right to self-determination without feeling threatened by each other,” Desmet writes. “But there is a point where we must stop losing ourselves in the crowd to experience meaning and connection. That is the point where the winter of totalitarianism gives way to a spring of life.” “Desmet has an . . . important take on everything that’s happening in the world right now.”—Aubrey Marcus, podcast host “[Desmet] is waking a lot of people up to the dangerous place we are now with a brilliant distillation of how we ended up here.”—Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. In *The End of Economic*

*Man*, long recognized as a cornerstone work, Peter F. Drucker explains and interprets fascism and Nazism as fundamental revolutions. In some ways, this book anticipated by more than a decade the existentialism that came to dominate the European political mood in the postwar period. Drucker provides a special addition to the massive literature on existentialism and alienation since World War II. *The End of Economic Man* is a social and political effort to explain the subjective consequences of the social upheavals caused by warfare. Drucker

concentrates on one specific historical event: the breakdown of the social and political structure of Europe which culminated in the rise of Nazi totalitarianism to mastery over Europe. He explains the tragedy of Europe as the loss of political faith, resulting from the political alienation of the European masses. *The End of Economic Man* is a book of great social import. It shows not only what might have helped the older generation avert the catastrophe of Nazism, but also how today's generation can prevent another such catastrophe. This work will be of special interest to political scientists,

intellectual historians, and sociologists. The book was singled out for praise on both sides of the Atlantic, and is considered by the author to be his most prescient effort in social theory. Front cover -- Copyright -- Contents -- Introduction -- 1 "Tomorrow the World"--2 "Germany Belongs in the Western World" -- 3 "Your Post on the Frontier" -- 4 "The Anti-German Wave" -- 5 "We Refuse to Be 'Good Germans' " -- 6 "The Hero Is Us" -- Conclusion -- Acknowledgments -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index. Love for the Future: Building One World of Freedom and Democracy Under

God's Truth is a compilation of international lectures given by Ryuho Okawa during his (ongoing) global missionary tours. Chapter 1 of Part 1 introduces Okawa's lecture and Q&A session in Germany, held in October 2018. The time is now to liberate all remorseful memories of 20th-century totalitarianism, mired by the acts of the German Reich, and to stifle the present-day totalitarian-communist superpower from mercilessly violating human rights and advancing hegemonism throughout the world. Chapter 2 is based on Okawa's

2011 Hong Kong address and Q&A session. The ideas conveyed in this lecture became the foundation of the Hong Kong democratization movement, the Umbrella Revolution, which took root several years later. Chapter 3 is a transcription of Okawa's lecture and Q&A session held in Taiwan in March 2019. Okawa conveys the importance of spreading the principles of freedom, democracy, and faith from Taiwan to mainland China. This, he says, is the righteous future in the eyes of God. Part 2 reveals the national and global strategies of four key world leaders: Xi, Putin,

Merkel, and Trump. By accessing their hidden consciousnesses, through his unrivaled spiritual ability, Okawa divulges their true thoughts and intentions, which underscores the importance of understanding and accepting the precepts espoused in Part 1 to champion peace. Love for the Future conveys the universal spiritual Truths under which all people live; the inherent dignity of all people; God's principles for solving today's global problems and the love that God has for every person - beyond differences in race, nationality, or religious identity. Understand that

God - who watches over politics, philosophies, and religions - offers the answers that will ultimately lead humanity towards a future of hope. This book is a tribute to the memory of Victor Zaslavsky (1937-2009), sociologist, migr, from the Soviet Union, Canadian citizen, public intellectual, and keen observer of Eastern Europe. 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. For more than six decades, the term "totalitarian" was applied to everything from Franco's Spain to Stalin's Soviet Union. One of the most enigmatic and yet compelling ideas of our time, it has been both an almost meaningless political catcall and an indispensable concept for understanding the dictatorships that have marred the history of this century. Now historian Abbott Gleason provides a fascinating account of the life of this idea. Totalitarianism offers a penetrating chronicle of the central concept of

our era--an era shaped by our conflict first with fascism and then with communism. Interweaving the story of intellectual debates with the international history of the twentieth century, Gleason traces the birth of the term to Italy in the first years of Mussolini's rule. Created by Mussolini's enemies, the word was appropriated by the Fascists themselves to describe their program in what turned out to be one of the less totalitarian of the European dictatorships. He follows the growth and expansion of the concept as it was picked up in the West and applied to Hitler's

