**The Bolshevik Consolidation of Power – A, B, or C ?**

**Problem 1 – Forming a Government**

 A Lenin would establish his own Government as quickly as possible

 B Lenin would continue to support the Soviet and rule using them as a front

 C Lenin would use elections to cement an official Government based on majority support

**Problem 2 – The Press**

 A Lenin shut down all free press as quickly as possible

 B Lenin allowed for political debate to continue in the press regardless of ideology

 C Lenin allowed socialist political debate to continue to ensure all parties were kept happy

**Problem 3 – Other Political Parties**

 A Lenin exiled all political leaders and banned all other parties such as the Mensheviks + SRs

 B Lenin used the Soviet to keep all parties involved

 C Lenin allowed other parties to continue, but exiled many prominent leaders and critics

**Problem 4 – Role of other socialist parties in Government**

 A Lenin sabotaged any negotiations with other socialists to ensure Bolsheviks ruled alone

 B Lenin allowed a coalition to develop with all sympathetic socialists involved

 C Lenin allowed certain revolutionary socialists to join a Bolshevik led Government

**Problem 5 – Land ownership**

 A Lenin refused to fulfil his promises on land and brutally repressed all rural revolts

 B Lenin introduced full land reform, giving all estates over to the peasantry

 C Lenin gave some land over to sympathetic *mirs* and assemblies whom he trusted

**Problem 6 – Control of industry**

 A Lenin expelled all management and put the workers in complete control of industry

 B Lenin put worker’s committees into control but allowed management to continue

 C Lenin allowed management to continue largely untouched until he was sure of success

**Problem 7 – Nationalities**

 A Lenin granted all nationalities complete self-determination

 B Lenin started negotiations with local socialists on the ground before making any decision

 C Lenin refused to listen to any claims to independence before he was in control of Russia

**Problem 8 – War + Peace**

 A Lenin pulled out of WWI immediately to widespread popular acclaim

 B Lenin pulled out of WWI immediately, but had to force this on the people + his party

 C Lenin continued to pursue WWI in the short term