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** |
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| **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 |

\*All data is between the years 1980-1990

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