

# To Know Socialism is to Hate It

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## Why Socialism is bad for Christians, bad for America

We keep saying that socialism is bad, but our message isn't being believed. Maybe we don't fully believe it ourselves. So let's dig deeper and understand just how bad, and how anti-Christian, socialism really is.

This article examines how American society changes when socialists get to run things. You'll see, quoting the socialists themselves, how:

- Everyone is made paupers, on purpose.
- Society is reorganized, where children become wards of the state and families, even marriages, are discouraged.
- Christian worship and behavior get driven out of society. Those who persist can even be sent to sanitariums.

Once you're alert to what socialism does to a society, you can begin to protect your community, your family, and yourself from the designs of these politicians and activists.

**Dial it up to 11: look at fully-implemented socialist programs.** Don't think that socialist-leaning politicians are satisfied with the few initiatives they promote in their political campaigns. Once they get into power they tend to hire radical bureaucrats and aides, people who do the real work of implementing both announced and hidden socialist schemes. Think of the politician as the nose of the camel, poking into the tent.

This is why it is both fair and reasonable to associate any socialist-leaning politician or activist with the full socialist agenda. And this is why this article looks at the full effects of socialist policies on America.

As far as communist activists versus socialist ones, there is no practical difference between them. Both sides get their theories from Karl Marx. The communists are just emphasizing the supposed socialist endgame, evoking some future utopia.

#### Socialism in three minutes

To frame a discussion of socialism we need a definition. According to one dictionary, socialism is:

- 1.) a theory or system of social organization in which the means of production and distribution of goods ar owned and controlled collectively or by the government.
- 2.) (in Marxist theory) the stage following capitalism in the transition of a society to communism, characterized by the imperfect implementation of collectivist principles.[i]

This definition has these implications.

**Individuals may not own any productive property.** A socialist society will take over (that is, "steal") farms, mines, factories, warehouses, and other things in the name of "the people." But what about personal property? Will your house, or your jewelry, remain yours? That's hard to say. Considering that socialist activists can't even agree if you are allowed to own a bicycle, expect chaos to occur.[ii]

The government is the de-facto owner of practically everything. We all can't visit that nice beach getaway at the same time. Nor can more than 100 million adults be bothered with the details of thousands of factories. This means that "the people" really means "the government." It alone will own and manage all of these properties. You can already guess how well that will go.

Under socialism, the State puts itself in the place of God and says, "The earth is the State's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it." [iii]

The intent is to transform human character. Socialists don't want control because of a mere power trip. They think that this actually improves the human condition, that individuals owning things is the root of all evils. Removing property ownership from us will somehow automatically transform us into a freely giving, naturally sharing, people. [iv] Society will be free from crime and strife, and there will be no need for police, army, legislators or bureaucrats. [v]

This goal of transforming humanity exposes <u>the religious nature of socialism</u>.[vi] It also helps explain why these activists are so devoted to their cause.

### Socialism: Give me this day my daily bread

We already know that having <u>private property is good with God</u>.[vii] But socialists don't care what God says. They aim to have everyone utterly dependent on the government, with all devoted to the common good. This is much like being utterly defeated by an invading army, except that we will voluntarily open the fortress gates and let them in.

**Socialism must take away everything.** The socialist state's signature belief is simple, courtesy of **Karl Marx**:

In this sense, the theory of the Communists may be summed up in the single sentence: Abolition of private property.[viii]

A socialist government will certainly dispossess, that is "steal," factories, farms, transportation systems, distribution networks, mines, warehouses, and much more from their current owners. These would theoretically be owned by "the people," but everybody knows that the government becomes the true owner and manager.

They say that you can keep your personal property, but why believe them? It isn't like they have morals against theft. If your house looks useful for a group home, or somebody else happens to need a bike at this moment, [ix] then why not take them away?

You will live from hand to mouth. Karl Marx describes the goal of socialist economic planning:

"From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs!"  $[\underline{x}]$ 

Each of us must apply ourselves for the common good. The children won't be exempt from this work, according to modern activists:

"Furthermore, in communist society children will be given the freedom to work from a young age." [xi]

In return we're promised that the benevolent government will meet our needs. Understand, though, that they are the ones that decide what we need and get.

