From Militarization to Globalization: An Explorative Reflection of Czechia

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Guiding Framework

- Political movements & militarization in the 20th century
- Exploring cultural impacts of globalization

Overview

- Historical Context
  - Militarization of Czechia
- Soviet Union
  - 40 years under communism
- Impacts of Globalization
  - Exploring food culture
Major Political Movements & Militarization of 20th Century Czechia

- Czechia region is part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire
  - 1900 - 1918
- Czechoslovakia establishes independence
  - 1918 - 1938
- Nazi Germany Occupies Czechia
  - 1939 - 1945
- Czechoslovakia is part of the Soviet Union
  - 1946 - 1989
- Czechia establishes independence
  - 1993 - Present
40 Years of Soviet Communism

1948-1953
- Bloodless Revolution
- Stalinism
- Nationalization

1953-1968
- Warsaw Pact Invasion
- Normalization period

1968-1977
- Stalin dies
- Prague Spring

1977-1989
- Charta 77
- Velvet Revolution
Impacts of Globalization: Czech Food Culture

Food Culture in Communist Czechoslovakia

- Nationalized
- Shortages and food queues
- Book of Standards
- Culinary creativity at home

Food Culture in Independent Czechoslovakia

- Return of dispossessed land
- Shift to sustainable practices
- Supermarkets
- Restaurants
Key Takeaways

• Czechia culture was heavily impacted by Nazi and Soviet militarization
  • This time period was consumed by loss: of land, basic human rights, loved ones, freedom, food and other standards goods.

• Czechia’s established independence in 1993 allowed the country to open itself up to a globalized world
  • This sparked the implementation of supermarkets, international food offerings, and culinary freedom