Otto Strasser, political opponent of Nazi Party, attested: “Hitler responds to the vibration of the human heart with the delicacy of a seismograph.”

It was plowable to overlook the systematic attack on political freedoms and individual liberties

—Foreign policy and war

- Mussolini and Hitler became increasingly obsessed by dream of foreign expansion
- a new kind of citizen - one who was obedient, disciplined, self-sacrificing, and warlike
- Mussolini put it: “war alone brings put to their highest tension all human energies”
- such was the faith in their leader that the public remained confident that the victory would be cheap and easy
- The war, and the war alone, brought about the destruction of the two regimes.

—The Influence of the Italian Fascism of Nazism:

- Hitler admitted that he had admiration for the Duce
- Hitler was inspired by Mussolini’s use of Propaganda
- controlled his citizens via education
- ONB were models for the Nazi state
- The differences between the two were still significant

—Differences in the power of the Fascist and Nazi dictatorships:

- The regime’s dramatic foreign policy successes brought Hitler a degree of popularity that the Duce would only envy
- people finding themselves designated as political opponents and placed in concentration camps was much higher that in Italy
- children were subject to indoctrination at school and pressurised into joining Hitler Youth
- National Reich Church - Mein Kampf replaced bible
- Mussolini attempted but he met with less success
- Italy possessed no tradition of popular obedience to a strong government
- Central government was viewed with great suspicion
- peasants remained largely ignorant of the Duce’s great plans for their country
- Never felt able to batter the Church into Submission

—Racial Ideology:

- one crucial part of their ideology differed - the question of race
- Nazism created and idea of ‘master race’
- ‘race defectives’ must be removed and sub-humans subjugated
- Hitler had never disguised his anti-Semitism
- The Duce did not share this obsession
- introduced anti-Jewish laws in late 1930s but this action seems to have been prompted by pressure from his ally Hitler
- Once told interviewer in 1932: “Anti-Semitism does not exist in Italy”
- vast majority of Italian Jews avoided Nazi death camps
- Mussolini, had little interest for his black shirts once he was in power.