

**Objective:** To examine the rise of European fascism.

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**Do Now:** What similarities existed regarding the rise of power of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini?

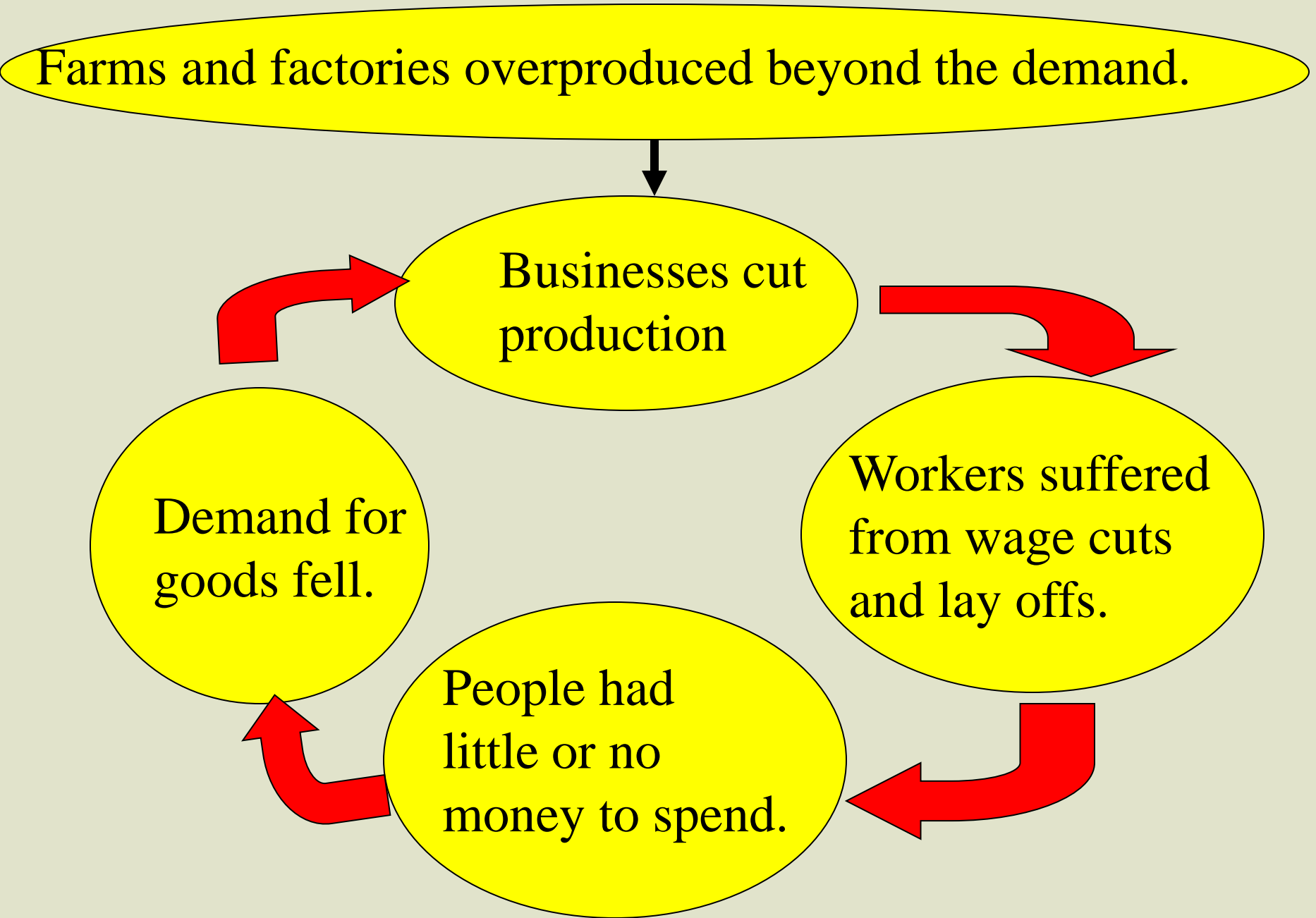


*Adolf Hitler*



*Benito Mussolini*

# Factors of the Great Depression





THE "GOOD NEIGHBOR" GOES VISITING

## Depression Diplomacy

- Isolationists passed a series of **Neutrality Acts** in the 1930's.
- These laws....
  - banned arms sales or loans to countries at war.
  - warned U.S. citizens not to travel on ships of countries at war.
- FDR announced the **Good Neighbor Policy** in an attempt to improve U.S. relations with Latin America.



