



Croatia's last 70 years

In which country was Croatia after World War II?

- After World War II, Croatia became part of the **Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia**, or simply Yugoslavia.
- The country consisted of six republics:
Bosnia and Herzegovina,
Croatia,
Macedonia,
Montenegro,
Serbia,
Slovenia.

Former Yugoslavia



Who was the president of Yugoslavia?

- **Josip Broz Tito** was the president of Yugoslavia. He was a communist revolutionary. He ruled Yugoslavia from its creation until his death.
- His politics were very strict and those who said anything against it could become political prisoners.





How many political parties were in Yugoslavia and which was in power?

- Kingdom of Yugoslavia had one political party –
the Communist Party of Yugoslavia.



Could people publicly criticise authority in Yugoslavia?

- ▶ People couldn't publicly criticise the authorities in Yugoslavia.
- ▶ Thousands of people were arrested and there were many restrictions.
- ▶ The civil liberties of every citizen were limited.



Croatian silence

- ▶ Croatian silence is an expression which was used for suppressing Croatian national identity.
- ▶ That simply means that people couldn't show their patriotism.



Croatian Spring

- The Croatian Spring was a cultural **movement** which promoted **Croatian interests** in Yugoslavia.
- **Students** were very involved in that movement with many intellectuals and scientists.
- At the end of year 1971 Tito decided to **stop the movement** because of fear for his political position but at first he supported the movement.



Why did Yugoslavia fall apart?

- ▶ Yugoslavia fell apart mainly because **Croats, Serbs and Slovenes had different ideas of what it should look like.**
- ▶ There were also many problems after Tito died because country was deep in **debts.**
- ▶ The country had many **political and economic problems.**



Croatian Homeland War

- Croatian Homeland War happened because Croats wanted their **independence**.
- It started in 1991 and ended in 1995.
- Croatia was attacked by JNA (Yugoslav People's Army) and **Serbs**.
- Many people **died for our country** in those times because of that goal.
- In the end, Croatia became **an independent, democratic country**.



How many parties are there today in Croatia?

- ▶ In Croatia today there are **over 100 parties**.
- ▶ The ruling party at the moment is HDZ (**Croatian Democratic Union**) with Andrej Plenković as the prime minister.



Croatia today

- ▶ The president of Croatia is Zoran Milanović and this is how our country looks today:
- ▶ Croatia joined **the European Union** in 2013.

