

1929-1953

★ **THE STALIN ERA** ★

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# ★ REGIME ★

- Unitary
- Vanguard party -> Totalitarian
  - Censorship, secret police, isolation, purges
- Highly centralized, virtually no accountability
- Charismatic legitimacy
  - Propaganda machine, cult of personality -> intensified during WWII





СПАСИБІ ПАРТІЇ,  
СПАСИБІ РІДНОМУ СТАЛІНУ  
ЗА ЩАСЛИВЕ, ВЕСЕЛЕ  
ДИТИНСТВО.



# ★ PERSONALITY CULT ★

- A. V. Avidenko's "Hymn to Stalin":
- “Thank you, Stalin. Thank you because I am joyful. Thank you because I am well...Centuries will pass, and the generations still to come will regard us as the happiest of mortals, as the most fortunate of men, because we lived in the century of centuries, because we were privileged to see Stalin, our inspired leader... And when the woman I love presents me with a child the first word it shall utter will be: Stalin ...”

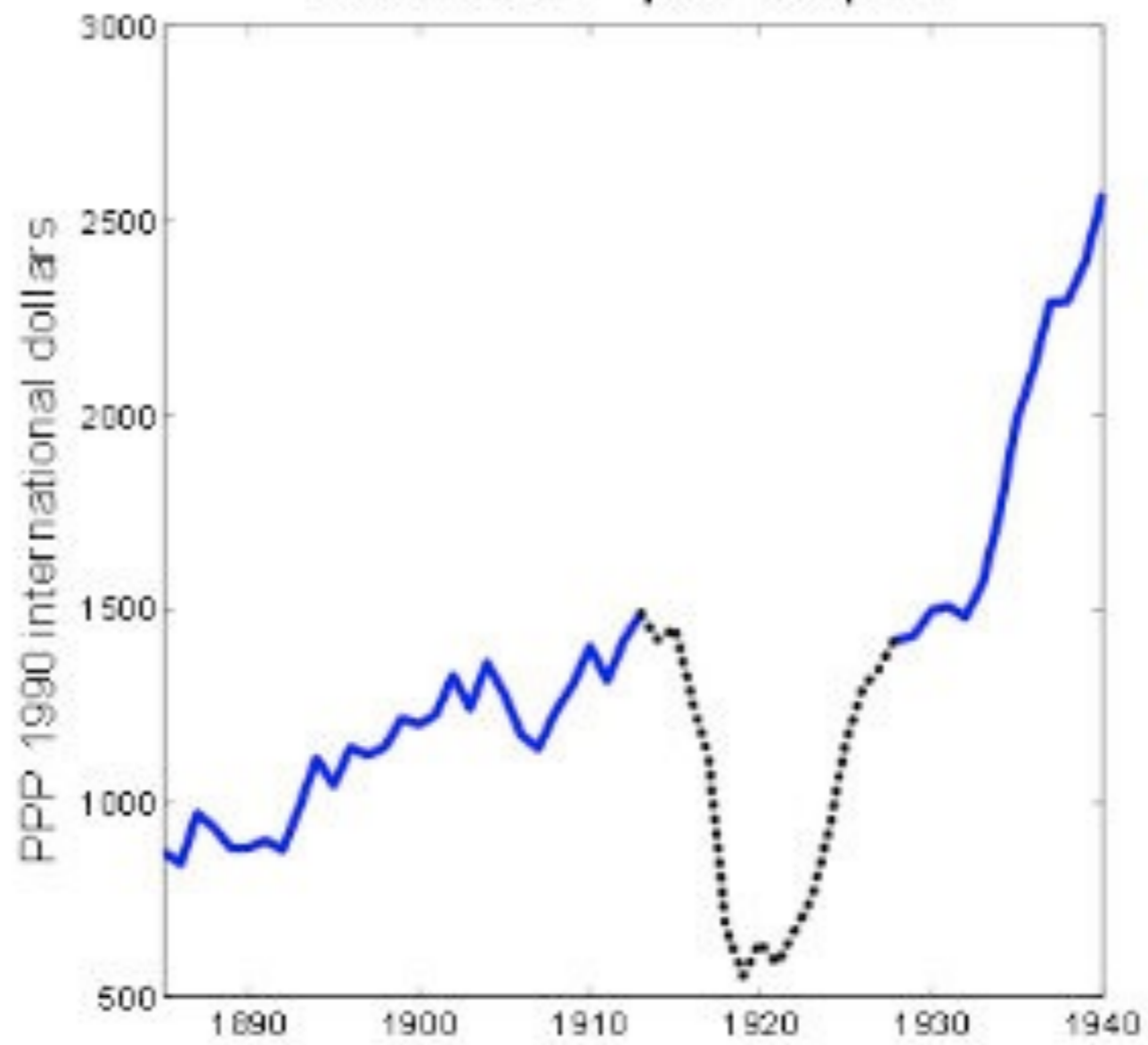


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# ★ ECONOMY ★

- Communist, industrial, command economy
- Gosplan
- Rapid industrialization, **collectivization**, urbanization
  - Five Year Plans: agricultural reform -> state farms (Sovkhozes) and collective farms (Kolkhozes)
  - Kulaks targeted – “classicide”
  - Famine (Ukraine)
- Isolation