Germany and the Soviet Union. Gleason's account takes us through the debates of the early postwar years, as academics in turn adopted the term--notably Hannah Arendt. The idea of totalitarianism came to possess novelists such as Arthur Koestler (*Darkness at Noon*) and George Orwell (whose *Nineteen Eighty-Four* was interpreted by conservatives as an attack on socialism in general, and subsequently suffered criticism from left-leaning critics). The concept fully entered the public consciousness with the opening of the Cold War, as Truman used the rhetoric of

totalitarianism to sell the Truman Doctrine to Congress. Gleason takes a fascinating look at the notorious brainwashing episodes of the Korean War, which convinced Americans that Communist China too was a totalitarian state. As he takes his account through to the 1990s, he offers an inner history of the Cold War, revealing the political charge the term carried for writers on both the left and right. He also explores the intellectual struggles that swirled around the idea in France, Germany, Italy, Czechoslovakia, and Poland. When the Cold War drew

to a close in the late 1980s, Gleason writes, the concept lost much of its importance in the West even as it flourished in Russia, where writers began to describe their own collapsing state as totalitarian--though left-wing Western thinkers had long resisted doing so. Abbott Gleason is a leading scholar of Soviet and Russian history and a contributor to periodicals ranging from *The Russian Review* to *The Atlantic Monthly*. In this stimulating intellectual history, he offers a revealing look at one of the central concepts of modern times. WINNER OF THE 2017 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD IN

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FINALIST FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARDS WINNER OF THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HELEN BERNSTEIN BOOK AWARD NAMED A BEST BOOK OF 2017 BY THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW, LOS ANGELES TIMES, WASHINGTON POST, BOSTON GLOBE, SEATTLE TIMES, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, NEWSWEEK, PASTE, and POP SUGAR The essential journalist and bestselling biographer of Vladimir Putin reveals how, in the space of a generation, Russia surrendered to a more virulent and invincible new

strain of autocracy. Award-winning journalist Masha Gessen's understanding of the events and forces that have wracked Russia in recent times is unparalleled. In *The Future Is History*, Gessen follows the lives of four people born at what promised to be the dawn of democracy. Each of them came of age with unprecedented expectations, some as the children and 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 against the machinations of the

regime that would crush them all, and against the war it waged on understanding itself, which ensured the unobstructed reemergence of the old Soviet order in the form of today's terrifying and seemingly unstoppable mafia state. Powerful and urgent, *The Future Is History* is a cautionary tale for our time and for all time. A collection of writings by a groundbreaking political thinker, including excerpts from *The Origins of Totalitarianism* and *Eichmann in Jerusalem* She was a Jew born in Germany in the early twentieth century, and she studied with the greatest German

minds of her day—Martin Heidegger and Karl Jaspers among them. After the rise of the Nazis, she emigrated to America where she proceeded to write some of the most searching, hard-hitting reflections on the agonizing issues of the time: totalitarianism in both Nazi and Stalinist garb; Zionism and the legacy of the Holocaust; federally mandated school desegregation and civil rights in the United States; and the nature of evil. *The Portable Hannah Arendt* offers substantial excerpts from the three works that ensured her international and enduring stature: *The Origins of*

Totalitarianism, The Human Condition, and Eichmann in Jerusalem.

