

“The Emperor of all the Russians is an autocratic and unlimited monarch: God himself ordains that all must bow to his supreme power”



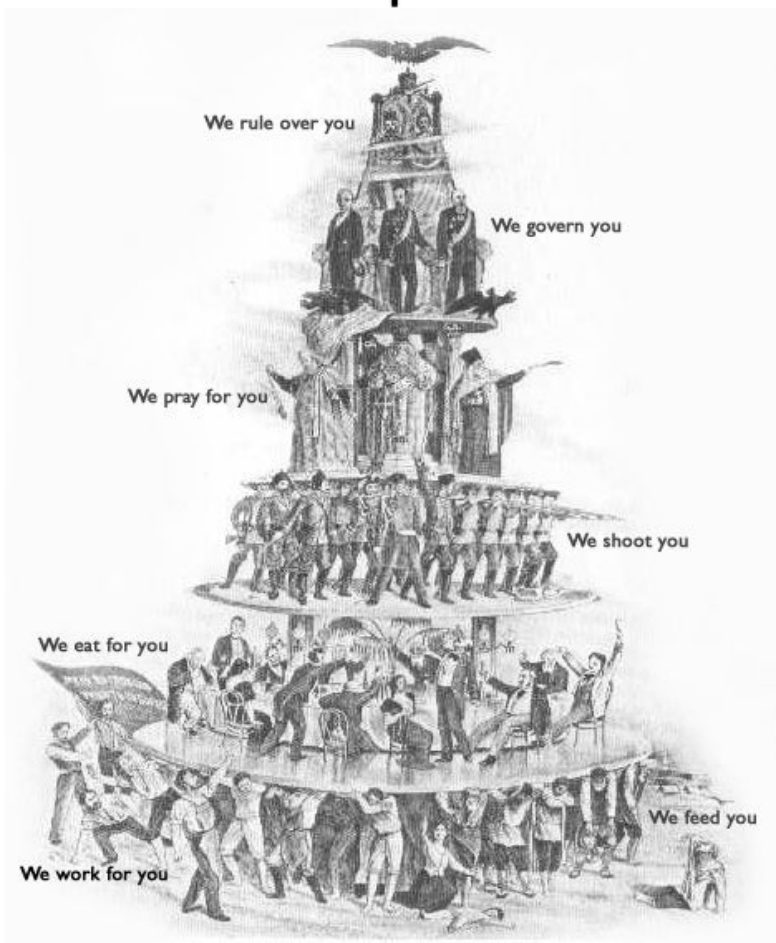
Tsar Nicholas I (1825-1855)

Absolutism: A political theory that absolute power should be vested in one or more rulers

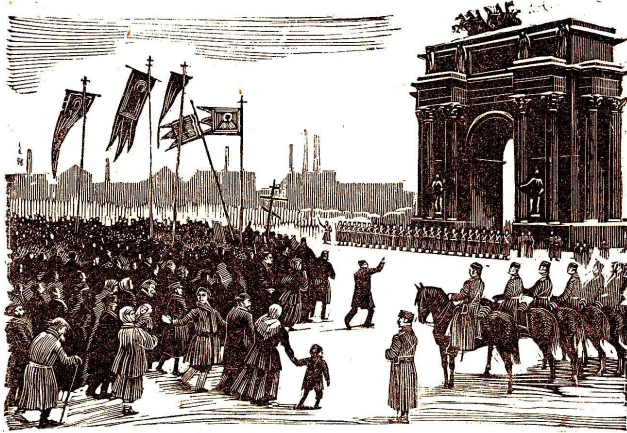
Autocratic: A ruler who has absolute power.

