

Russian Revolution: Whites

Topic Abstract

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The White Army, or the “Whites” as they were commonly called, was not an army in the traditional sense, rather a makeshift militia. The White Army was made up of moderates, liberals, monarchists, and even foreign troops from neighboring countries. The Whites were composed of different ideological, political, and military groups who all had one common enemy: The Bolshevik Communists. The current goal of the Whites is to best the Bolsheviks and put an end to their revolution and subsequently the spread of communism across Russia.

This lofty goal is much easier said than done, especially for a ragtag crew of anti-communists like the Whites. While they know their end goal, coming together and achieving this is the true challenge the Whites face during the Russian Revolution. The Whites must decide what form of government they want to implement after the Red Army’s overthrow of the Russian Tsar. Different ideological groups want different forms of government, ranging from a Constitutional Monarchy to a Democratic Socialist State. The Whites must also face the challenge of uniting their 3 primary armies, The Siberian Army, The Southern or Volunteer Army, and the Northwestern Army.

The Whites are made up of previous imperial bankers, conscripted soldiers, foreign citizens stranded in Russia during the government collapse, former elites in hiding, journalists, nurses, and so much more. All of this works together to give this committee a near infinite range of perspectives, providing lots of potential discussion topics.

