

# FORMS OF GOVERNMENT



**Day 3 –**

## **Communism and its Opposites**

***Just remember, Communist jokes aren't funny unless everyone gets them***

# Objectives

- Identify the key differences between Communism and the American systems (4x4)
- Understand why those differences cause tension
- *Terms:*
  - Communism
  - Censorship
  - Capitalism
  - Socialism





**What is  
Communism?**  
**How is it different  
from whatever  
system WE have?**



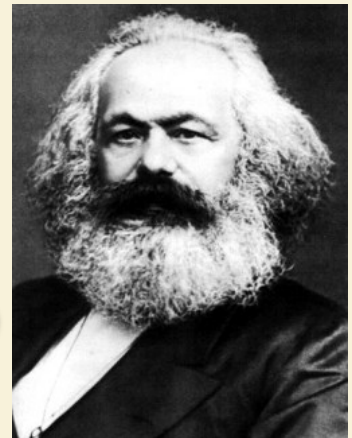
# THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO

by Friedrich ENGELS and Karl MARX

• “... I call then for the people to rise up, take control of the means of production, and create their own community whereby production, distribution, and profit is controlled by, and shared by, the people... and this Commun-ist system shall reach from the lowest Proletariat to the highest echelons of government...”

- Karl Marx

*The Communist Manifesto*







**Communism, then  
is...**

**A Political AND  
Economic System**

*That's very different  
from other forms of  
government.*

**How?**

**Ain't no Party like the Communist Party**



**'Cuz the Communist Party don't stop!**



# Democracy Vs. Communism



## • 4 Political Differences

- Multiple Parties vs. **One Party**
  - Division vs. **Centralization of power**
  - Citizens Vote\* vs. **only Party Members vote**
  - Freedom of Speech and Press vs. **Censorship** (Limits to Freedom of Speech or Press)
- \* In a "Republic" Representatives *chosen by the people* vote.







# Economic Differences\$..

Toy Soldiers and  
candy ☺

# A Capital Idea

- **Capitalism**
  - **An Economic System**
  - **Defined by profit motive, private ownership, and “winners and losers”**
  - ***The opposite of Communism economically***
  - **Is this Good or Bad?**
  - **How or Why?**






# Capitalism Vs. Communism



- **4 Economic Differences**
  - **Private Ownership** vs. **Collective Ownership**
  - **Little Government Control** vs. **Total Government Control**
  - **Profit Motive** vs. **Organized Labor (efficiency)**
  - **Competition** vs. **Rationing**





**Why would these  
differences cause  
tension?**

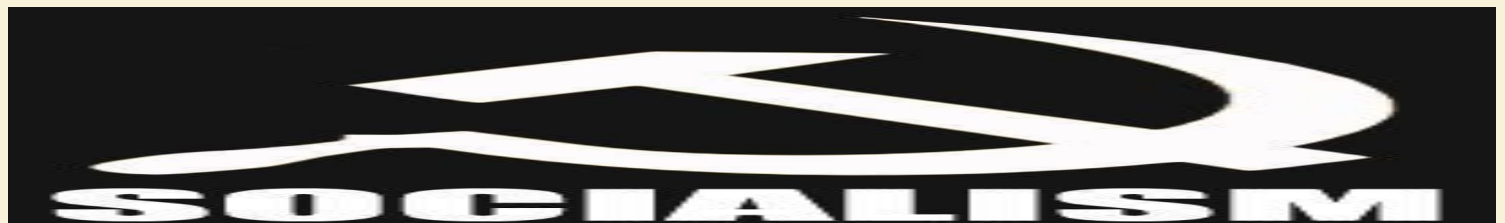
**Are there good and  
bad things about each?**



**So wait, if that's  
Communism,  
then what is  
Socialism?  
Aren't they the  
same thing?**

# ● Socialism

- Members of a society or government own a business equally
- **OR** total government control of something that previously wasn't
- Examples:
  - Socialized Education
  - Healthcare
  - Social Security
  - Roads, Phones, Sewers, Postal System
- Is Socialism only in Communism?





# IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT... AGAIN

A Brief History of Socialist Plots to End the American Way of Life

PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS?  
SOCIALISM!!



1790

PUBLIC  
WATER SYSTEM?  
SOCIALISM!!



1808

PUBLIC  
HIGHWAYS?  
SOCIALISM!!



1842

PUBLIC  
PARKS?  
SOCIALISM!!



1905

PUBLIC  
HEALTH CARE?  
SOCIALISM!!



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