God help you if the government thinks your region needs to be taught a lesson. Stalin taught a lesson to the Ukrainians in 1933 and starved about 7,000,000 people. [xii] China is spying on its own people, creating a computerized "social ranking" that determines if individuals can acquire needed things. [xiii] History has a habit of repeating itself.

**Welcome to slavery.** If the government owns and controls everything, and you have nothing, then you're completely dependent on its good will. Socialists would merely say that you're a good citizen, a diligent supporter of the new socialist state. However, there are other words for this condition. From Herbert Spencer, a 19<sup>th</sup> century "jack of all trades" intellectual:

Suppose that for a company we substitute the community; does it make any difference to the slave if the time he has to work for others is as great, and the time left for himself is as small, as before?

The essential question is—How much is he compelled to labour for other benefit than his own, and how much can he labour for his own benefit? The degree of his slavery varies according to the ratio between that which he is forced to yield up and that which he is allowed to retain; and it matters not whether his master is a single person or a society. If, without option, he has to labour for the society, and receives from the general stock such portion as the society awards him, he becomes a slave to the society. [xiv]

**Socialism wastes away the spirit.** When taken to its logical conclusion, the socialist state develops what amounts to a royal caste, which gets to run and enjoy the material largesse. The rest of us are working drones, without property or means of escape from our slavery. Some interesting, perhaps unexpected, things develop from this.

- The *raison d'être* of a socialist state is to overproduce everything for the people to luxuriate in. But that bounty will be hard to come by. First, socialists will never be as competent about running an economy as all of us are now collectively doing. Second, people will be a lot less productive when they can't see the reward of hard work. Why work harder when there isn't a commensurate reward for it?
- This listless work force will be paired with less innovation. Without a spur for being creative, technology will stagnate.
- Because it took away everything, the government becomes the only charity and relief-giver. Nobody else has anything to share. The futility of caring, but not being able to help, will result in callous, uncompassionate nation.

### Socialism: The family is obsolete

According to socialists, taking our property isn't enough. We must become an entirely different country, with new values and ideals. This is revealed in the words of **Alexandra Kollontai**, a champion of Marxist feminism and leader in family issues for Lenin's Russia.

There is no escaping the fact: the old type of family has had its day. The family is withering away not because it is being forcibly destroyed by the state, but because the family is ceasing to be a necessity. The state does not need the family, because the domestic economy is no longer profitable: the family distracts the worker from more useful and productive labour. The members of the family do not need the family either, because the task

of bringing up the children which was formerly theirs is passing more and more into the hands of the collective. In place of the old relationship between men and women, a new one is developing: a union of affection and comradeship, a union of two equal members of communist society, both of them free, both of them independent and both of them workers.[xv]

Why worry about what a Soviet functionary said a century ago? Because with socialism there is really nothing new. Neither does anything become obsolete. What has been tried before will come around again. Think of it as a warning from history. Her words summarize these intentions.

## Break the bonds between parent and child. According to Kollontai,

The worker-mother must learn not to differentiate between yours and mine; she must remember that there are only our children, the children of Russia's communist workers.[xvi]

Defying our natural attachment to our children (<u>Isaiah 49:15</u>), parents are to be aloof towards them. A mother must birth the child, but must also then be willing to turn it over to state care. According to modern American socialists,

From a young age children will be given the choice to leave the family home and live in social homes, or on their own, with their food and home being guaranteed for free. In communism, children will be allowed to do anything which does not harm themselves or others; and they will be free to do more risky things from a much younger age than they are now, as soon as they demonstrate they have the rational capacity to take decisions. No arbitrary restrictions, indoctrination nor censorship would take place. [xvii]

In short, the parents will be robbed of the affection, and even of contact with, their own children. Their children will hardly know them.

