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| **1. Explain the Reasons why the Provisional Government failed to establish democracy in Russia.**  **2. Explain why it was the Bolsheviks (& not another group) who seized power.** |

**Key people:**

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| **Milyukov** |  |
| **Prince Lvov** |  |
| **Kerensky** |  |
| **Kornilov** |  |

**What was the ‘Dual Authority’ after the 1917 Revolution? Why did it leave the Provisional Government vulnerable?**

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**TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS IN 1917**

Use the [documentary](http://www.documentarytube.com/videos/the-russian-revolution) to get an overview of the key events (22-40 mins):

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| The ‘Bourgeois’ Provisional Govt |  |
| The Return of Lenin |  |
| The April Thesis – ‘Peace, bread and Land’ |  |
| Popular attitude to the war / actions govt |  |
| The ‘July Days’ |  |
| Reasons for failure of July Days |  |
| Impact July Days |  |
| Kornilov and Kerensky |  |
| Damage to Kerensky/boost to Bolsheviks |  |
| Release of Bolshevik leaders prisoners |  |
| Bolshevik ‘Planned Revolution’ |  |

**[Lecture by Dr Beryl Williams](https://drive.google.com/a/wis.edu.hk/folderview?id=0BwFJRHclPhUCVWpTcFZrdkRFOUE&usp=sharing)**

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| **How / why has debate changed about the October Revolution recently?**  **Which three groups made up the ‘Progressive Bloc’? How united were they? Insert key figures above.** |
| Initial position of the Provisional Government:  **Why were they popular?**  **Because they were Provisional:**  **Because they reformed:**  **Because of approach to the minorities:**  **Kadets were unusual because;** |
| **Why did democracy fail? A) Provisional Government delays elections for Constituent Assembly**  **Why were the elections for the Provisional Government hard to arrange?**  **Why did the Milyukov and the liberals begin to suggest elections should be delayed until after the war?** |
| **Why did democracy fail? B) The Loss of Authority**  **How did Milyukov and Lvov disagree?**  **How did power begin to shift to the street?**  **How did power increasingly shift to the Petrograd Soviet?**  **How did this leave the Provisional Government?**  **Key quote: Petrograd Soviet had “Power without responsibility”** |
| **Why did democracy fail? C) The Continuance of the War**  **What was Milykov’s position towards the war:**  **How did the Soviet leaders differ?:**    **What was the outcome in early May:**  **Why did democracy fail? D) The Unpopularity of the Second Provisional Government**  **Why was the second coalition (that included more Kadets & Mensheviks and SRs) not more popular?**  **i) Bourgeois associations:**  **ii) Failure social reform/ Food Prices:**  **iii) ‘Street view of democracy’:**  **iv) July Days:**  **vi) The War goes badly:**  **vii) Kernesky’s shift to the right – appointing Kornilov:**  **viii) Who got the credit for stopping Kornilov’s revolt** |
| **Why was it the Bolsheviks that replaced the doomed Provisional government?**  **i) Lenin increased Bolshevik from April influence by:**  **ii) Bolshevik position in September:**  **iii) Alternatives by October -**  **Constituent Assembly:**  **Soviets:**  **Bolshevik Government by coup d’etat:**  **iv) Role of Trotsky:**  **vi) Sovnarkom & popularity:**  **vii) Both a ‘Popular Movement and a Coup d’etat’:** |