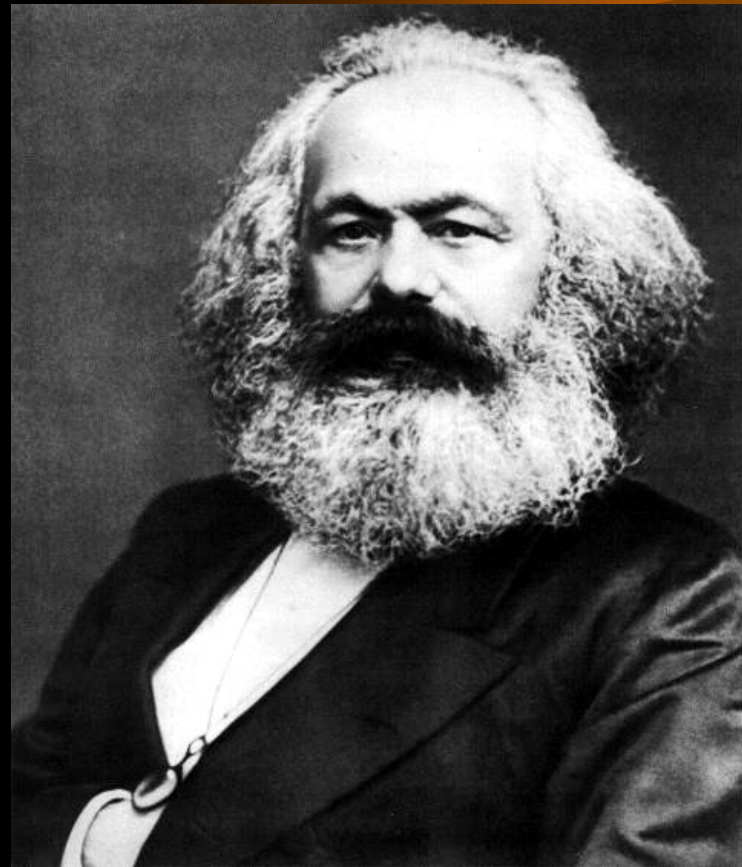


Socialism

- The State owns and controls the means of production
- An intermediate step between Capitalism and pure a stateless society of pure Communism
- Rhetoric: The Worker, the People



Fascism



- The State controls the means of production, but nominal ownership and some independence is given to private corporations
- Rhetoric: The Fatherland, Progress



- Nazi stood for National *Socialist* German Worker's Party - a socialist labor union party
- Both advocate State control over the economy
- Both are forms of Collectivism

Flawed Right-Left Paradigm



Left
(Socialism)

US

Right
(Fascism)

Middle of the road Goldilocks fallacy of the
uninformed, unengaged public

Corrected Freedom Paradigm



Collectivism
(Socialism)
(Fascism)

US Individualism
(Liberty)

What's So Bad About Socialism?

- Reaction to horrific factory work conditions of the industrial revolution, including child labor
- Protects the working man from exploitation by big corporations
- Spreads the wealth - equality, social justice
- Provides public safety, education, roads, bridges, trash pickup, environmental protection, parks, libraries, funding for scientific research - things everyone benefits from
- Provides a social safety net for the sick and aged
- Stalin and Mao may have been bad guys, but socialist Europeans enjoy free healthcare, shorter work hours, long vacations, more happiness

THE BLACKBERRY PRESIDENT QUITTING THE THUG LIFE

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WE ARE ALL SOCIALISTS NOW

THE PERILS AND PROMISE OF THE NEW ERA OF BIG GOVERNMENT



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Goals of Communist Manifesto

- 1. Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes.
- 2. A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.
- 3. Abolition of all rights of inheritance.
- 4. Confiscation of the property of all emigrants and rebels.
- 5. Centralization of credit in the banks of the state, by means of a national bank with state capital and an exclusive monopoly.

Goals of Communist Manifesto

- 6. Centralization of the means of communication and transport in the hands of the state.
- 7. Extension of factories and instruments of production owned by the state; the bringing into cultivation of waste lands, and the improvement of the soil generally in accordance with a common plan.
- 8. Equal obligation of all to work. Establishment of industrial armies, especially for agriculture.

Goals of Communist Manifesto

- 9. Combination of agriculture with manufacturing industries; gradual abolition of all the distinction between town and country by a more equable distribution of the populace over the country.
- 10. Free education for all children in public schools. Abolition of children's factory labor in its present form. Combination of education with industrial production, etc.

SOCIALISM

BROTHERHOOD · HAPPINESS · DEVELOPMENT · ORDER · JUSTICE



POVERTY · VICE · HATRED · DISEASE · IGNORANCE · INJUSTICE

W. Young

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Goals of Democratic Socialists of America



- Dignified Work
- Environmental Justice
- Economic Redistribution
- Democratic Participation
- Community Empowerment
- Global Non-Violence
- Social Justice

What's Wrong with Socialism?



