

Topic 10: Authoritarian states (20th century)

19. Compare and contrast the importance of propaganda to the emergence of **two** authoritarian states.

Candidates will give an account of the similarities and differences between the importance of propaganda in the emergence of two authoritarian states referring to both throughout. While the focus of response must be within the timeframe of this topic, the examples chosen need not be contemporaneous with each other, nor need they be from the same region. Candidates will focus on authoritarian states during their emergence, rather than after the leaders obtained power. Rather than describe propaganda in both cases, candidates will explain its importance to the emergence of the authoritarian states. Candidates may gauge the importance of propaganda by comparing its role with other factors, such as economic distress, leaders' charisma or the collapse of the existing government.

20. "The domestic policies of authoritarian states rarely benefitted women." Discuss with reference to **two** authoritarian states.

Candidates will give a considered and balanced review of the hypothesis that the domestic policies of authoritarian states rarely benefitted women. While the focus of the response must be within the timeframe of this topic, the examples chosen need not be contemporaneous with each other. The states may or may not come from different regions. Candidates may refer to the condition of women before authoritarianism was established, and discuss the extent of benefit or otherwise, promoted by the policies of the authoritarian state. Candidates may, for example, discuss legal, social and economic equality, or the extent of female involvement in local and national politics. Familial relations, access to education and child care, and differences between social groups may also be discussed. The states may be considered separately or a thematic approach may be adopted.