Those aren't your children any more. Revisiting what Kollontai wrote,

The worker-mother must learn not to differentiate between yours and mine; she must remember that there are only our children, the children of Russia's communist workers.[xviii]

The state doesn't want the parents to be in the child raising process. The parents procreate, but the government provides the food, the clothes, the shelter, and the child's education. The state will accommodate those "those parents who desire to participate in the education of their children," [ $\underline{x}\underline{i}\underline{x}$ ] but can you guess who will win out if the parents and state differ on what the child is learning.

The family must go because it resists the state. According to Kollontai, once the parents no longer provide for the child, nor teach the child, why is there a family at all?

What responsibilities are left to the parents, when they no longer have to take charge of upbringing and education?... The state does not need the family, because the domestic economy is no longer profitable: the family distracts the worker from more useful and productive labour.[xx]

The state's problem with families is how they are loyal to themselves. Their youth learn to question the world around them according to their parents' shaping. According to socialist activists, this is a major crime against humanity.

Today, the main backwards role the family plays is the oppression of children, who are subjected to a tyranny of the parents and denied the basic rights which should belong to every human, most importantly the *right of free development of the personality*.[xxi]

In the parents' place, the state will impose a uniform shaping of personality. It prefers clones raised in a values factory.

A committed marital relationship isn't needed. According to Kollontai, the bond between husband and wife must also change. Repeating her earlier quote:

The members of the family do not need the family either, because the task of bringing up the children which was formerly theirs is passing more and more into the hands of the collective. In place of the old relationship between men and women, a new one is developing: a union of affection and comradeship, a union of two equal members of communist society, both of them free, both of them independent and both of them workers. [xxii]

Relationships are encouraged, but committed ones are not.

Instead of the conjugal slavery of the past, communist society offers women and men a free union which is strong in the comradeship which inspired it. Once the conditions of labour have been transformed and the material security of the working women has increased, and once marriage such as the church used to perform it – this so-called indissoluble marriage which was at bottom merely a fraud – has given place to the free and honest union of men and women who are lovers and comrades, prostitution will disappear. This evil, which is a stain on humanity and the scourge of hungry working women, has its roots in commodity production and the institution of private property. Once these economic forms are superseded, the trade in women will automatically disappear. The women of the working class, therefore, need not worry over the fact that the family is doomed to disappear. They should, on the contrary, welcome the dawn of a new society which will liberate women from domestic servitude, lighten the burden of motherhood and finally put an end to the terrible curse of prostitution. [xxiii]

To clarify, the man and woman are to be free to create, and dissolve, relationships as their emotions and desires take them. Don't let the possibility of children slow you down, for the state is there to cover for you. From **Frederick Engels**, one of Marx's buddies:

In any case, therefore, the position of men will be very much altered. But the position of women, of all women, also undergoes significant change. With the transfer of the means of production into common ownership, the single family ceases to be the economic unit of society. Private housekeeping is transformed into a social industry. The care and education of the children becomes a public affair; society looks after all children alike, whether they are legitimate or not. This removes all the anxiety about the "consequences," which today is the most essential social – moral as well as economic – factor that prevents a girl from giving herself completely to the man she loves. Will not that suffice to bring about the gradual growth of unconstrained sexual intercourse and with it a more tolerant public opinion in regard to a maiden's honor and a woman's shame? And, finally, have we not seen that in the modern world monogamy and prostitution are indeed contradictions, but inseparable contradictions, poles of the same state of society? Can prostitution disappear without dragging monogamy with it into the abyss?

Here a new element comes into play, an element which, at the time when monogamy was developing, existed at most in germ: individual sex-love.[xxiv]

In short, sex without consequences, the so-called "free love." Soviet Russia had a bout with that.

As soon as the communists took power in 1917 in Russia, they began to systematically enact policies that followed the doctrines of Karl Marx. Their dream of a materialistic utopia could be attained "only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions," as Marx had written in the "Communist Manifesto." That included not only confiscating "means of production," like factories and land, but also disintegrating the institution of the family. Communists saw commitment to family as an obstacle to people's devotion to the pursuit of their utopia. Instead, people were to live in "free unions," mating at will. [xxv]

The idea caught on too well, and the Soviets rapidly backtracked.