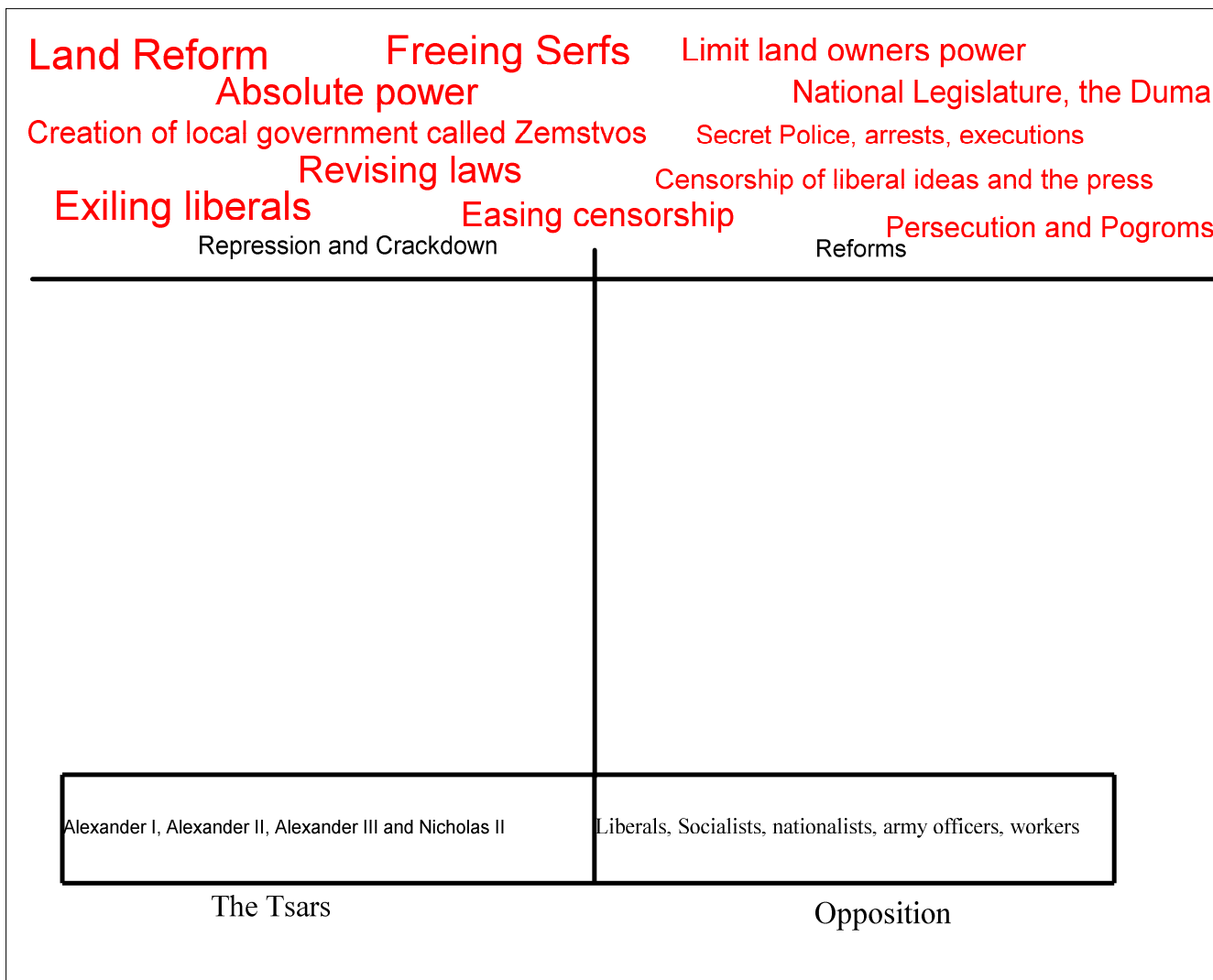
Russia: Social Groups

- The Nobility: 1.1%
- The Priests: 1.1%
- The Officials: 3.7%
- The Military: 5.0%
- The Merchants: 0.5%
- Urban Workers: 3.7%
- Serfs: 84.9%



Alexander II's reforms aimed to create a industrialized and advanced Russian nation; however, the people of Russia were still unhappy. What do you believe the people of Russia want the most?





The Okhrana: the Secret Police

- The Tsar relied on the Secret Police to track any dissent.
- Opposition groups were often targeted and once convicted could face death or exile to Siberia.
- By 1905 a number of dissident (Revolutionary) groups had formed amongst the small Middle classes.
- Many fled abroad to avoid persecution.



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Victims of the 1903 Pogroms







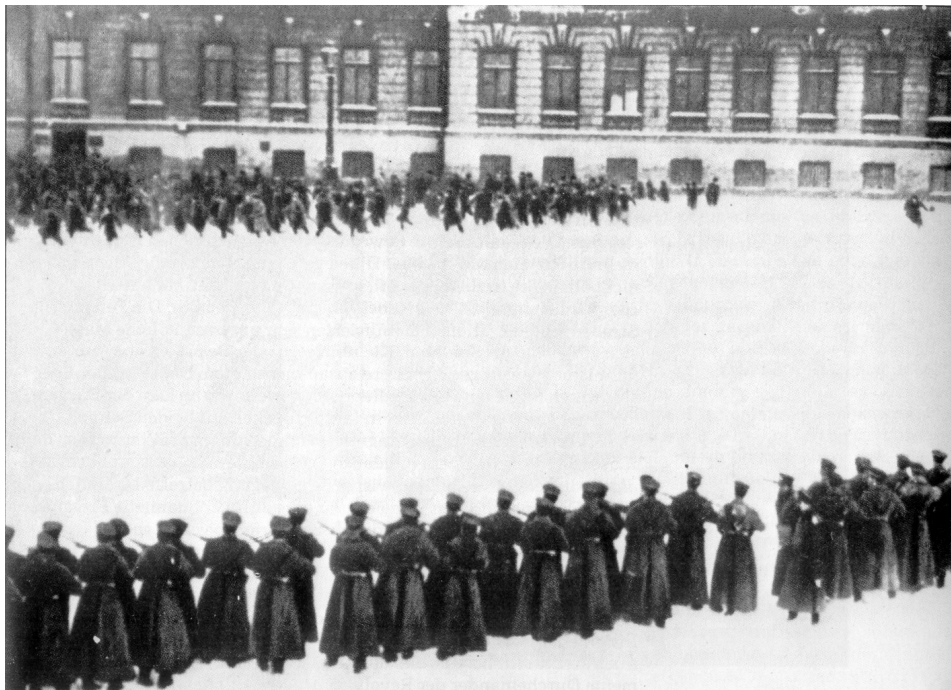
The Russo-Japanese War 1904-1905





The lifestyle of the Romanov family.

Bloody Sunday, January 1905





Why did the artist depict the events of Bloody Sunday in this way?

	Action	Probable impact
Option 1:		
Option 2:		

The Tsars Decision: The October Manifesto

1. Fundamental civil freedoms will be granted to the population, including real personal inviolability, freedom of conscience, speech, assembly and association.

2. Participation in the Duma will be granted to those classes of the population which are at present deprived of voting powers, insofar as is possible in the short period before the convocation of the Duma, and this will lead to the development of a universal franchise. There will be no delay to the Duma elect already been organized.

3. It is established as an unshakeable rule that no law can come into force without its approval by the State Duma and representatives of the people will be given the opportunity to take real part in the supervision of the legality of government bodies.

We call on all true sons of Russia to remember the homeland, to help put a stop to this unprecedented unrest and, together with this, to devote all their strength to the restoration of peace to their native land.



What is this cartoonist saying about Rasputin and the Royal Family?



The February Revolution, 1917. "Bread! Bread!"