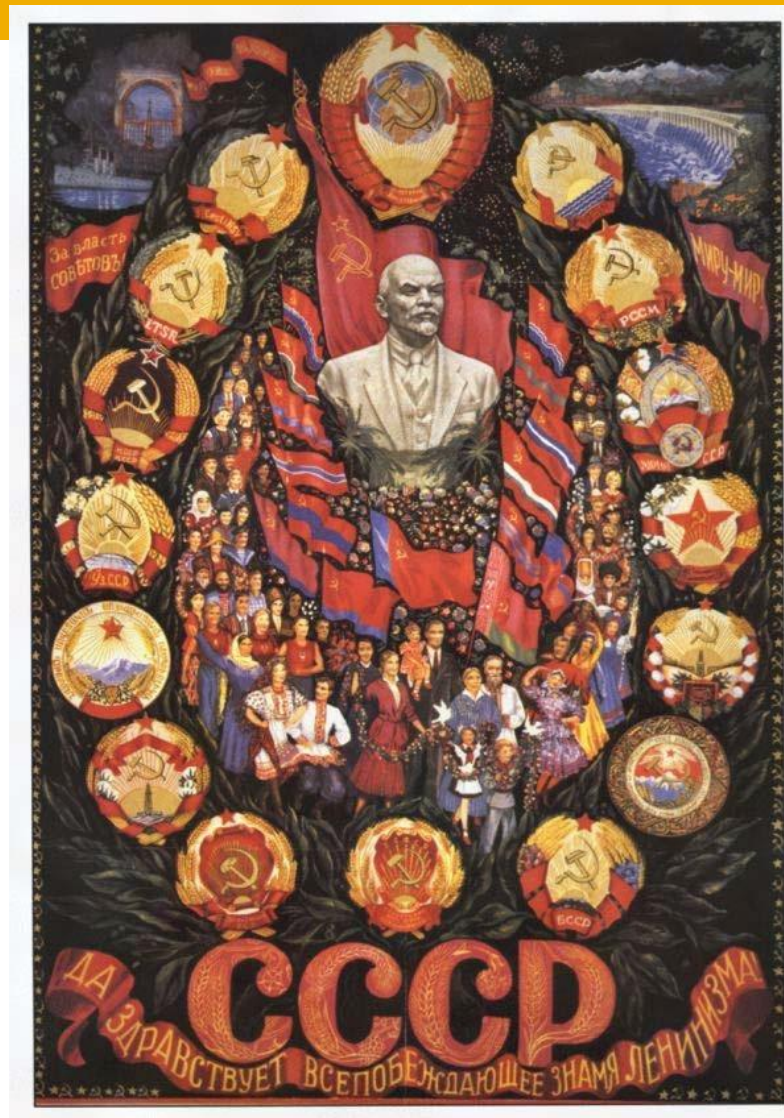


UKRAINE
FROM 1945 TO 2012
STAGNATION,
REFORMATION,
INDEPENDENCE



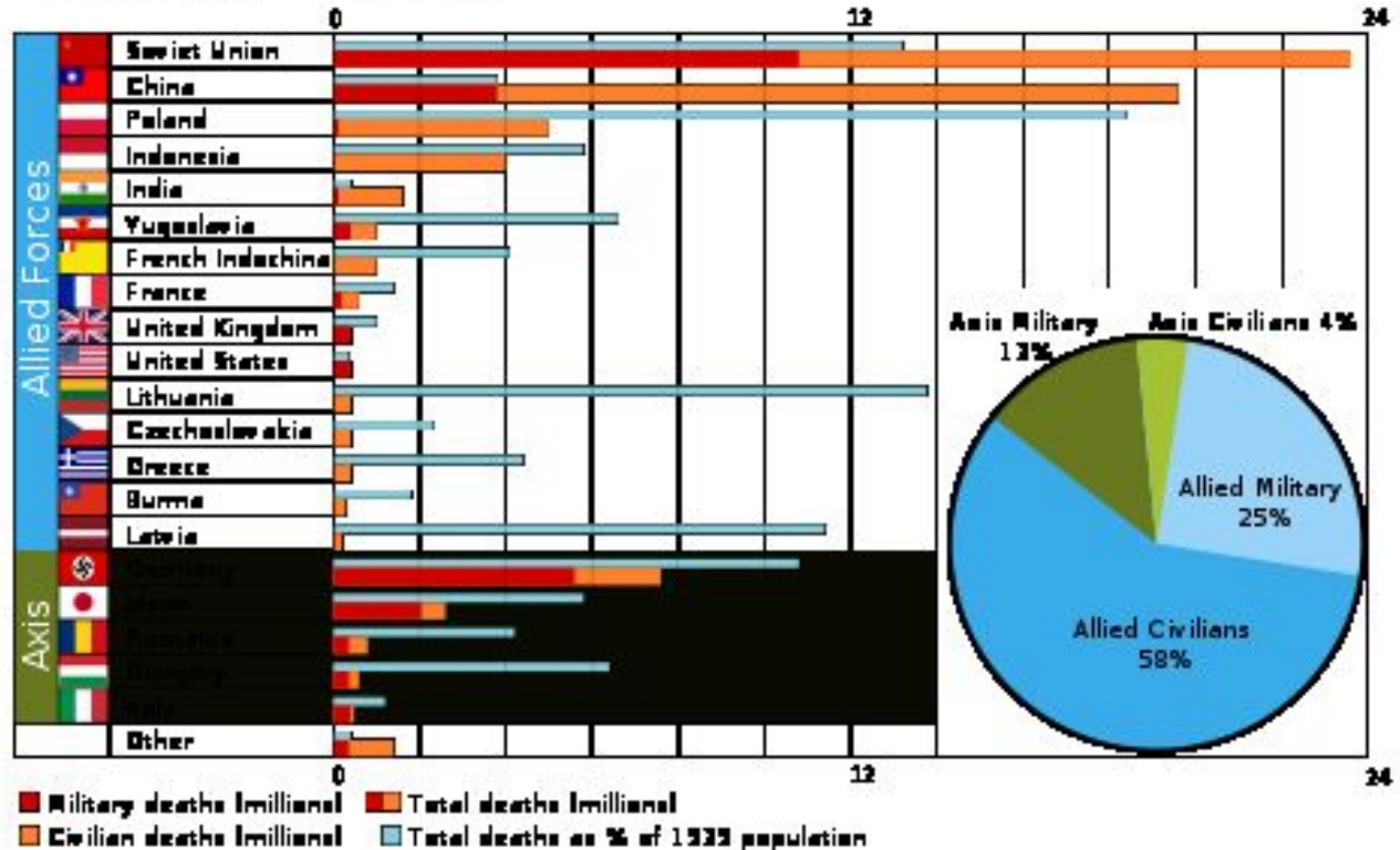
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fifteen republics of the Soviet Union



World War II deaths


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Reconstruction

- In 1945 Industrial production was only 26% of 1940 level
- Heavy industry received 80% of instrument the reconstruction effort was remarkably successful
- In 1950s Ukraine became one of the leading industrial countries in Europe.



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- Agriculture was damaged to a greater degree than industry
 - **1946** because of drought peasants of Ukraine experienced **famine** for the third time under Soviet rule



Khrushchev's THAW

Nikita Khrushchev

September 14, 1953 – October 14, 1964

- Stalin's death (1953) introduced a new era in Soviet History
- **1956 – 20th Party Congress** – program of **de-stalinization** started: many people were amnestied and allowed to return homes



**Khrushchev meeting U.S. president
John F. Kennedy in 1961**



**Nikita Khrushchev and Dwight
Eisenhower at a state dinner in 1959**



- Emergence of such popular stars as
Bulat Okudzhava,
Edita Piekha,
Evgeny Evtushenko,
Bella Akhmadulina,
and the superstar Vladimir Vysotsky had changed the popular culture forever in the USSR. Their poetry and songs liberated the public consciousness



- Involving 70 million acres of USSR to raising vast amounts of **corn**. (He followed the American example)



Yuri Gagarin - first human to journey into outer space



- “Vostok” spacecraft completed an orbit of the Earth on

12 April 1961



Valentina Tereshkova



- Soviet cosmonaut
- The first woman in space (on 16 June 1963)

Era of Stagnation

Leonid Brezhnev

14 October 1964 – 10 November 1982

Leonid Brezhnev and his time

- By the 60th **extreme conservatism** became a hallmark of the Soviet regime
- Moscow, not Kiev continued to make all major decisions that affected Ukrainians



- 1964-1982
conservative
tendencies which were
clearly authoritarian
- Rapid **urbanization**
- Arising **dissidents**
(urban intelligence)

