Ronald Reagan said it best, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.” Socialism, not long ago defeated with the fall of communism, has now become a mainstream political ideology among America’s left and even some on the right. Even the so-called “crony capitalism” is really a form of collectivism with direct links to socialism.

### Views About Capitalism and Socialism: by Party

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GALLUP
The Rise of Democratic Socialism, also known as “socialism light.” It attempts to distinguish itself by claiming that it is voluntary. The people vote. Democracy in action! But it is not really voluntary. It is the decision of the majority and you live with it, whether you like it or not. Democratic Socialism starts with offering collective benefits. FREE health care. FREE college. Guaranteed universal basic income. And they ask the voters to vote on it. Who doesn’t want FREE stuff?

The slippery slope America is facing:
1. We have social programs now (Social Security, Medicare) but many do not think it goes far enough.

2. Democratic Socialists believe the government doesn’t just supply basic needs like bread, but also fulfillment demanded by the collective (“bread and roses”).

3. Without knowing how to pay for it, democratic socialism requires that everyone fund what the majority deems worthy. It is not your choice. It is the choice of the Collective. Eventually, it’s the choice of those who take control of the Collective.
YOUR MISSION:
To understand and provide the substance to the myths of Democratic Socialism. It is critical to understand the realities and deceptions being implemented against America and your family. Also, to implement action plan steps below that will protect America’s economic infrastructure and freedoms. If it is to be, it is up to you!

Millennials would rather live in socialist or communist nation than under capitalism:
Poll reported by Bradford Richardson, Washington Times, Saturday, November 4, 2017

Just let that sink in for a moment.
A. The U.S. Education system has been compromised: One of the most influential men in our American public education system was John Dewey, best known as “the father of modern education.”

1. Dewey was a dedicated socialist and a member of 15 Marxist organizations. He taught those that trained America’s teachers.

2. Dewey believed that it was not possible to make socialists out of individuals. Therefore, developing children into being able to think for themselves would, as he put it, “spoil the harmony of the collective society.”

3. The National Education Association that honored Dewey for his contributions to education, previously stated, “We stand for socializing the individual.”

Susan Knowles writing at THE BLAZE

4. Americans do not understand that socialism is communism. Vladimir Lenin said that the goal of socialism is communism.

5. NAZI is National Socialist. The USSR is the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. There are national socialists and global socialists but they are all collectivists. There are religious socialists and atheist socialists. What they have in common is the preference of the collective over the individual. They simply disagree on who should be in charge.
B. The Deadly Sins of Socialism  (Watch Episode 12 for part 2 on the 7 deadly sins of socialism.
(There are four more deadly sins)

1. Socialism is about **CONTROL** vs. Freedom and Liberty.
   a. If you have socialism, you must **MANDATE** that people work. It’s not voluntary. It is mandatory.
   b. It progresses, and the **MANDATES** get broader and stricter. And you have to have a group of people that determines those mandates.
   c. The power of mandates is quickly transferred to an unelected bureaucracy. Look at the European Union as an example. Work rules for Liverpool were crafted in Brussels by people who don’t speak their language and may never have visited their city.
   d. The book *Animal Farm* taught us: Communism is simply a mechanism for CONTROL. It is never about equality. Lenin proved that. So did Stalin. And Mao. And Castro. And Chavez. Communism doesn’t work so it always **ends in dictatorship favoring the elite**.

2. **SOCIALISM IS NOT ABOUT FAIRNESS**
   We’ve all heard the story about the college student who came homewith all “A’s,” but was lecturing his mom about how evil capitalism was. She wisely asked, “Did everyone in the class get an A?” “Of course not,” he scoffed. One guy he knew was failing.” Ok, then. Why don’t we take some of your earned ‘A’ and average it with the ‘F’ so you both receive a ‘C’?” she asked. He replied without thinking, “Because that wouldn’t be FAIR!”—and then he understood.

3. **SOCIALISM IS THEFT**
C. “Socialism is economic slavery.” – Ben Shapiro

1. Slavery occurs when your work output is owned by others. By definition, under socialism your work is owned by others.

2. Socialists ADMIT that they want to take the property of the 1%. When that’s not enough it quickly becomes the 10%, then the 25%. By the way, it only takes about $130,000 in household income in the United States to be in the top 10% today.