## Fascists in Italy

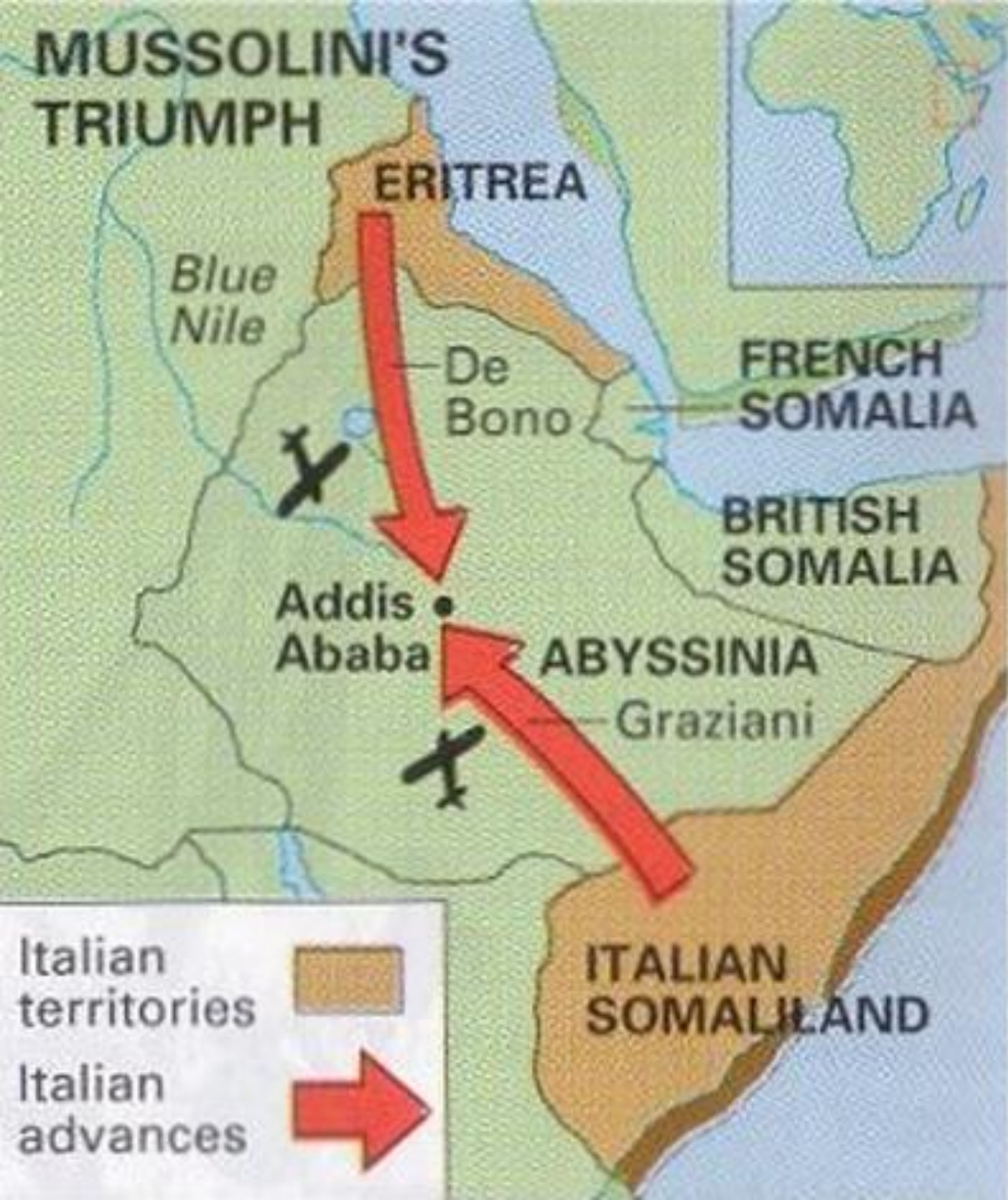
- Fascist **dictator** Benito Mussolini seized power in Italy in 1922.

### **Mussolini's policies:**

- All political parties, except the Fascist party, were outlawed.
- He controlled the press and banned criticism of the government.

*Benito Mussolini, 1936*

# MUSSOLINI'S TRIUMPH



\* Promising Italians greatness, Mussolini invaded and conquered Ethiopia in 1935.

\* The League of Nations failed to help Ethiopia.

