

# *Totalitarianism*

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# *Definition*

- is used to describe political systems where a state regulates nearly every aspect of public and private life
- very negatively afflicted

## *...used in history*

- Fascist Italy
  - Nazi Germany
  - Shōwa Japan
  - stalinist states:
    - USSR
    - Democratic Kampuchea
    - Vietnam
    - Mao-era
  - *modern China*
  - North Korea
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# *Difference between Totalitarianism and Authoritarianism*

- *Defintion: 'a form of government characterized by an emphasis on the authority of the state in a republic or union'*
  - refers rather to the structure of government than to the structure of society
    - by contrast, the term "totalitarian" refers to socioeconomic dynamism, the way of life, of a state society
  - attempts to mold the private life, the soul, the spirit, and the mores of citizens to a dominant ideology
  - the governmental techniques of a totalitarian regime are necessarily authoritarian
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