



✓ Repression was the dominant political theme of the period.

✓ It happened to differing extents, and for differing reasons in the period.

✓ Some reasons run throughout the period, some are most specific to a regime or ruler.

WHY DID THE RULERS OF RUSSIA RESORT TO REPRESSION SO OFTEN 1855-1964?

✓ War both leads to an increase in repression (eg the Red Terror in the Civil War) & a decrease in the Great Patriotic War - BE CAREFUL WITH IT.

1855 ALEXANDER II 1881 ALEXANDER III 1894 NIKHARAS II 1917 PROV GOVT 1924 LENIN 1928 STALIN 1956 KHRUSHCHEV 1964

THE DESIRE TO MODERNISE THE RUSSIAN ECONOMY - INDUSTRIALISATION → EXPLOITATION

EDWARD ACTON ARGUES THAT IT WAS THE PRODUCT OF A LACK OF LEGITIMACY*

REGIME SPECIFIC REASONS - eg, RUSSIFICATION.

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