MEGA - DEATHS

OF THE

TWENTIETH CENTURY

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(This material was compiled from various unverified sources)

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GENERAL

Congo Free State (1886 - 1908): 8,000,000

First World War (1914 - 1918): 15,000 000

Russian Civil War (1917 - 1922): 9,000,000

Soviet Union, Stalin's regime (1924 - 1953): 20,000,000

Second World War (1939 - 1945): 66,000,000

Holocaust - Extermination of the Jews:

- Reitlinger, Gerald, *The Final Solution* (1953): between 4,194,200 and 4,851,200 (this number is accepted by Kinder, *The Anchor Atlas of World History* (1978))

- Brzezinski: 5,000,000

- Chirot: 5,100,000 (3,000,000 in death camps; 1,300,000 massacred; 800,000 by disease/malnutrition in ghettos)

- Rummel: 5,291,000

- Grenville: 5,000,000 - 6,000,000

- Davies, *Europe, A History* (1998): average c. 5,571,300 (puts the minimum at 4,871,000 and the maximum at 6,271,500)

- MEDIAN: c. 5,600,000

- Nuremberg indictment: 5,700,000 (accepted by *Britannica*)

- Gutman, *Encyclopedia of the Holocaust* (1990): 5,596,029 to 5,860,129

- P. Johnson: 5,800,000

- Wallechinsky: "nearly" 6,000,000

- Urlanis: 6,000,000

Hiroshima, Japan (1945) - as of 6 Aug 2004, there were 237,062 dead listed on the Hiroshima city cenotaph - including 5,142 who had "died from cancer and other long - term ailments over the past year"

Nagasaki, Japan (1945): Gilbert, *History of the Twentieth Century*: 40,000 killed instantly and 5,000 in next 3 months. 30 years later, final death toll is set at 48,857

People's Republic of China - Mao Zedong's regime (1949 - 1975): 40,000,000

Tibet (1950 - Date): 600,000

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GERMAN DEATH CAMPS

Auschwitz, Poland (German death camp: Jan 1942 - Jan 1945): 1,200,000
US Holocaust Memorial Museum, *Historical Atlas of the Holocaust*, and www.ushmm.org:

- Jews: 1,100,000
- Poles: 75,000
- Roma: 21,000
- Soviet POWs: 15,000

Norman Davies: 1,200,000 - 1,500,000, of which 800,000 - 1,100,000 Jews

Belzec, Poland (German death camp: Mar 1942 - Jul 1943): 600 000
PBS Nova: 600,000
US Holocaust Memorial Museum, *Historical Atlas of the Holocaust*, and www.ushmm.org: 600,000

Chelmno, Poland (German death camp: 08 Dec 1941 - Apr 1943): 320,000
PBS Nova: 360,000
US Holocaust Memorial Museum:

- *Historical Atlas of the Holocaust*: 320,000
- *Holocaust Encyclopaedia*: 152,000

Majdanek, Poland (German death camp: Ocober 1942 - Nov 1943): 360,000
US Holocaust Memorial Museum:

- *Historical Atlas of the Holocaust*: 360,000
- *Holocaust Encyclopaedia*: 170,000 - 235,000

CNN: 200,000 - 360,000

Sobibor, Poland (German death camp: 01 Mar 1942 - Oct 1943): 250,000
PBS Nova: 250,000
Historical Atlas of the Holocaust, and www.ushmm.org: 250,000
CNN: greater than 200,000

Treblinka, Poland (German death camp: Jul 1942 - Autumn 1943): 800,000
PBS Nova: 700,000
US Holocaust Memorial Museum, *Historical Atlas of the Holocaust*, and www.ushmm.org: 700,000 - 850,000
Wiesenthal Centre: 870,000 Jews killed

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GERMAN CONCENTRATION CAMPS

Buchenwald, Germany (German concentration camp: 1937 - 1945): 65,000
11 Jun 1991 *Chicago Tribune:* 65,000
03 Oct 1991 *Orlando Sentinel* (Florida): 65,000

