



LENIN'S REVOLUTIONARY STRATEGY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA (LATE 19TH - EARLY 20TH CENTURY)

Industrialization by foreign capital

No strong bourgeoisie

Feudal structure prevails

The working class is in the minority

but intensifying

The peasantry is widespread and poor

MARXISM AND LENIN'S INTERPRETATION



WHAT DOES MARXIST THEORY SAY?
REVOLUTION HAPPENS IN ADVANCED CAPITALIST COUNTRIES
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT

WHAT DID LENIN SAY?
REVOLUTION IS POSSIBLE EVEN IN A BACKWARD COUNTRY
WHAT MATTERS: CRISIS, CONSCIOUS LEADERSHIP AND
ORGANIZATION



THE RELATION BETWEEN THE PEASANTRY AND THE PROLETARIAT

NARODNICS:

Revolutionary movement based on the
peasantry

LENIN:

Alliance with peasants
But the working class must take the lead
Goal: Dictatorship of the proletariat

*IF YOU WERE A LEADER: BETWEEN THE SCATTERED BUT
CROWDED PEASANTS AND THE FEW BUT ORGANIZED
WORKERS, WHO WOULD YOU PUT IN THE VANGUARD? WHY?*



LENIN'S STRATEGY

REVOLUTION IS NOT PLANNED, THE MOMENT OF
OPPORTUNITY IS SEIZED

REVOLUTION CRISIS + CONSCIOUS ORGANIZATION

A MINORITY BUT AN ORGANIZED WORKING CLASS MAY
BE ENOUGH

THE PROLETARIAT MUST DRAG THE PEASANTRY
AFTER IT

*WHAT COULD LENIN BE EMPHASIZING BY SAYING THAT
REVOLUTION "CANNOT BE PLANNED, BUT THE OPPORTUNITY
IS SOUGHT"? IS THIS A CHARACTERISTIC OF A LEADER?*

IMPLEMENTATIONS AND TARGETS

SOIL DISTRIBUTED TO VILLAGERS
INDUSTRY AND BANKS NATIONALIZED
WORKER CONTROL IN PRODUCTION
SOVIET-MEDIATED POPULAR PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNANCE

CONCLUSION

LENIN ADAPTED THEORY TO PRACTICE
DEVELOPED A NEW MODEL SPECIFIC TO RUSSIA
INSPIRED WORLD REVOLUTIONS

*“LENIN DID NOT CHANGE THE CONDITIONS; HE CHANGED THE STRATEGY
ACCORDING TO THE CONDITIONS.”*

*WHAT DO YOU THINK WAS THE MAIN DETERMINANT OF LENIN'S SUCCESS:
HIS LEADERSHIP, THE WAY HE USED POWER, HIS STRATEGY?*