*Hailie Selassie,  
Emperor of Ethiopia*

# Fascism in Europe

**Benito Mussolini**

**Adolf Hitler**

• **Italian**

• **German**

• **Invaded Ethiopia in 1935.**

• **Anger over the Versailles treaty**

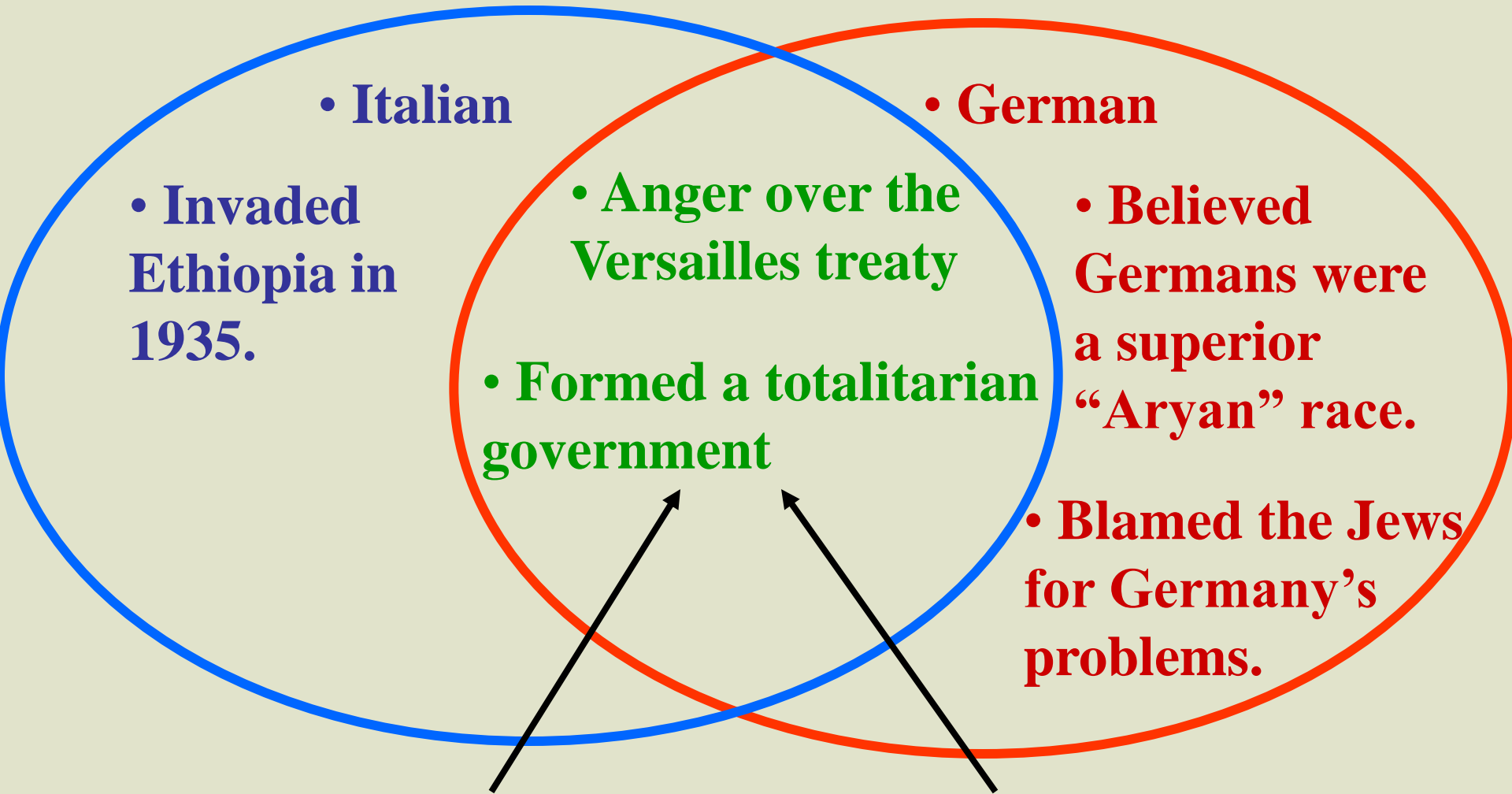
• **Formed a totalitarian government**

• **Believed Germans were a superior “Aryan” race.**

• **Blamed the Jews for Germany’s problems.**

• **Used economic unrest and fears of communism to gain support.**

• **Used nationalism to gain support.**



## Nazi Germany



- Adolf Hitler and his Nazi party preached racial and religious hatred.
- Hitler claimed that Germans were a part of a superior “Aryan” race, and that Jews were to blame for Germany’s troubles.
- In 1933, Hitler became chancellor, or head of the German government.



"If I can send the flower of the German nation into the hell of war without the smallest pity for the spilling of precious German blood, then surely I have the right to remove millions of an inferior race that breeds like vermin."

- Adolf Hitler



*swastika, Nazi party symbol*



## Hitler's policies:

- He created a **totalitarian state**, in which the Nazi's controlled every aspect of German society.
- Citizens must always obey the government, and the government could not be criticized.
- Jews had their German citizenship taken away, they were forbidden from using public facilities, and they were removed from most types of work.
- Hitler built up his armed forces, in violation of the Versailles Treaty.

- Thousands of Jews were sent to concentration camps.
- Eventually, Hitler planned on killing all of Europe's Jews in a plan he called the Final Solution.
- Today his plan is referred to as the **Holocaust**.