Flossenburg (German concentration camp: 1940s): 30,000
CNN: 30,000

Gross - Rosen, Germany (German concentration camp: 1941 - Feb 1945): 40,000
Historical Atlas of the Holocaust: 40,000

Mauthausen, Austria (German concentration camp: 1938 - 1945): 70,000
Historical Atlas of the Holocaust: 70,000

Stutthof, Danzig (German concentration camp: Sep 1939 - May 1945): 60,000
Historical Atlas of the Holocaust: Greater than 60,000

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DEATH OF SOVIET POWS AT GERMAN HANDS

Guty, Poland (death of Soviet POWs at German hands: 1940s): 24,000
Gilbert, *History of the Twentieth Century*: 24,000

Komorowo, Poland (death of Soviet POWs at German hands: 1940s): 42,000
Gilbert, *History of the Twentieth Century*: 41,592 bodies exhumed

Kryzwolka, Poland (death of Soviet POWs at German hands: 1940s): 46,000
Gilbert, *History of the Twentieth Century*: 46,000

Soviet POWs, USSR (killed by Germans), 1941 - 1942: in eight months during 1941 - 1942, the invading German armies killed an estimated 2,800,000 Soviet prisoners - of - war through starvation, exposure, and summary execution

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MASSACRE OF JEWS BY GERMANS

Babi Yar, near Kiev, USSR (massacre of Jews by Germans: Sep 1941): 33,000
PBS Nova: 34,000
Gilbert: 33,771 killed in 3 days
Harper Collins, *Atlas of the Second World War*: 33,771 according to "German records"
Michael Hamm, *Kiev*: 33,000 (29 - 30 Sep 1941)
Richard Overy, *Russia's War* (1997): greater than 30,000 (29 - 30 Sep 1941)
US Holocaust Memorial Museum

- Approximately 100,000 people were murdered at Babi Yar, *Historical Atlas of the Holocaust*: 33,000 in first two days

- *Holocaust Encyclopaedia*: "In the months following the massacre, Germans killed thousands more..."

Dneprpetrovsk, USSR (massacre of Jews by Germans: Oct 1941): 11,000
PBS Nova: 11,000
Richard Overy, *Russia's War* (1997): 11,000 elderly Jews and children killed in a single operation

Kaunas (Kovna), Lithuania (massacre of Jews by Germans: Oct/Nov 1941): 15,000
PBS Nova: 15,000 (06 Nov)
Historical Atlas of the Holocaust: 10,000 (28 Oct 1941)

Ponary, near Vilna, Lithuania (massacre of Jews by Germans: 1st wave, Jul - Dec 1941): 40,000
Gilbert: 21,381 in 5 months (Jul - Nov 1941)
Historical Atlas of the Holocaust: 40,000 in 1st wave of killing (Oct - Dec 1941). Killing resumed Sep 1943

PBS Nova and Wiesenthal centre: 70,000 - 100,000 up to 1944

Pinsk, Belorussia, USSR (massacre of Jews by Germans: 29 Oct 1942): 16,000
PBS Nova: 16,000 victims

Rumbula Forest, outside Riga, Latvia (massacre of Jews by Germans: Nov - Dec 1941): 27,000
PBS Nova: 27,000 victims
Historical Atlas of the Holocaust: 28,000 killed in First wave, Nov - Dec

Simferopol, Crimea, USSR (massacre of Jews by Germans: 30 Dec 1941): 10,000
PBS Nova: 10,000

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USSR CAMPS

Bykivnia, near Kiev, USSR (Stalinist GULAG burial site, 1930s): 200,000
Raymond Pearson, *The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Empire, 2nd ed*. (2002): "near - incredible" 200,000
Michael Hamm, Kiev: "Perhaps 120,000 victims were buried there; another estimate puts the figure as high as 225,000"
Taras Kuzio, Ukraine: *Perestroika to Independence* (2000): "a mass grave reputed to contain over 200,000 bodies"

