

How Chinese Communists Fell In Love With The Russian Revolution

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has long been fascinated by the Russian Revolution. In the early days of the CCP, its leaders saw the Bolsheviks as a model for their own revolutionary movement. This fascination has continued to the present day, with the CCP often invoking the Russian Revolution to legitimize its own rule.



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The early years

The CCP was founded in 1921, just four years after the Russian Revolution. At the time, the CCP was a small and weak organization. It had only a few hundred members and no real power. However, the CCP leaders were inspired by the Bolsheviks' victory in Russia. They believed that the Bolsheviks had shown the way for other communist parties to seize power.

In the early 1920s, the CCP sent several delegations to Russia to study the Bolsheviks' methods. These delegations met with Lenin, Stalin, and other leading Bolsheviks. They learned about the Bolsheviks' organizational structure, their propaganda techniques, and their military tactics.

The CCP also adopted many of the Bolsheviks' ideas. For example, the CCP adopted the Bolsheviks' theory of the vanguard party. This theory holds that the communist party is the only force that can lead the working class to revolution. The CCP also adopted the Bolsheviks' belief in the use of violence to achieve revolutionary goals.

The Chinese Revolution

The CCP led the Chinese Revolution from 1946 to 1949. The revolution was a long and bloody conflict. However, the CCP eventually emerged victorious. In 1949, the CCP founded the People's Republic of China.

The Chinese Revolution was a major turning point in the history of the CCP. It gave the CCP control of a vast country with a population of over 500 million people. It also made the CCP a major player in international affairs.

The CCP and the Russian Revolution today

The CCP continues to be fascinated by the Russian Revolution. The CCP often invokes the Russian Revolution to legitimize its own rule. For example, the CCP often claims that the Russian Revolution was a model for the Chinese Revolution. The CCP also claims that the Russian Revolution proved that communism is a viable system of government.

The CCP's fascination with the Russian Revolution is not just a matter of history. The CCP also sees the Russian Revolution as a source of

inspiration for its own future. The CCP believes that the Russian Revolution shows that it is possible to build a communist society.

The CCP's fascination with the Russian Revolution is a complex and multifaceted phenomenon. It is a reflection of the CCP's own history, its ideology, and its goals for the future.

The Chinese Communist Party's fascination with the Russian Revolution is a reminder of the power of ideas. The Bolsheviks' ideas inspired the CCP to seize power in China. These same ideas continue to inspire the CCP today.



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