

Socialism Led to the Murder of 100 Million Innocent Victims¹

Like Lemmings following one another off a cliff, naïve throngs are today racing toward utter loss!

By adding the suffix "*ism*" to the word "*social*," *socialism* perverts the *innocent* concept of an appreciation of people, by identifying a regime that robs every person of all of their rights, property, and security. Yet mounting numbers today are clamoring for this very prospect.²

Socialism (**SOC**), by definition, stands in stark contrast to *capitalist* (**CAP**) economics as embraced by the United States Constitution. SOC subjugates its people *top-downward*, while U.S. principles by contrast entail a "*we the people*" concept of a *bottoms-up* method of social oversight. Please be aware that assessing the ramifications of these choices by ignoring the *actual* fallout from SOC, can easily obscure the magnitude of damage that is sure to follow any vision which portends to secure equity³ by way of brute force. Although SOCs are quick to point out the poverty that likewise exists under CAP, SOCs fail to acknowledge that it is SOC alone which excludes the possibility escaping the poverty that pervades SOC virtually *universally*.

In addition to imposing *top-downward* force by the "governors" **onto** the "governed," Socialism imposes further strictures on the latter that deprive them of rewards for their labors. The slogan, "*From each according to his ability to each according to their needs*"⁴ may, on the one hand, seduce any who seek to evade work, but on the other hand it *necessarily* withholds *motivated* people from the financial benefits of their labor, as well as depriving innovators of their organic successes, and also artisans from seeing their foresights unfold into actuality. The fallout from these deprivations can be illustrated by observing two failed socialist states to the south of us including firstly Cuba.⁵ Cuba early on thrived in prosperity; yet irreversibly has slid into chronic privation.⁶ Likewise, in recent decades Venezuela fell from its status as economic leader of South America only to recently drop to the bottom, as *socialistic* overhaul predicts.⁷

These deprivations both inhibit peace within individuals and arouse conflict between neighbors. Clearly, members of the human race are NOT uniformly driven by identical stimuli. Viewed then solely under rational terms, it is not difficult to anticipate that **enforced**⁸ Socialism brings a death-knell to any notion of **free** self-determination for a vast portion of any population. Not only is it statistically clear that socialistic economics does not produce its goals, but they **cannot possibly do so** in spite of credibly threatening to punish all who resist the iron will of the state. Such indeed is the socialistic rationale for the murder of both intellectually and financially-driven people by Socialist regimes. So much as a hint of an internal independence of spirit, targets them as potential threats since they put to the lie the fable that untethered Socialism inspires loyalty to the state. Pol Pot's agenda indeed proves this principle

¹ <https://reason.com/volokh/2022/11/09/data-on-mass-murder-by-government-in-the-20th-century/>

² <https://reason.com/2019/07/06/socialism-is-back-and-the-kids-are-loving-it/>

³ Equity insists on identical outcomes as opposed to equality of opportunity to individually better one's body of circumstances.

⁴ <https://artsandculture.google.com/entity/from-each-according-to-his-ability-to-each-according-to-his-needs/m0cxxc?hl=en>

⁵ President Joe Biden's depiction in his public comments on July 15, 2021, of Cuba's governance.

⁶ That is, under current social conditions. <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/comandante-pre-castro-cuba/>

⁷ <https://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/2019-venezuela-key-events/>

⁸ The expression of universal socialism can only function only under function under total compliance by its citizens.

by the cruelties and torturous deaths the educated class faced under his regime.⁹ Such patterns of resistance, whether real or merely imagined by the "authorities," underscores the logical fallout of any governance that insists for all practical purposes on blind compliance by the masses to orders that are enforced from "the barrel of a gun."¹⁰ Mao Zedong indeed infamously stated, *"To read too many books is harmful."*¹¹ Rational inquiry in pursuit of truth, after all, contradicts the purposes of political activism to overthrow, as opposed to improve. Indeed Karl Marx's academic endeavors too, pitted ideology over reasoned reflection. As one critic stated, *"[Marx] increasingly became preoccupied with [attempting to] understand the contemporary capitalist mode of production as driven by a remorseless pursuit of profit, whose origins are found in the extraction of surplus value from the exploited proletariat...His understanding of morality may be related to his account of ideology"*¹² (boldface mine).

By contrast, Dr. John M. Ellis, in addition to his teaching in universities across the world and founding *The Association of Literary Scholars*, also stated in a recent work of his, *"Making politics of any kind central to campus life must be damaging because the habits of mind of academic teachers are in so many ways the exact opposite of those of political activists. First of all, political motives will always stunt intellectual curiosity. In any worthwhile college education, a student's mind must have the freedom to think afresh and to follow wherever facts or arguments lead...Students will never learn to think for themselves if their thought processes must always conclude by fitting into a predetermined belief system....thinking must never be constrained by considerations of the political desirability of the result"* (boldface mine).¹³

Although noted movie stars, international business executives, and successful athletes¹⁴ are often quoted in interviews for lauding the "superiority" of present Socialistic regimes, they do so **at either a geographical, or a socially-safe, distance from the actual experiential realities** of the underling-victims who, to the contrary, continue in daily dread of punishment and squalor just **outside of the "camera's eye."** After all, it thwarts the will of socialistic tyrants to expose and then condemn the awful methods that the perpetuation of their "successes" require.

Yet the most objective indicator of the destructive consequences of Socialism is the testimony that in the 20th Century alone, over **one hundred million victims were murdered by their very own socialistic governments.** The methods entailed 1) torture, 2) permanently maiming, 3) imposed starvation, 4) shootings, 5) gassings, 6) imprisonment, 7) severance of individuals *from* their families, 8) thuggery, 9) blackmail, or 10) all of them in combination.¹⁵

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⁹ E.g. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/venezuelas-economic-collapse-explained-in-nine-charts-11553511601>

¹⁰ E.g. <https://www.history.com/topics/cold-war/pol-pot>

¹¹ Mao Zedong. <https://duckduckgo.com/?q=power+comes+from+the+barrel+of+a+gun+quote&t=chromentp&iax=videos&ia=videos&ia=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D60PtaZhcU>

¹² Ibid.

¹³ Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy. *Karl Marx*. <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/marx/> (Dec. 31, 2020).

¹⁴ John M Ellis. *The Breakdown of Higher Education: How it Happened, the Damage it /Does & What Can Be Done*. (Encounter, 2020), p. 39.

¹⁵ <https://www.indiewire.com/2021/07/jackie-chan-chinese-communist-party-member-1234651221/> ** <https://www.cnbc.com/2021/07/13/op-ed-american-corporations-must-stop-selling-out-to-chinas-brutal-regime-.html> ** <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/sports/lebronjames-criticized-saying-rockets-gm-misinformed-hong-kong-n1066351>