Bautzen, East Germany (Soviet concentration camp: 1945 - 1950): 16,000
09 Apr 1990 UPI: 16,000 German political prisoners died

Buchenwald, East Germany (Soviet concentration camp: 1945 - 1950): 10,000
11 Jun 1991 *Chicago Tribune*: 8,000 - 13,000 German political prisoners died

Kolyma, USSR (Soviet GULAG: 1930 - mid 1950s): 500,000
Adam Hochschild, *The Unquiet Ghost*: asked four researchers - "One estimated the death toll at 250,000, one at 300,000, one at 800,000, and one at more than 1,000,000"

Kuropaty, near Minsk, USSR (Stalinist GULAG massacre site: 1938 - 1939): 150,000
Raymond Pearson, *The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Empire, 2nd ed*. (2002): 30,000
Richard Overy, *Russia's War* (1997): 150,000 - 200,000 bodies
Ian Dear, *The Oxford Companion to World War II, "Belorussia"*: "several hundred thousand" in mass graves

Vorkuta, USSR (Soviet GULAG: 1932 - 1962): 100,000
Davies, *Europe: a history*: no death toll offered, but said that it "held some 300,000 souls in 1953"; "more human beings perished there than at Auschwitz"; "second only to Kolyma"
03 Jan 2004 *Telegraph*: Greater than 100,000

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MASSACRE BY USSR

Katyn etc, USSR (massacre of Polish POWs by Soviets: Apr - May 1940): 15,000

Odessa, USSR (massacre of Jews by Romanians: 22 - 23 Oct 1941): 36,000
Richard Overy, *Russia's War* (1997): 75,000 to 80,000 killed
Historical Atlas of the Holocaust, p.74: 39,000
Gilbert: 35,782 at Nikolayev and Kherson locations
PBS Nova: 34,000

Vinnitsa, Ukraine (Stalinist massacre, 1938): 10,000
Anthony Beevor, *Stalingrad: the fateful Siege*: 1942 - 1943: more than 10,000 Ukrainians massacred by NKVD

Raymond Pearson, *The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Empire, 2nd ed*. (2002): 10,000

The Great Soviet Purge, 1937 - 1938
In *The Great Terror*, Robert Conquest gave the following estimates of those arrested, executed, and incarcerated during the"height of the Purge":

- Arrests, 1937 - 1938 - about 7 million

- Executed - about 1 million

- Died in camps - about 2 million

- In prison, late 1938 - about 1 million

- In camps, late 1938 - about 8 million

Conquest concluded that "not more than 10 per cent of those then in camp survived." Updating his figures in the late 1980s, based on recently - released archival sources, he increased the number of arrests to "8,000,000", but reduced the number in camps to "7,000,000, or even a little less." This would give a total death toll for the main Purge period of just under "10,000,000 people".

Great Soviet Famine of 1926 - 1938, including the Holodomor
Richard Overy, *Russia's War* (1997): 4,200,000 in Ukraine + 1,700,000 in Kazakhstan
Green, Barbara ("*Stalinist Terror and the Question of Genocide: the Great Famine*" in Rosenbaum, *Is the Holocaust Unique?*) cites these sources for the number who died in the famine:

- Nove: 3,100,000 - 3,200,000 in Ukraine, 1933

- Maksudov: 4,400,000 in Ukraine, 1927 - 1938

- Mace: 5,000,000 - 7,000,000 in Ukraine

- Osokin: 3,350,000 in USSR, 1933

- Wheatcraft: 4,000,000 - 5,000,000 in USSR, 1932 - 1933

- Conquest:

    o Total, USSR, 1926 - 1937: 11,000,000

    o 1932 - 1933: 7,000,000

    o Ukraine: 5,000,000

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SOVIET GENOCIODE

Great Famine, Late 1920s - Late 1940s: 7,000,000
Great Purges, mid 1930s: 8,000,000

