



Socialism

Socialism is a system in which the working class of the world takes control of the means of production and the distribution and exchange of goods. Socialism organizes the means of production according to a plan based on what resources are available and what society as a whole needs. By planning production this way, society will finally be free from the irrational cycle of capitalist crises—like the one we find ourselves in today.

Increasing production under socialism will mean more for everybody; whereas under capitalism increased production can lead to a depression, because the bosses won't sell their goods if they can't make a profit. Inflation will be eliminated under socialism because prices will be set according to the socialist plan and there will be no need to raise them to increase profits.

Unemployment will be eliminated because everyone's full potential will be put to work to improve life for all of society. Automation, instead of being used to lay off workers and increase exploitation, will be used to free workers from monotonous and unhealthy work. The technology already exists to automate the digging of coal, all welding, all foundry work, and all machine shop production work. No longer would thousands of workers spend all day over a grinder or welding rod or drill press.

Increased efficiency will mean more free time for everyone, instead of harder work for some and unemployment for others. Workers will have the time and energy for education and enjoyment of art, music, and plays, the things only the privileged enjoy now.

Through socialism, the terrible inequality between the imperialist nations and the oppressed nations will be overcome, with the resources of former imperialist countries put at the disposal of the oppressed nations. No longer will one nation exploit another. When all the traces of the terrible heritage of imperialism are eliminated, the working class of the world can rid itself of outmoded national divisions.

Through planned communities, the need for division between the city and the countryside will be ended. Agricultural work will be the same as any other job and farmworkers won't be deprived of the advanced culture of the cities.

Every worker will have a say in the running of their workplace, their neighborhood, their children's school, their medical facilities, and the entire government. This democratic involvement in every aspect of life as well as the availability of education to everyone, will break down the division between intellectual and physical work. No longer will thinking be the work of the privileged alone.

Thirty-five percent of the people of the world already live in countries where the working class has seized power and is building socialism. Through socialist planned production these countries, such as Soviet Union, China, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, have turned what were the most backward, oppressed countries into highly industrialized, advanced societies. Once the working class has taken power all over the world, the building of socialism can be completed.

Under socialism, the world would open to everyone the possibility of developing their true potential. As Friedrich Engels said, "The history of humanity will truly begin."