

# Capitalism, Socialism, and Communism

Most people learn about philosophies on a linear spectrum. On one end of the spectrum is one extreme and on the other is another, while in the middle lays a fair compromise that everyone can be satisfied with. This is the common perception of *Capitalism*, *Socialism*, and *Communism*.

It is thought that Capitalism allows too much free market freedom, Communism has too many restrictions, and Socialism is the balance between the two. This not the case, but let's first define the three economic systems that we have mentioned.

*Capitalism*: An economic system where individuals work for their own profit. People are free to decide what to do with their lives and the direction in which they want to take their businesses. There is minimal government involvement with privately owned businesses inside of Capitalism.

*Socialism*: The centralized government is in charge of big businesses while small businesses are owned by individuals. A key concept in Socialism is the redistribution of wealth to keep the rich from getting too rich, the poor from getting too poor, and to provide a variety of government programs to help people take advantage of the big businesses owned by the government.

*Communism*: Everything is owned by the government; big businesses, small businesses, and the places where people live. The individual's life is planned out by the government with little room for advancement.

Socialism is always placed between Capitalism and Communism on linear spectrums when economics are being discussed, which is fitting but deceptive. What it suggests is that Socialism is a compromise between Capitalism and Communism. Karl Marx, the philosopher who laid the conceptual groundwork for, Communism said that Socialism is the first step toward Communism.<sup>1</sup> So instead of thinking as Socialism as a compromise between the two extreme economic systems, think of it as a disease that has not yet become fully manifest.

Most people when they are coming down with a cold start off with mild symptoms. You might start off with a little cough, a runny nose, or feel more tired than usual. When the cold is fully manifest, the symptoms do not necessarily change but they become more intense. The height of a cold is pretty miserable and it remains miserable until it fades away.

Nobody would say that the in between state is a fair compromise between being healthy and having a full blown cold. In a healthy state, there is very little a person is concerned with. Before the cold is fully manifest, you start to realize differences with how your body is acting and become suspicious that maybe you are coming down with something. It is because of the uncomfortable state of the transition that a person realizes that something is not right. It is not because they feel more *in balance*, it is because they are *out of balance*.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://classroom.synonym.com/differences-between-marxism-socialism-communism-17064.html>

Likewise in the transition between Capitalism to Communism. Socialism is not an *in between* state, it is an indicator that the economic system is moving toward Communism. In order for the government to transition from Capitalism to Socialism the government has to seize control of big businesses. We can see the start of this in America. Once the government owns the big businesses, what's to stop it from taking over the small ones? And why would the central government desire to take away all private property?

Communism is all about the centralized government having unmatched power. In order to seize power that cannot be challenged it must have absolute control over all resources. Rationing resources and controlling the population size are the best ways to subdue people. What most people do not realize is that the progressive (mostly identified as liberals in the political world) agenda is exactly this. Operating from a secular evolutionary worldview they believe that few people possess the intellectual ability to benefit mankind. Ninety-Eight percent of people are not as evolved and 2% are at the top of the evolutionary ladder. Those who believe that they are a part of the 2% believe it is their responsibility to seize control.

*Population Control:* There is a very real fear harbored by liberal progressives that the world is going to become overpopulated resulting in a massive shortage of food and other significant resources. Looking at the liberal agenda you will see most of their policies, if not all of them, are focused in one way or another on population control: pro-abortion, pro-homosexuality, anti-fossil fuels, global climate change alarmism, and many others. They believe it is their responsibility to reduce the population size through whatever means are socially acceptable in their context.

*Redistribution of Resources:* Although the general populace is discouraged from having a large *carbon footprint*, those who are in power enjoy all of the luxuries they wish to deny the average person. Not only do they enjoy them, they enjoy them in abundance. The average person does not have a convoy of SUVs to escort him or her around or have jets and helicopters ready to go whenever they need to travel. It is believed that the average person does not know how to effectively use the resources at their disposal. The fear is that all significant natural resources will either become rare or totally depleted unless a reduced population is able to become the sole users of the earth's resources.

If the United States does not wake up to the reality of the progressive agenda it will become a casualty in what's left of the free world. Socialism and Communism are not humanitarian, they are totalitarian. Most people that have supported such revolutions have later regretted it.

*More information may be added in the future. Feel free to submit questions concerning Capitalism, Socialism, and Communism to preacherbill174@gmail.com.*