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Pregnant in the Gulag | Generation Gulag: Vera Golubeva

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Stalin's repressions of the Communist Party left hardly a single family untouched in Moscow in the 1930s. Vera Golubeva clearly remembers the night her father was arrested. Her mother and sister's arrests followed until Vera herself was taken by the KGB when she was eight months pregnant.

Generation Gulag is a series of nine short documentary films that uncovers the impact of Russia's campaign to rewrite the history of Gulag survivors. The series features interviews and animated illustrations of the survivors' memories, offering an accessible medium for understanding the dangers of recent campaigns to make history books fit new political narratives.

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