- It is *immoral*
- It is *illegal*
- It *doesn't work*

Pointing Out the Gun in the Room



- Taxes are not voluntary
- Taxes are extorted by violence or the threat of violence
- Taxes deprive a person of the fruit of their labor, the result of their time and industry

Capitalism vs. Socialism

- Because taxes are extorted through violence and the threat of violence by peaceable citizens, they should only be levied in the most extraordinary of circumstances, be equally proportioned and kept low

Examples of Extreme Circumstances

- National defense against invading armies
- Public safety (protecting against crimes which involve the harm of persons or their property)
- Courts as a place of last resort to solve disputes

Capitalism vs. Socialism

- Capitalism: Individuals produces goods and services and offer to you on a voluntary basis.
- Socialism: Government forcefully extorts money from you and gives you services you may not want or need, or uses your money to give services to others

Capitalism vs. Socialism

- Capitalism: Individuals own the means of production, acquired through work, savings, loans based on good character and credit, and *occasionally* surplus from productive heirs (usually parents)
- Capitalism = economic freedom or free exchange of goods and labor - the freedom to buy, sell, trade or invest as you see fit

Crony Capitalism is Phoney Capitalism

- Many people confuse capitalism with “crony capitalism,” which is another name for socialism or fascism!
- In Crony Capitalism (a.k.a. Crapitalism), politicians use their power to give tax-funded subsidies to certain industries or to pass special legislation which squeezes out foreign or domestic competition

Capitalism vs. Socialism

- Tax freedom day this year was April 12. This represents the day the average taxpayer stops working for the government and starts working for himself
- If you work 1/3 of the year to pay taxes, you are 1/3 a slave.

Tax Year 2008

Percentiles Ranked by AGI	AGI Threshold on Percentiles	Percentage of Federal Personal Income Tax Paid
Top 1%	\$380,354	38.02
Top 5%	\$159,619	58.72
Top 10%	\$113,799	69.94
Top 25%	\$67,280	86.34
Top 50%	\$33,048	97.30
Bottom 50%	<\$33,048	2.7

Note: AGI is Adjusted Gross Income
Source: Internal Revenue Service

Capitalism vs. Socialism

- Social justice or justice?
- 47% pay no Federal Income tax but consume a disproportionate number of government services - how is that “fair”?
- Who is “greedy” - those who compete in the marketplace to sell goods & services to the public or those who want free stuff by checking a box on a ballot?

The Virtues of Capitalism

- You are free to produce yourself or contract your labor with another producer at an agreed up on wage
- Your profit or wage is determined by what other people think your knowledge and skills are worth
- You can make as much or as little as you can or care to, based on your natural abilities, ingenuity and hard work
- You keep what you earn

But What About the Poor???

- A free society is a prosperous society. Even in our “mixed economy,” Americans give generously to those in *genuine* need out of their abundance.
- Most people are poor due to poor choices.
 - Dropping out of school
 - Single parenthood
 - Criminal activity
 - Sloth, lack of initiative to pursue opportunities
 - Unwillingness to relocate
 - Poor money management, debt, lack of spending discipline

In America, the biggest health problem among children is obesity



Socialism Drives World Poverty

- Corporations and unions use our semi-socialist system to keep out third world competition
- Socialist governments keep people from starting businesses (e.g. Tunisian college grad who had his illegal vegetable cart stolen and burned himself alive, beginning the Mideast democratic revolts)

Capitalism is lifting millions out of poverty in China



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...and India

Socialism is Illegal



- Socialism at the Federal Level is *Unconstitutional*
- Control of commerce is NOT one of the 17 enumerated powers of Congress
- It is not a power of the Executive Branch

The Tenth Amendment

- “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”
- Decentralizes power - a union of States
- Judges twisted the interstate commerce and necessary & proper clauses to expand Federal power (see Federalist 41)
- 95% of the laws on the Federal Register are unconstitutional!

Samuel Adams on Property Rights

"Among the natural rights of the Colonists are these: First, a right to life; Secondly, to liberty; Thirdly, to property; together with the right to support and defend them in the best manner they can."

John Adams on Property Rights

"The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the laws of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence. If 'Thou shalt not covet' and 'Thou shalt not steal' were not commandments of Heaven, they must be made inviolable precepts in every society before it can be civilized or made free."

Thomas Jefferson on Property Rights

"The true foundation of republican government is the equal right of every citizen in his person and property, and in their management."

State and Local Socialism Still Funded by the Feds

- Much of the bloated State and Local bureaucracy and control comes from “block grants,” and various Federal grant programs in health, education, transportation, law enforcement, etc.



MISS ME YET?

No Child Left Behind (Centralization of Education)

Added Prescription Drug Entitlement to Medicare

Attempted to overturn Oregon's Death with Dignity Act

Continued Paramilitary War on Drugs

Socialism Doesn't Work



- “The problem with socialism is that eventually you run out of other peoples’ money.”
- Margaret Thatcher

Socialism Doesn't Work

- Implosion of economies of Greece, Spain, Portugal and Italy, held up by slightly more productive economies of Germany, France and Britain
- Housing collapse and subsequent economic collapse caused by government housing programs and Fed policy in the U.S.

Socialism Doesn't Work

- 16.7 trillion in debt - greater than U.S. GDP!
...and growing! S&P and Moody's downgrade of U.S. credit rating
- The Federal Government must borrow 40% of what it spends!
- Government Ponzi schemes known as Social Security and Medicare going bust - 100T in unfunded liability - taxes on future generations
- High unemployment
- Economic stagnation (e.g. Japan's "lost decade")