

Cause of the great terror	Specific examples	Explanation: how did this cause the great terror?
Congress of the victors	Kirov had more votes Bolsheviks tried to persuade Kirov to stand as General Secretariat.	For Stalin this was evidence that he had to purge the party.
Paranoia	Trotsky, Zinoviev and Bukharin had all fallen from power Fearful of old Communists who knew about his rise to power and Lenin's view of him. Feared that the red army and secret police had too much power.	Stalin felt unable to trust and therefore removed those he saw as potential threats.
Terror economics	He accused so-called 'wreckers' (under the power of Trotsky, Zinoviev and Kamenev) of sabotaging the Russian economy. The terrors provided a huge reservoir of cheap labour.	Stalin used the terrors to improve the economy and disguise its failures.
The murder of Kirov	Zinoviev and Kamenev were arrested. He hunted down this 'secret terror group'	Stalin used Kirov's murder as an excuse to execute Party members.

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