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Rick Rosner: You can call that racism or antisemitism if you want. But anybody he thought sucked or was evil or an exploiter, they were thrown into a hopper – gays, communists, the retarded. People he didn't like; groups he didn't like. Also, you can view Nazism as a specific criminal enterprise where Jews had a lot of shit to steal. So it is a good way to get all of their shit by first squeezing them and then killing them.

It's not that he just hated Jews. He wanted their shit.

Scott Douglas Jacobsen: The other big 2, China's Cultural Revolution and the attempt to have a unified country. In the interim of that or during that, killing millions and millions of people, Stalin as far as I know was a communist God-complex figure killing millions of people. I am trying to get at an ideological foundation for a lot of this war—well, not even war, just mass killings based on ideology.

RR: The idea is if you get rid of everybody who is against, then who is left is people who are not against you. You can keep finding more and more people against you. Once you set up the mechanisms by which you can kill people, and the bureaucracies by which you can kill a lot of people, it becomes easy to kill people. Nobody ran or did any kind of analysis under Stalin or Mao, or Hitler, as to possible or positive consequences to not killing a shitload of people.

Hitler could've put himself in a super great position had he stopped really early in WWII. He was winning the crap out of WWII until he decided to invade Russia, and then that ended and the war was lost as early as 1942, when he marched and tried to take Leningrad. But until then, he was just easily sweeping through countries. He took France, Czechoslovakia, and Poland.

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