

The National State and Democracy

Chapter 5 Section 3

Focus Questions #4

1. What evidence proves that democracy was expanding throughout Europe?
2. What are two nations that experience democratic changes? Identify at least two of those changes.
3. Who prevented democracy from entering Germany?
4. What actions did Russia take to keep democracy from entering its country?

Western Europe and Political Democracy

- By the late nineteenth century nations in Europe began to see democracy establishing itself through the continent.
- Nations began to see the following characteristics of democracy.
 1. Laws that granted universal male suffrage were passed.
 2. Prime Ministers were responsible to the popularly elected legislative body and not the king or president.
 3. Political parties were established.
 4. Men and women could vote.

Great Britain

- Great Britain is one of the major nations that experienced the expansion of Democracy.
 1. It established a two-party parliamentary system.
 2. Universal male suffrage was passed.
 3. Women were granted the right to vote.
- Two political parties controlled parliament in Britain.
 - The Conservative Party and Liberal Party
 - Both parties in efforts to appeal to voters passed reforms.
 1. Sick benefits
 2. Unemployment benefits
 3. Workers Compensation
 4. Extended voting rights to men and women

France

- France was another nation that experienced major democratic changes.
 1. A president was placed into power.
 2. A legislative branch with two houses was established.
The Upper House and the Senate.
 3. Political parties were established.
 4. A Constitution was written

Central and Eastern Europe The Old Order

- Germany experienced some democratic changes.
 - Yet, it was not like that of Britain or France.
1. The legislative branch had two houses, one was appointed officials, the other consisted of elected officials who were overseen by the Emperor.
 2. Emperor controlled the military, and foreign policy.
 3. The Emperor had the responsibility to preserve the power of the King.
 4. Both the emperor and king prevented real democracy from entering the nation.

Russia and The US

- In Russia democracy was also kept from expanding.
 1. Political Parties were kept from forming.
 2. One single branch of government with complete power and control.
 3. Civil liberties were curtailed/reduced
 4. Military was used to control society
- In the US Democracy spread throughout the nation.
 1. Rights were expanded to minority groups
 2. African Americans were freed after the Civil War
 3. Constitutional Rights expanded (14th and 15th Amendment)