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In this podcast Dr Beryl Williams examines Lenin's aims in coming to power and how the Bolsheviks were able to stay in power through the civil war.

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