Mikhail Gorbachev
- leader of USSR when it falls
- Satellite States (Eastern European)
  break-out
  - Gorbachev can’t do anything
- Perestroika (1987)
  - Policy to increase production in Russian economy
    - End Command Economy
    - Bring profit, $$$
    - Process back to free economy
    - Allow creativity in business to make more profit
- Impact
  - New products from the West
  - Non-Communist nations now available in USSR
  - Shortages of products due to demand
  - Long lines for products
- Glasnost — policy of openness
  - Freedom
  - People want total freedom
  - Hard steps down he be still wants socialism
Looks like the remains of a giant lumbering creature that couldn’t adapt to the changing environment!

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