

# How Chinese Communists Fell in Love with the Russian Revolution: A Historical Analysis of Ideological Convergence

The Chinese Communist Revolution, which culminated in the establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949, was deeply influenced by the Russian Revolution of 1917. The Chinese Communists saw the Russian Revolution as a model for their own revolution, and they adopted many of its ideological and political principles. This article examines the factors that led to the convergence of Chinese communism and Russian communism, and the impact of this convergence on the course of the Chinese Revolution.



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## The Appeal of Russian Communism to Chinese Intellectuals

The Russian Revolution was a major turning point in world history, and it had a profound impact on Chinese intellectuals. The revolution

demonstrated the possibility of overthrowing an oppressive regime and establishing a new socialist society. This was an attractive idea to many Chinese intellectuals, who were frustrated by the corruption and inefficiency of the Qing government.

In addition, Marxism-Leninism, the ideology of the Russian Revolution, offered a compelling explanation for the problems of Chinese society. Marxism-Leninism argued that capitalism was the root of all social evils, and that only a socialist revolution could lead to a truly just and equitable society. These ideas resonated with many Chinese intellectuals, who had seen firsthand the devastating effects of capitalism on their country.

### **The Role of the Communist International**

The Communist International (Comintern) was a worldwide organization of communist parties that was founded in 1919. The Comintern played a major role in promoting the spread of communism in China. The Comintern provided financial and political support to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), and it helped to train Chinese communist cadres.

The Comintern also helped to spread the ideas of Marxism-Leninism in China. The Comintern published a number of books and pamphlets on Marxism-Leninism, and it sent representatives to China to give lectures and speeches. These activities helped to raise the profile of Marxism-Leninism in China, and they contributed to the growing popularity of the CCP.

### **The Impact of the Russian Revolution on the Chinese Revolution**

The Russian Revolution had a profound impact on the course of the Chinese Revolution. The Russian Revolution provided a model for the Chinese Communists, and it helped to shape their ideology and their

political strategy. The Russian Revolution also helped to create a favorable international environment for the Chinese Revolution.

In the early years of the Chinese Revolution, the CCP was a relatively small and weak organization. However, after the Russian Revolution, the CCP was able to gain support from a growing number of Chinese intellectuals and workers. The CCP also received financial and political support from the Comintern. This support helped the CCP to grow and develop, and it eventually led to the victory of the Chinese Revolution.

The Chinese Communist Revolution was a complex and multifaceted event. However, it is clear that the Russian Revolution played a major role in the shaping of the Chinese Communist Revolution. The Russian Revolution provided a model for the Chinese Communists, and it helped to shape their ideology and their political strategy. The Russian Revolution also helped to create a favorable international environment for the Chinese Revolution.

The convergence of Chinese communism and Russian communism was a significant event in world history. It led to the victory of the Chinese Revolution and the establishment of the People's Republic of China. The legacy of the Russian Revolution continues to shape Chinese communism today.

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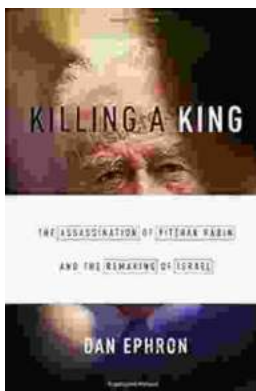
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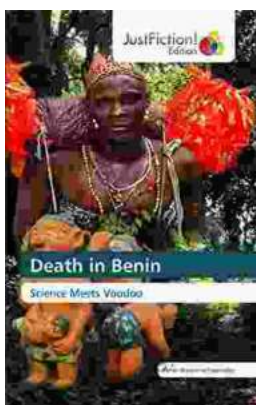
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