

Finding Supporting Evidence for a Claim

Chapter 13 Section 4: The Soviet Union Under Stalin

According to your textbook, the Soviet Union under Stalin was a **totalitarian state**. On page 436, the authors of your textbook, Ellis and Esler, list the criteria for a totalitarian state. Look at each criteria below and find **evidence** to support their **claim** in Chapter 13 section 4. Use direct quotes from the book as evidence. Follow my first example below, for the remaining 5.

Criteria for a Totalitarian State

Evidence to support the claim

1. a single party dictatorship with blind obedience to a single leader	<p>“At the head of society were members of the Communist Party. Only a small fraction of citizens could join the party” (Ellis and Esler 445).</p> <p>“Stalin tried to boost the morale and faith in the communist system by making himself a godlike figure” (Ellis and Esler 443).</p> <p>“Portraits of Stalin replaced religious icons in Russian homes” (Ellis and Esler 445).</p>
2. state control of the economy	
3. use of police spies and terror to enforce the will of the state	

<p>4. government control of the media to indoctrinate and mobilize citizens through through propaganda</p>	
<p>5. use of schools and youth organizations to spread ideology to children</p>	
<p>6. strict censorship of artists and intellectuals with dissenting opinions</p>	