- **social stagnation:**
- Brezhnev reverted
several of the
relatively liberal
reforms of his
predecessor, Nikita
Khrushchev, and he
partially rehabilitated
Joseph Stalin

Deficit of consumer goods



Perestroika (restructuring)

Mikhail Gorbachev

1 October 1988 – 25 December 1991



- Gorbachev initiated his **new policy** of perestroika and its attendant radical reforms in 1986

- According to Gorbachev, **perestroika** was the "conference of development of democracy, socialist self-government, encouragement of initiative and creative endeavor, improved order and discipline, more glasnost, criticism and self-criticism in all spheres of our society. It is utmost respect for the **individual** and consideration for **personal dignity**."



Chernobyl disaster

- nuclear accident of catastrophic degree
26 April 1986
- at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine (not far from Kiev)



Dissolution of the Soviet Union

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) was **formally dissolved on December 25, 1991**. This left all fifteen republics of the Soviet Union as independent sovereign states. The dissolution of the world's largest communist state also marked an end to the Cold War.

Independence



- 16 July 1990

Declaration of state
sovereignty of Ukraine

- December 1, 1991
Referendum (a direct
vote in which an entire
electorate is asked to
either accept or reject a
particular proposal)



Independence Day of Ukraine

- **Independence Day of Ukraine** is the main state holiday in the modern Ukraine, celebrated on **August 24** in commemoration of the **Declaration of Independence, 1991**.



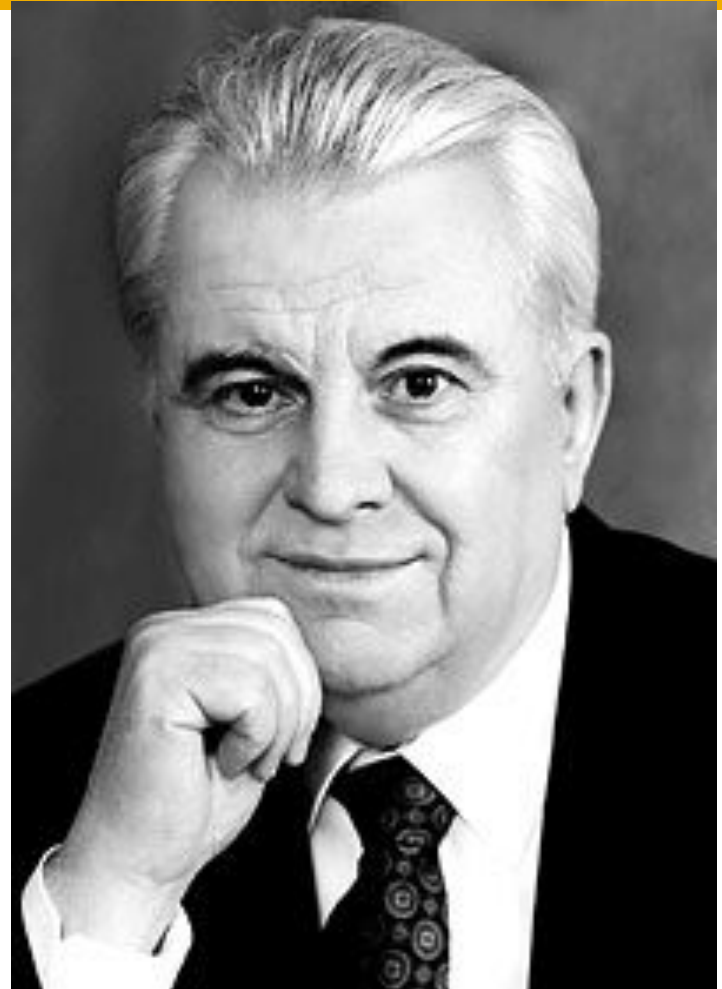
Constitution DAY

- **June, 28 (1996)**
Constitution DAY



LEONID KRAVCHUK

- **1st President of Ukraine**
- **In office:**
December 5, 1991 – July 19, 1994



LEONID KUCHMA

- **2nd President of Ukraine**
- **In office:**
19 July 1994 –
23 January 2005



Orange Revolution

- from late November 2004 to January 2005



VIKTOR YUSHCHENKO

- **3rd** President of Ukraine
- In office:
23 January 2005 –
25 February 2010



VIKTOR YANUKOVYCH

- since February 25,
2010-2014





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