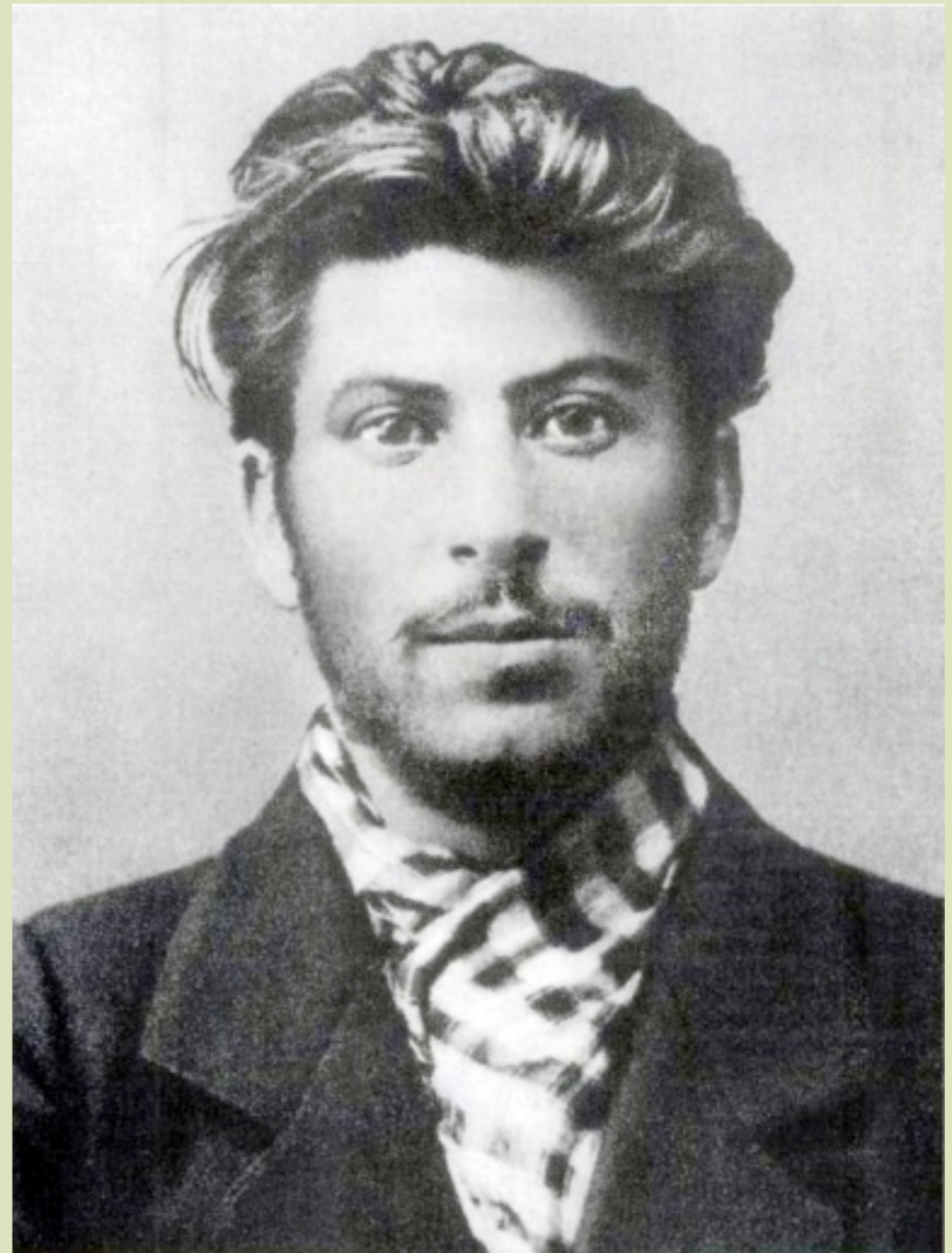
### Real GDP per capita





# ★ JOSEPH STALIN ★

- Victory over Trotsky
- Rewrote early Soviet history
- 1936-1939: Great Purge
- Anti-Orthodox -> WWII (opened a few churches)





# ★ IDEOLOGY ★

- Communist -> became more radical
- **Socialism in One Country**
  - USSR should strengthen itself internally
- Later implemented communist ideology in Soviet Bloc after WWII



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