3. When the income tax was first enacted, only the top 2% paid any income tax and the starting tax rate was just 1%. That rose oh, so quickly. In five years the top rate was over 76%. By the 1940s, the majority of Americans paid taxes and the top rate was over 90%.

Incentives and free markets work!

1. The problems we face in America are not from too much capitalism but rather from too much control. Episodes 10 and 11 highlighted OVERREGULATION:

Mercatus Center study: “Had regulations been held constant at levels observed in 1980, our model predicts that the economy would be nearly 25 percent larger. In other words, the growth of regulation since 1980 cost the United States roughly $4 trillion in GDP (nearly $13,000 per person) in 2012 alone.” [https://www.mercatus.org/system/files/Coffey-Cumulative-Cost-Regs-v3.pdf](https://www.mercatus.org/system/files/Coffey-Cumulative-Cost-Regs-v3.pdf)
2. One of the main reasons people have turned against the notion of capitalism is that excessive government has protected big business to the exclusion of truly free markets. This is not freedom but actually a Marxist notion of state monopoly capitalism. Don’t confuse the free market with crony capitalism by DAVID D’AMATO, OPINION CONTRIBUTOR - 03/30/17

3. This graph below charts two very different things. First, it shows the number of people living in extreme poverty. As you can see, that number has dropped rather dramatically, starting as Communism began to fall and more of the world was able to benefit from economic freedom. But second, it shows the relative number between those living in extreme poverty and those who do not, taking account of the massive increase in world population since 1820. And that truly is extraordinary.—Rod Martin, October 4, 2017 [http://rodmartin.org/owe-capitalism-one-graph](http://rodmartin.org/owe-capitalism-one-graph)
Free Markets drive prosperity and higher standards of living. Ask your advisor on how you can focus on growth markets and nations that believe in freedom and property rights.

Source: https://www.heritage.org
Why You Should Care

Socialism is regressive, not progressive as advertised

1. You care about freedom, fairness, and theft. It is about your and the next generation’s liberty and freedom.

2. With each step toward socialism our culture, economy, and productivity suffers. Ultimately, mankind suffers the most.

3. The debt crisis is huge. Democratic Socialism only increases that burden until there is complete political anarchy. Forget about trying to grow our way out of the current debt with unfunded entitlements. [Just look at Venezuela.]

4. It impacts our culture and mindset. “The American Way” has not been about letting elites that think they know better take care of us and tell us what to do.

5. You do not like being told how to live your life, what you can have, or what to do with your life.

6. You are concerned about your loved ones and your neighbors!
Economic Patriot Action Steps

1. Make sure the youth in your life are at schools that teach them to think for themselves. School board elections are critical, but teaching critical thinking skills at home or with extended family members may also be necessary.

2. Educate yourself, your peers, and the next generation on the topics above. Share this battle plan electronically with your networks.

3. ASK YOUR ADVISOR about investments in pro-growth nations that believe in:
   - Freedom, Free markets, and Capitalism
   - Less Regulation
   - Personal property rights

4. Watch Episode 12 for part 2 on the sins of socialism. (There are four more deceptions coming.) Please pass this on!

5. On the economicwarroom.com site, sign up to receive our weekly Economic War Room Battle Plans. Share these with at least 7 friends and get them to sign up for our free battle plans.

   Sign up with THE BLAZE (Formerly CRTV) and use the promo code ECONCHRISTMAS and save $20 on your subscription.

6. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Then actively share and add comments.

7. Build your Legacy; use the Economic War Room and Battle Plan tools to help develop the next generation of leaders. Too many people are trapped in the ignorance of identity politics, socialism, and apathy. They don’t realize they’re being surrounded by the forces of evil intent on wiping out our liberty and way of life.
Socialism concentrates power and the power inevitably corrupts. Even when it starts on a voluntary basis it always ends in control. We saw that in Venezuela. Hugo Chavez was popularly elected in 1998. His hand-picked successor, Nicholas Maduro shut down the people’s Congress. In less than two decades, Democratic Socialism destroyed a nation.

Thank you for accepting this mission. Together, we will make a difference!

SHAREABLE QUOTE: “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.”

-Ronald Wilson Reagan - 40th President of the United States
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