

CAPITALISM vs. Socialism vs. **COMMUNISM**

Economic Question	CAPITALISM	SOCIALISM	COMMUNISM
Important book?			
Who owns the factors of production?			
Who controls the economy?			
Private ownership?			
View of wealth?			
Incentive to work?			
Importance of the individual?			
How does each affect job/career choice?			

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Govt. DECIDES for you	Work to improve well-being & welfare of society	Most is private, except for govt. roads, parks, forests, etc.
Only Society is important (everyone is equal - no classes)	Private individuals	FREEDOM of choice (Abilities)
Some, but cannot own property claimed by govt.	The INDIVIDUAL is most important	Society comes FIRST, individual 2nd (equality of classes)
. Govt. owns ALL factors of production	Private individuals; laissez-faire - govt. shouldn't be involved	All profits & surplus are shared among society
FREEDOM of choice (Abilities)	Work to help ALL MEMBERS of society	Govt. & some individuals; -Economic decisions based on need not profit
NO private ownership - everything is <u>SHARED</u>	<u>Communist Manifesto</u> by Karl Marx (& Engels)	Mostly the govt. & few private individuals
Wealth should be distributed evenly - no rich & no poor	Govt. makes ALL economic decisions based on need	Wealth (profit) motivates people to work - work or you will be poor
<u>Communist Manifesto</u> by Karl Marx (& Engels)	Motivated by profit - Individual wealth	<u>Wealth of Nations</u> by Adam Smith