Comparing and Contrasting Mussolini and Hitler’s Domestic Policies

IB History

**Instructions:**

In order to prepare for a Paper 2 style question, we are going to have a formative (assignment) Socratic Discussion comparing and contrasting the policies of Mussolini in Italy and Hitler in Germany. You will be expected to prepare and print notes around the below questions and use them in an evaluated discussion. We will be running this as a fishbowl discussion, so you need to prepare **all of the questions** to ensure you are ready regardless of which ones you get selected to discuss.

1. “The domestic policies of authoritarian states rarely benefitted women.” Discuss with reference to two authoritarian states.
2. “The maintenance of power was dependent on the successful control of opposition.” Discuss with reference to two authoritarian leaders.
3. “Authoritarian/single-party leaders usually failed to achieve total control over religious groups.” Discuss with reference to two authoritarian/single-party leaders.
4. Compare and contrast the aims and achievements of the education/youth programs of two authoritarian states.
5. “Successful economic and social policies were essential for the single-party leader’s maintenance of power.” Discuss with reference to two authoritarian leaders