

USSR AND USA COMPARISON

Analyze the data in the chart to determine issues the USSR might have had before it collapsed in 1991. Write notes in the margins to describe what the data might mean.

Category	USA	USSR
Area	3.7 million square miles	8.6 million square miles
Population	227 million	262 million
WW2 Deaths	418,000 (>1% of population)	24 million (14% of population)
Life Expectancy	73	67
Literacy Rate	99%	98%
Personal income per capita	\$12451	\$3556
Gross Domestic Product per capita	\$12500	\$5800
Factory worker average monthly salary	\$983	\$238
Families that owned a vehicle	80%	>1%
Cost of a Pepsi	.10 cents	.53 cents

the USSR had a large area to control

large # of deaths - anger at the gov't possibly.

Low income - economic issues

Low GDP - economic issues

Low pay - anger at the gov't

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can't get vehicles easily

*All data is between the years 1980-1990

The circled data could have all contributed to citizens unhappiness with the USSR.

high cost of goods - unhappiness with the gov't

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