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APPENDIX

WORLD WAR ONE FATALITIES

The following figures are a general representation of the deaths attributed to World War One:

Country	Mobilised	Killed	Wounded	Missing/ POW	Total Casualties	Casualties % of Mobilised
Russia	12 M	1.7 M	4.9 M	2.5 M	9.15 M	76.3%
France	8.4 M	1.3 M	4.2 M	537 K	6.1 M	73.3%
GB *	8.9 M	908 K	2 M	191 K	3.1 M	35.8%
Italy	5.5 M	650 K	947 K	600 K	2.1 M	39%
USA	4.3 M	126 K	234,000	4.5 K	350 K	8%
Japan	800 K	300	900	3	1.2 K	0.2%
Romania	750 K	335 K	120 K	80 K	535 K	71%
Serbia	700 K	45 K	133 K	153 K	331 K	47%
Belgium	267 K	13 K	45 K	34 K	93 K	35%
Greece	230 K	5 K	21 K	1 K	27 K	12%
Portugal	100 K	7.2 K	13.7 K	12 K	33 K	33%
Total Allies						
42 M	**5 M**	**13 M**	**4 M**	**22 M**	**52%**	
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Germany	11 M	1.7 M	4.2 M	1.1 M	7.1 M	65%
Austria	7.8 M	1.2 M	3.6 M	2.2 M	7 M	90%
Turkey	2.8 M	325 K	400 K	250 K	975 K	34%
Bulgaria	1.2 M	87 K	152 K	27 K	266 K	22%
Total Central Powers						
22.8 M	**3.3 M**	**8.3 M**	**3.6 M**	**15 M**	**672%**	
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Grand Total						
65 M	**8.5 M**	**21 M**	**7.7 M**	**37 M**	**57%**	
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Note:

"M" = Million; "K" Thousand

The figures have been rounded up and the sub - totals will not necessarily equal the Grand Totals.

* The figure for Great Britain also includes Empire persons.

APPENDIX

WORLD WAR TWO FATALITIES

The following figures are a general representation of the deaths attributed to World War Two:

Country	Military	Civilian	Total
Soviet Union*	8,668,000	16,900,000	25,568,000
China	1,324,000	10,000,000	11,324,000
Germany	3,250,000	3,810,000	7,060,000
Poland	850,000	6,000,000	6,850,000
Japan	1,506,000	300,000	1,806,000
Yugoslavia	300,000	1,400,000	1,700,000
Rumania*	520,000	465,000	985,000
France*	340,000	470,000	810,000
Hungary*	inconclusive	inconclusive	750,000
Austria	380,000	145,000	525,000
Greece*	inconclusive	inconclusive	520,000
Italy	330,000	80,000	410,000
Czechoslovakia	inconclusive	inconclusive	400,000
Great Britain	326,000	62,000	388,000
USA	295,000	n/a	295,000
Holland	14,000	236,000	250,000
Belgium	10,000	75,000	85,000
Finland	79,000	n/a	79,000
Canada	42,000	n/a	42,000
India	36,000	***	36,000
Australia	39,000	n/a	39,000
Spain**	12,000	10,000	22,000
Bulgaria	19,000	2,000	21,000
New Zealand	12,000	n/a	12,000
South Africa	9,000	n/a	9,000
Norway	5,000	n/a	5,000
Denmark	4,000	n/a	4,000

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Total 61 Million

Notes:

The above figures show deaths not wounded.
The above figures are rounded to nearest 1000
The above figures have been compiled from the following sources:

- *Hitler and Stalin: Parallel Lives*, Alan Bullock, p. 987
- *The Times Atlas of the Second World War*, pp. 204 - 205
- *Russia's War, Richard Overy*, p. 288

*These figures were very different in the three sources

** The military deaths for Spain, which was a neutral country during the war, are attributed to "volunteers" in the Allied (7,500) and in the Axis (4,500) armies.

*** This number does not take into account the 3,000,000 persons who died in the 1943 famine 1943.

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