Additionally, this volume includes several other provocative essays, as well as her correspondence with other influential figures. In the second volume of *The Origins of Totalitarianism*, the political theorist traces the decline of European colonialism and the outbreak of WWI. Since it was first published in 1951, *The Origins of Totalitarianism* has been recognized as the definitive philosophical account of the totalitarian mindset. A probing analysis of Nazism, Stalinism, and the “banality of evil”, it

remains one of the most referenced works in studies and discussions of totalitarian movements around the world. In this second volume, *Imperialism*, Dr. Hannah Arendt examines the cruel epoch of declining European colonial imperialism from 1884 to the outbreak of the First World War. Through portraits of Disraeli, Cecil Rhodes, Gobineau, Proust, and T.E. Lawrence, Arendt illustrates how this era ended with the decline of the nation-state and the disintegration of Europe’s class society. These two events, Arendt argues, generated totalitarianism, which in turn produced the

Holocaust. “The most original and profound—therefore the most valuable—political theorist of our times.”—Dwight MacDonald, *The New Leader* 1. The purge and the totalitarian system -- 2. The purge as a technique of totalitarian government -- 3. The Soviet concept of purge -- 4. The expansion and evolution of the Stalinist purge, 1930-1936 -- 5. The mass purge and terror coalesce: the violent stage, 1936-1938 -- 6. The impact -- 7. The safety valves -- 8. The delicate stage, 1946-1952 -- 9. The purge and the struggle for the Stalinist succession -- 10. Summary and conclusion. Volume

three (3) of this megalithic work by a fellow Dominican. This work shall comprise (4) four volumes and is only now re-edited and made available for print within the last 50 plus years. This is an excellent book regarding not only Thomas, but how to use his work in today's life. This book studies the cultural, societal, and ideological factors absent from popular discourse on Vladimir Putin's Russia, contesting the misleading mainstream assumption that Putin is the all-powerful sovereign of Russia. In carefully examining the ideological underpinnings of Putinism—its tsarist and Soviet

elements, its intellectual origins, its culturally reproductive nature, and its imperialist foreign policy—the authors reveal that an indoctrinating ideology and a willing population are simultaneously the most crucial yet overlooked keys to analyzing Putin's totalitarian democracy. Because Putinism is part of a global wave of extreme political movements, the book also reaffirms the need to understand—but not accept—how and why nation-states and masses turn to nationalism, authoritarianism, or totalitarianism in modern times. When Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin

first came to power in the 1930s, their regimes were considered by many to represent a new and perplexing phenomenon. They were labelled 'totalitarian'. But is 'totalitarianism' genuinely new, or is the word just another name for something old and familiar, namely tyranny? This is the first question to be addressed by Alan Haworth in this book, which explores the relevance of philosophy to the understanding of totalitarianism. In the course of the discussion, definitions are tested. Is it coherent to think of totalitarianism as the imposition of a 'total state', or of 'total control'?

Could it even be that the idea of totalitarianism is a 'non-concept'? Examining the work of the totalitarian philosophers Giovanni Gentile and Carl Schmitt, the idea of 'totalitarianism by other means' as represented in dystopian fiction, and the philosophy of Hannah Arendt, *Totalitarianism and Philosophy* is essential reading for all students and scholars of political philosophy. This book provides a comparative and historical analysis of totalitarianism and considers why Spain became totalitarian during its inquisition but not France; and why Germany became totalitarian during the previous

century, but not Sweden. The author pushes the concept of totalitarianism back into the pre-modern period and challenges Hannah Arendt's notion of the banality of evil. Instead, he presents an alternative framework that can explain why some states become totalitarian and why they induce people to commit evil acts. Essay from the year 2022 in the subject Politics - Region: Eastern Europe, grade: 3,0, University of Passau (Lehrstuhl für Internationale Politik), course: Authoritarian and Totalitarian Regimes in a Globalised World, language: English, abstract: Russia has always been a

country shaped by authoritarian to totalitarian power structures during its history. Already under the rule of Tsar Nicholas II. the population wanted to break away from their autocratic forms of rule. An improvement in prosperity for the benefit of the population was hoped with the October Revolution in 1917. But the seizure of power by the Bolsheviks under the leadership of Lenin did not achieve the equality of the population hoped for by the communist ideology. The degree of autocracy and repression against the own citizenship especially under

Stalin has intensified and turned into totalitarianism. After the death of the dictator Stalin it was slowly possible to break away from the strongly totalitarian structures, but not to become a liberal democracy until now. With the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991 initial developments towards democratization under Gorbachev and Yeltsin who was the first free elected president has happened. But since the rule of Putin and Medvedev since 2000 a development towards authoritarian structures has been recognizable. These structures have strengthened over

the years as Putin has secured his rule as a de facto sole autocrat through constitutional reforms. In the following essay applying the theories of Juan Linz of authoritarianism and totalitarianism and the theory of defective democracy from Wolfgang Merkel first will be defined which characteristics make up an authoritarian regime and how they distinguish themselves from totalitarianism. This analysis will then be carried out primarily about the historical developments of Russia and their current status in 2022. Evaluations of the Country

