

# From Militarization to Globalization: An Explorative Reflection of Czechia

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# Guiding Framework

- Political movements & militarization in the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> Century Czechia



**Czechia region is  
part of the Austro-  
Hungarian Empire**

**1900 – 1918**

**Czechoslovakia  
establishes  
independence**

**1918 – 1938**

**Nazi Germany  
Occupies  
Czechia region**

**1939 – 1945**

**Czechoslovakia  
is part of the  
Soviet Union**

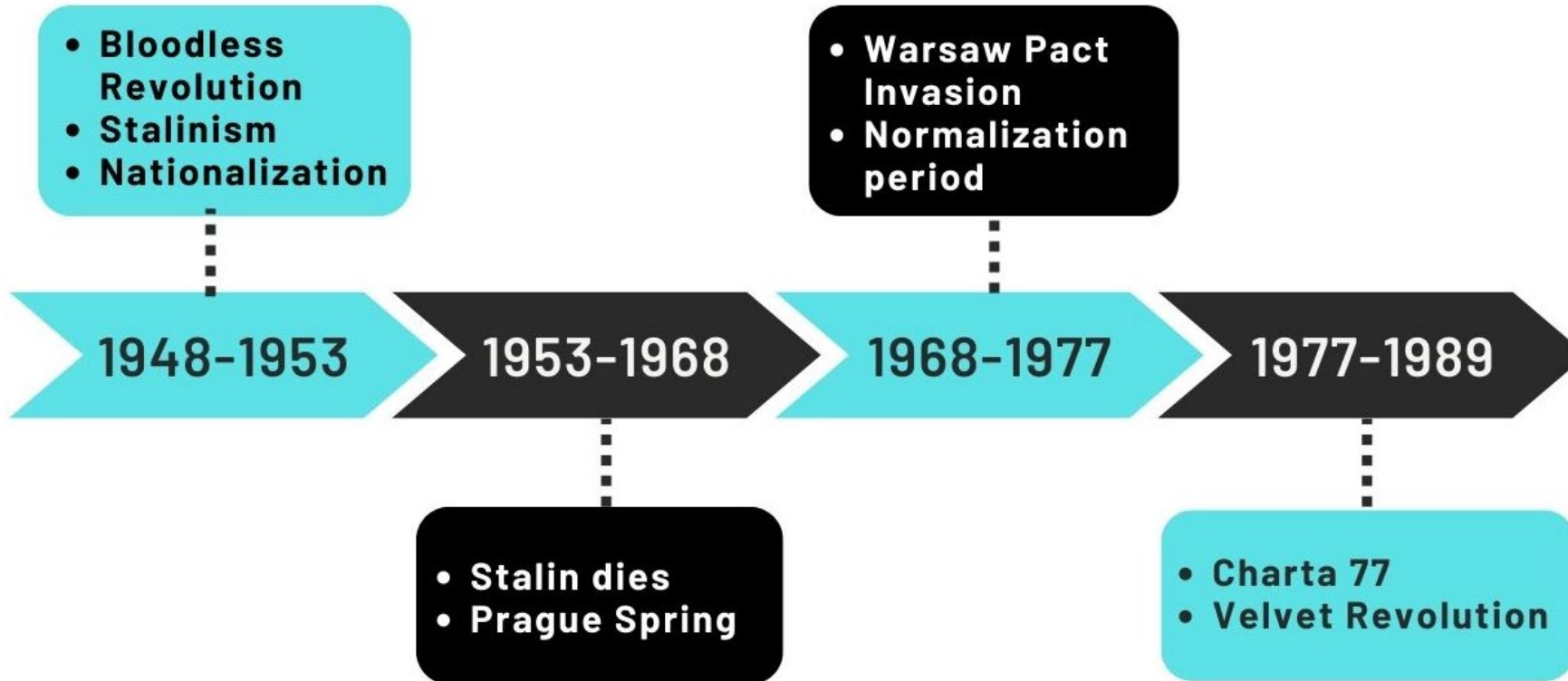
**1946 – 1989**

**Czechia  
establishes  
independence**

**1993 – Present**



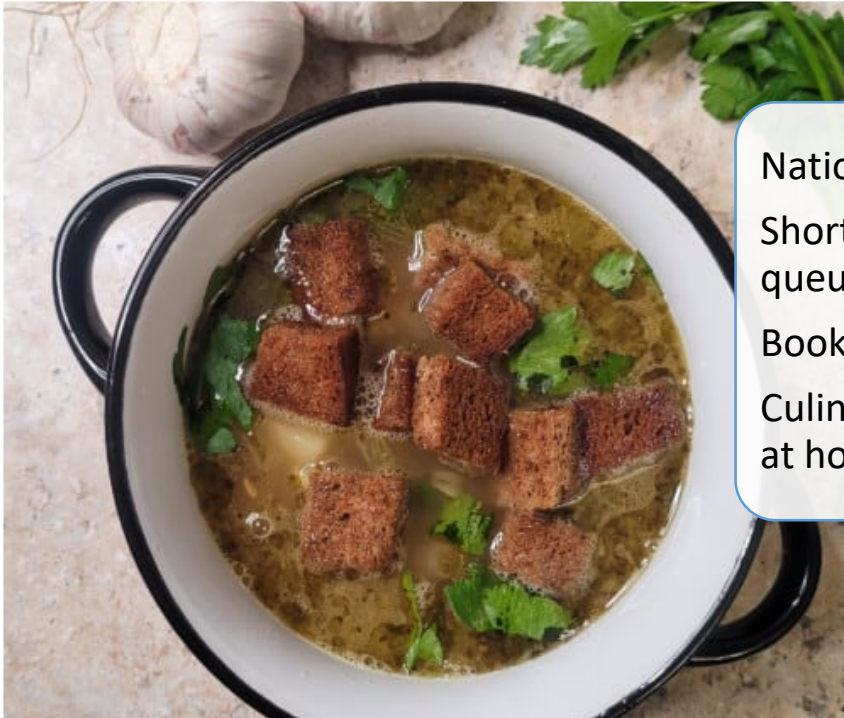
# 40 Years of Soviet Communism





# 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

