

The Inescapable Connection of Socialism to the Murder of 100 Million Captives

Why naïve utopian socialist fantasies will lead us AND our descendants into anguish

If the stakes behind the contention of this paper were merely the vindication of one's (my) ego over another's (yours?), then many need not bother reading any further. Yet the outcome of our current societal trajectory, to the contrary, will certainly demolish not only your lifestyle and mine; but also devastate the hopes of our own grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and countless others, whose future is pre-vised in the actuality of two nations (below) that are now but skeletons of their former glory. If you find dishonesty driving this paper, then you need to confront me; yet please do so only with facts. My conscience cannot remain silent (though my life would be easier if I was) by enabling the dreadful outcome I foresee.

Socialism, by its suffix (*ism*), is a concept that is transformed from merely including concern for the poor, to becoming an obligatory and all-extensive imposition of governmental power over all people. This is very future that younger generations are clamoring after.¹

Socialism, by definition, stands in bold contrast to the tenets of Capitalist economics as presumed by the United States Constitution. Stated plainly, Socialism is a *top-downward* administration, while U.S. society, by stark contrast, entails a "*we the people...*" formulation of a *bottom's-up* approach to governance. Discussing these contrasting programs in solely *abstract* (as opposed to *actual*) realities can easily diminish the magnitude of the damning consequences of a vision which portends instead to create fair and equal societies, i.e., a utopia.

In addition to expressing a *top-downward* relationship between the "*governing*" and the "*governed*," Socialism also imposes strictures on the latter which deprive them of rewards for their labors. The slogan, "*From each according to his ability to each according to their needs*,"² may, on the one hand please those who seek to avoid work, but on the other hand deprive *sincere* workers of financial benefits of their labor, and also both innovators, of their organic successes, and additionally visionaries, from seeing their insights unfold into reality. Only 90 miles south of the Florida Keys lies a "*living*" example of such a "*failed [socialist] State*"³ that began in prosperity (albeit morally-degenerate) yet quickly plunged into enslaved poverty.⁴ Venezuela too is another state which much more recently suddenly plunged from prosperity into similar levels of destitution as a result of a socialistic overhaul.⁵

This set of deprivations obstructs fairness both at individual and societal levels. Clearly members of the human race are NOT uniformly motivated in similar directions. Viewed then solely under *rational* (as opposed to *religious*) terms, Socialism, as reflected upon with care, brings a death-knell to free self-determination for a vast percentage of any population. Not

¹ <https://reason.com/2019/07/06/socialism-is-back-and-the-kids-are-loving-it/>

² <https://artsandculture.google.com/entity/from-each-according-to-his-ability-to-each-according-to-his-needs/m0cxcxc?hl=en>

³ President Joe Biden's depiction in his public comments on July 15, 2021, of Cuba's governance.

⁴ <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/comandante-pre-castro-cuba/>

⁵ <https://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/2019-venezuela-key-events/>

only is it *statistically*⁶ clear that socialistic economies *do* not work, but they ***cannot possibly do so*** except by means of punishment from enforcers. Such indeed are the grounds for the murders of *intellectually*-driven and financially-successful people by Socialist regimes.⁷ This indeed is cause for scorning university academics who continue spreading the fables to their students that un-tethered Socialism inspires the human spirit. Pol Pot's agenda proves to the contrary, the consequences if such faculties as above faced his regime.⁸ Such indeed is the logical outcome of universities replacing the classical goal of pursuing truth by all means possible, with imposing instead political activism, whose "teaching" methods contradict the former.

Although well-known movie stars, international business corporations, and successful athletes⁹ are often cited for lauding the "goodness" of present Socialist governments, they do so either at a *geographical*, or a *socially-safe*, distance from the *actual* experiential realities of the under-ling-commoners who exist in daily fear of punishment and squalor just outside of the "camera's eye." After all, it defies the will of Socialist Tyrants to unveil the traumatic realities that the enforcement of its principles requires.

Yet the most objective, and so, decisive indicator of the clear destructive consequence of Socialism is the testimony that in the 20th Century alone, over one hundred million people were murdered by their own despotic governments. Their methods entailed either 1) torture, 2) wide-scale imposed starvation, 3) traumatizing, 4) shootings, 5) gassings, 6) imprisonment, 6) forced dissolutions *of /or* severance of individuals *from* their families, 7) thuggery, 8) black-mail, or 9) in combination.¹⁰

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⁶ E.g. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/venezuelas-economic-collapse-explained-in-nine-charts-11553511601>

⁷ E.g. <https://www.history.com/topics/cold-war/pol-pot>

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ <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/lebron-james-criticized-saying-rockets-gm-misinformed-hong-kong-n1066351>

¹⁰ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/volokh-conspiracy/wp/2017/11/07/lessons-from-a-century-of-communism/>