

Timeline

The colours represent different types of events, legislation and changes as follows:

- Blue: economic
- Red: Political
- Black: foreign policy/international
- Green: social

1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1921-22	1922	1924
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strikes in Petrograd ● Formation of the Petrograd Soviet and Provisional Government ● Abdication of Tsar Nicholas II (2 March) ● Return of Lenin, and April Theses ● 'July Days' riots ● Attempted coup by Kornilov ● Bolshevik seizure of power (25 October) ● Decrees on Peace and Land ● Establishment of Sovnarkom ● Formation of the Cheka 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Constituent Assembly forcibly dissolved ● Start of Civil War ● First Soviet constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comintern established 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Russo-Polish war 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kronstadt revolt ● Tenth Party conference ● Launch of New Economic Policy ● Ban on factions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Widespread famine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stalin elected General-Secretary ● Treaty of Rapallo ● 'Testament' dictated by Lenin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Zinoviev Letter ● Lenin's death
1925	1927	1928	1929	1932-3	1933	1934	1935
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● United Opposition formed ● Zinoviev, Kamenev and Trotsky removed from Politburo ● Treaty of Berlin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Defeat of Left Opposition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shakhty Trial ● First Five Year Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Defeat of Right Opposition ● Celebration of Stalin's 50th birthday ● Call for mass collectivisation and liquidation of kulaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Great Famine in Ukraine and elsewhere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Second Five Year Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assassination of Kirov ● Soviet entry into League of Nations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beginning of Stakhanovite movement ● Pacts signed between USSR and France, and Czechoslovakia
1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family Law to restrict abortion and divorce ● Show Trial of Zinoviev, Kamenev and others, Yezhov appointed head of NKVD ● Stalin constitution ● Soviet intervention in Spanish Civil War 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Show Trial of Radek and others ● Execution of Marshal Tukhachevsky and Red Army officers ● Height of Great Terror (to late 1938) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Third Five Year Plan ● Show Trial of Bukharin, Rykov and others ● 'Labour Book' for workers introduced ● Yezhov replaced by Beria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nazi-Soviet Pact ● Soviet invasion of Eastern Poland and Finland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Soviet annexation of Baltic States 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nazi invasion of USSR ● Emergency legislation ● Beginning of siege of Leningrad ● Battle for Moscow ● US Lend-Lease agreed ● December-Soviet counter-offensive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Battle of Stalingrad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● German surrender at Stalingrad ● Battle of Kursk ● Deportations from North Caucasus
1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1952	1953
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Siege of Leningrad broken ● Soviet armies advance into eastern Europe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Soviet Invasion of Germany ● Yalta Conference ● German and Japanese surrender ● Potsdam Conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beginning of Zhdanovschina 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Post-war famine ● Cominform established 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communist coup in Czechoslovakia ● Berlin blockade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leningrad Affair ● Soviet atomic bomb 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Doctors Plot and new political purges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Death of Stalin