Report 2022 from the portal Freedom House will finally present the current degree of freedom and democracy in Russia. Master's Thesis from the year 2008 in the subject Politics - Political Systems - General and Comparisons, grade: 1,3, Vilnius University, 60 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: This thesis studies the prospects for democratic transition in Cuba and Belarus. The theoretical part argues that civil society is an important variable in transition theory and a necessary condition for democratic transition. It furthermore argues

that in relation with the political culture of one society and the respective type of regime present in one country it is decisive for a successful democratization. Therefore the theoretical framework to study democratic transition should be widened from elites to masses and from a short term perspective to a long term one. This is somewhat different from other studies that concentrate on structural factors like economic development, economic crisis or international influence to explain democratic transition. This thesis undertakes a qualitative comparative

analysis of two nontransition cases, Belarus and Cuba, to avoid the selection bias of researching only successful cases of democratic transition and to solve the problem of not finding any individually necessary or jointly sufficient conditions for democratization. The aforementioned factors are analyzed for each case, comparing the main findings and drawing conclusions. The analysis shows that the state of civil society in both countries can only be characterized as embryonic. In the case of Belarus the relatively good starting position of the embryonic civil society after the

dissolution of the USSR was not used to strengthen itself. The civil society forces lost continuously support and strength and therefore the ability to fight for democratic transition. The weakness of the Belarusian civil society was therefore a factor that led to a stabilizing of the authoritarian regime. 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. In this benchmark of political and historical analysis, Dr. Juan R. Céspedes provides a fascinating and comprehensive look at the "Myopic Vision" which has resulted in

totalitarianism, authoritarianism, and statism. The Myopic Vision has inspired many governments and is responsible for the deaths of approximately 250 million human beings in the 20th century. What are the reasons behind this slaughter? The advocates of the Myopic Vision believe they are the holders of scientifically demonstrable truths concerning man, history, and social evolution. They believe that their vision will bring forth an age of unparalleled human prosperity and happiness. They also believe that to make the Myopic Vision a reality, no person, groups of persons,

social customs, organizations, or governments be permitted to obstruct their goals. Everything and everyone is expendable. The struggle for the implementation of the Myopic Vision is like the struggle faced in war. As in all wars, casualties are expected and accepted as part of the process which will achieve a 'greater good'. The casualties will certainly include those that cannot or will not understand the superior logic of the Myopic Vision. The ultimate tragedy is that in every circumstance where the Myopic Vision has been put into practice, even after decades of implementation, the personal freedom

and economic welfare of the average citizen worsened exponentially. Thus, Dr. Céspedes coins a new phrase, as well as issues a warning for the future. Can the Myopic Vision be corrected or reversed? What does the future hold? This is a "must read" for all those which cherish and wish to preserve democracy and human dignity. For the IB student, this is an excellent source of study for Papers 1, 2, and 3. How and why countries become democracies remain intriguing questions. This innovative volume provides a theoretically informed comparative

investigation of the links between revolutions, totalitarianism and democracy. It will appeal to those interested in the relationship between history and democracy and the implications for the understanding of democracy today. What made the Holocaust possible? What does it mean from a moral viewpoint? These two questions constitute the main focus of this book. Through concepts borrowed mostly from systems theory, an attempt is made at establishing a theoretical framework for a broad understanding of the genesis of the Holocaust. More specifically, the

relationships between ideology, political power, and genocide are discussed, and the following topics are covered: (1) the constitution and the historical evolution of the ideology of the Holocaust, through the genesis of anti-Semitism, the impact of the modern paradigms, and the apparent peculiarities of Nazism; (2) the emergence of powerful means of action designed for implementing the ideology, in the context of totalitarianism; (3) control and freedom as the basic parameters in a decision-making process that went along with a «diffuse Holocaust» phase and generated

