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Anti-Fascism and the Fall of Atlanticist Liberalism

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Stalinism thus turned from a twin of Nazism in their common affiliation with totalitarianism, the highest stage of dictatorship, to its archenemy – a change of image that allowed Stalinism to reach the peak of its ideological influence in the decade following the complete defeat of the fascist Axis. Anti-fascism continued to play a central role in Soviet ideology, but with a diminishing influence due to the relative marginalization of fascism in the decades immediately following the world war, up until the time when the Soviet system entered its death throes.

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