

# Political Ideologies

## Theory & History

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# Socialism

- Socialism
- Communism
- Marxism

# Socialism

- **The Core**
- Optimistic view of human nature
- Class
- Welfare
- Equality (social, economic)
- Fair share

# Socialism

- Equality & social justice
- Belief in a better tomorrow
- “From each according to his/her ability to each according to his/her needs”

# Marxism

- Industrial Revolution
- Critique of capitalism
- **Friedrich Engels (1820-1895)**
- **Karl Marx (1818-1883)**

# Marxism

- Human nature suppressed by capitalism
- Collectivism
- Collective property rather than private property
- Social democrats differ

# Marxism

- Private property is:
  - 1) not just
  - 2) not moral
  - 3) divisive

# Marxism

- Class
- Class conflict
  
- Bourgeoisie
- Proletariat



# Marxism

- Class gap
- Labor exploitation
- Surplus value
- Commodity fetishism

# Marxism

- Alienation
- From human nature
- From the system in total
- From one's own class

# Marxism

- False consciousness
- Class consciousness
  
- Revolution

# Marxism

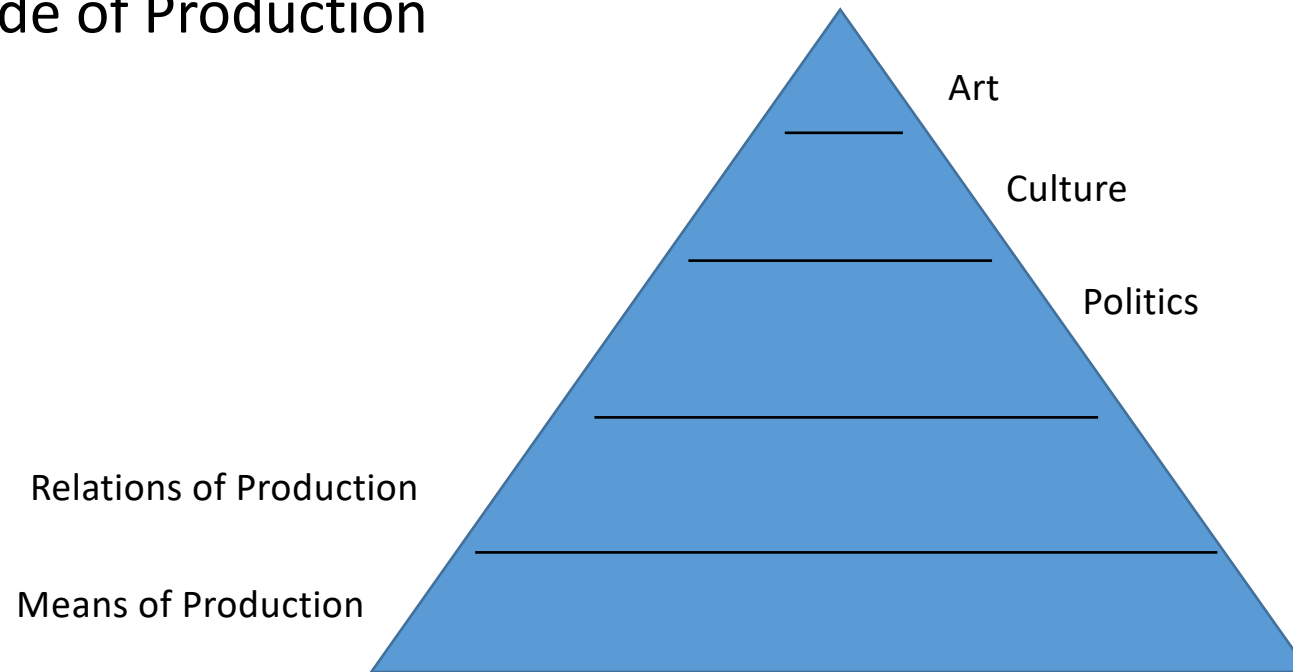
- **Historical materialism (scientific Marxism)**
- Primitive socialism (hunter-gatherer) stage
- Age of Slavery
- Feudalism
- Capitalism
- Socialism (dictatorship of the proletariat)
- Communism (utopian stage)

# Marxism

- **Historical materialism**
- Mode of production
- Economic determinism (often criticized as economic reductionism)

# Marxism – Economic Determinism

Mode of Production



# Marxism - Leninism

- **Vladimir Ilich Lenin (1870-1924)**
- The Russian Revolution (October Revolution)
- Bolsheviks
- Soviets
- The Communist Party
- “Workers of the world, unite!”
- Imperialism

# Marx vs. Lenin

- Marx

- Philosopher
- Historical materialism
- Proletariat dictatorship

- Lenin

Militia, activist, politician

Directly from rural agrarian to socialism

The Party (elite, vanguard of the proletariat)



# Marx vs. Lenin (revolution)

- Marx

- when conditions are ripe  
(waits for its time, by itself)

- Lenin

invite, push, force

# Trotsky

- **Leon Trotsky (1879-1940)**
- No need to wait for bourgeois capitalism to complete its life-span
- Permanent revolution
- Internationalization of the revolution

# Stalin

- **Joseph Stalin (1879-1953)**
- Five-year economic plans
- Collectivization (collective farms)
- Lands confiscated

# Stalin

- Labor camps or gulags
- No criticism whatsoever tolerated
- Over a million lost their lives
- Even members of Lenin's politburo purged & executed
- "Socialism in one country"

# Social Democracy

- Radicalism vs Revisionism
- Socialism or liberalism
- Change not through a revolution, but within the liberal-democratic system
- Social welfare state
- Free market economy with certain reservations
- Free & fair elections and other requirements of political liberalism

# Marxism - Socialism

- Marxism, Leninism, Maoism, the Cuban Revolution (Castro & Che)
- Utopianism
- Social democracy
- Guerilla warfare
- Political activism
- Environmentalism, the Green movement
- Anarchism, collectivist anarchism, anarcho-syndicalism

# Marxism - Socialism

- Classical (orthodox Marxism)
- Feminism, socialist feminism
- Western Marxism
- Neo-Marxism
- Marxism in intellectual and academic circles

# Socialism (fundamental questions)

- The level and extent of state intervention (economics)
- The balance between equality & freedom
- Change comes how, in what way? (revolution or reform)
  
- If revolution, how will problems in relation to gender, ethnicity & religion be addressed and resolved?
- Individual rights & liberties?



# Socialism

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# Links

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# Next Week

- next week, **conservatism**
- please don't forget to check out the relevant chapters from both our books!
- thank you...