mechanisms of extensive cooperation; (4) the values and norms that made sense to the Nazis in relation to the Holocaust, with a critical assessment of Nazi ethics insofar as it aimed at subverting the concept of evil and at destroying the self. This book deals with four key dimensions of the Holocaust: ideology, power, act, and meaning. Upon publication of her 'field manual,' *The Origins of Totalitarianism*, in 1951, Hannah Arendt immediately gained recognition as a major political analyst. Over the next twenty-five years, she wrote ten more books and developed a set of ideas that

profoundly influenced the way America and Europe addressed the central questions and dilemmas of World War II. In this concise book, Elisabeth Young-Bruehl introduces her mentor's work to twenty-first-century readers. Arendt's ideas, as much today as in her own lifetime, illuminate those issues that perplex us, such as totalitarianism, terrorism, globalization, war, and 'radical evil.' Elisabeth Young-Bruehl, who was Arendt's doctoral student in the early 1970s and who wrote the definitive biography of her mentor in 1982, now revisits Arendt's major

works and seminal ideas. Young-Bruehl considers what Arendt's analysis of the totalitarianism of Nazi Germany and the Stalinist Soviet Union can teach us about our own times, and how her revolutionary understanding of political action is connected to forgiveness and making promises for the future. The author also discusses *The Life of the Mind*, Arendt's unfinished meditation on how to think about thinking. Placed in the context of today's political landscape, Arendt's ideas take on a new immediacy and importance. They require our attention, Young-Bruehl shows, and continue to bring

fresh truths to light. This book provides the first political theory of post-Communist Europe, discussing liberty, rights, transitional justice, property, privatization, and rule of law. This set explores daily life in such totalitarian dictatorships as Nazi Germany, Stalin's Soviet Union, China under Mao, and North Korea. Entries focus on compelling personal histories detailing the experiences of individuals in these regimes. The personal experiences are conveyed in such first-hand accounts as memoirs, autobiographies, diaries, and letters. These essays rethink the nature of Stalinism and

Nazism and establish a new methodology for viewing their histories that goes well beyond outdated twentieth-century models of totalitarianism, ideology, and personality. They offer a new understanding of the intertwined trajectories of socialism and nationalism in European and global history. Less than a century old, the concept of totalitarianism is one of the most controversial in political theory, with some proposing to abandon it altogether. In this accessible, wide-ranging introduction, David Roberts addresses the grounds for

skepticism and shows that appropriately recast—as an aspiration and direction, rather than a system of domination—totalitarianism is essential for understanding the modern political universe. Surveying the career of the concept from the 1920s to today, Roberts shows how it might better be applied to the three "classic" regimes of Fascist Italy, Nazi Germany, and the Stalinist Soviet Union. Extending totalitarianism's reach into the twenty-first century, he then examines how Communist China, Vladimir Putin's Russia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the self-proclaimed

Islamic State (IS), and the threat of the technological "surveillance state" can be conceptualized in the totalitarian tradition. Roberts shows that although the term has come to have overwhelmingly negative connotations, some have enthusiastically pursued a totalitarian direction—and not simply for power, control, or domination. This volume will be essential reading for any student, scholar or reader interested in how totalitarianism does, and could, shape our modern political world. *Psychoanalysis in the Age of Totalitarianism*

provides rich new insights into the history of political thought and clinical knowledge. In these chapters, internationally renowned historians and cultural theorists discuss landmark debates about the uses and abuses of 'the talking cure' and map the diverse psychologies and therapeutic practices that have featured in and against tyrannical, modern regimes. These essays show both how the Freudian movement responded to and was transformed by the rise of fascism and communism, the Second World War, and the Cold War, and how powerful new ideas about aggression,

destructiveness, control, obedience and psychological freedom were taken up in the investigation of politics. They identify important intersections between clinical debate, political analysis, and theories of minds and groups, and trace influential ideas about totalitarianism that took root in modern culture after 1918, and still resonate in the twenty-first century. At the same time, they suggest how the emergent discourses of 'totalitarian' society were permeated by visions of the unconscious. Topics include: the psychoanalytic theorizations of anti-Semitism; the

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