To reverse a society-wide disaster, by 1936 the Soviet Union abandoned the "free love" ideology and returned to pro-family policies, outlawing abortion, requiring substantial fees for a divorce, imposing higher penalties

for abandoning a family, and encouraging women to have more children.

"The idea that the state would assume the functions of the family was abandoned," Goldman wrote.[xxvi]

**Socialism creates a selfish, shallow, mean-spirited society.** People don't raise children to get rich. With love they pour youth and fortune into their children, in hopes of them becoming wise, diligent, and compassionate adults.

However, the new socialist world will have none of that. As is their want, the state knows best, and how can mere untrained people be trusted to raise a baby? For example, the state of Oregon wants to come between the parents and the child:

If Oregon Governor Kate Brown has her way, the Beaver State will become the first to require universal home visits for newborn children in the care of their own parents.... While it's not clear whether either of these programs would be mandatory, the use of the term "universal" suggests that they would. It's frightening to think about what would happen to parents who refuse such visits. [xxvii]

If the socialists get to fulfill their plans, what are some consequences?

- Parents are taught to not have children, or not care about them if they "make a mistake." The state orphanage will raise them. This option, and encouraging this option, reinforces selfishness.
- Young adults will stay lazy and careless. Many people don't learn of diligence and hard work until they find themselves responsible to provide for those in a household.
- There isn't a place to learn love, intimacy, compassion or commitment. If you're having relationship difficulties, it is easy to run away. There isn't a venue for character building. There also isn't a way to build loyalty, a giving love. There is no need for honesty, and certainly no reason to be a hero.
- There will be even fewer children than now. If it is hard to birth children, and care for them through their infancy, and then soon enough the state grabs them, then what is the payoff? Why bother with the pain in the first place?
- The few children that there are will grow up hard-boiled. There will be nobody to comfort them about hurts or the unexpected. They'll learn society's rules from the gangs. They will be aloof. From what wellspring will come love or compassion?

## Socialism: God can't be dead, because He never existed at all

Socialists have the chutzpah to insist that the America you know, its institutions and values, must be completely overturned. They've reassured themselves that this a good thing because there is no God to tell them otherwise. They believe in Materialism, which is "...the belief that nothing exists apart from the material world (i.e. physical matter like the brain)." [xxviii] This claim, that there is nothing spiritual, and nothing intelligent, that could have created things, denies that any God exists.

A socialist government will have to deal with Christians as enemies, because we'd be condemning their policies from God's word. It will want to shut us down. Early in his activist career, Vladimir Lenin lectured his fellow socialists on how socialists should treat religion.

So far as the party of the socialist proletariat is concerned, religion is not a private affair. Our Party is an association of class-conscious, advanced fighters for the emancipation of the working class. Such an association cannot and must not be indifferent to lack of class-consciousness, ignorance or obscurantism in the shape of religious beliefs. We demand complete disestablishment of the Church so as to be able to combat the religious fog with purely ideological and solely ideological weapons, by means of our press and by word of mouth. But we founded our association, the Russian Social-Democratic Labour Party, precisely for such a

struggle against every religious bamboozling of the workers. And to us the ideological struggle is not a private affair, but the affair of the whole Party, of the whole proletariat. [xxix]

That is, while the government can claim be religiously neutral, socialist activists will care about you, your religious practices and attitudes, and make your life difficult until you get with the socialist program.

**Believers to be called mentally ill.** If there can be no God, then people who persist with religious beliefs are obviously mentally ill, living in a fantasy world. The technique of "psychiatric incarceration" was frequently used against dissidents by Soviet Russia, because you must be literally crazy to oppose the state. [xxx] Already people in America assert that religion is an illness, [xxxi] so how long before Christians are spirited away for "treatment?"

**Public scorn and persecution for believers.** People who demonstrate religious behavior will be noticed and punished for it. It's even happening today, before your very eyes.

- Karen Pence, wife of the Vice President, is supposed to not support a Christian school because it offends someone. [xxxii] She should lose her Secret Service protection. [xxxiii] More to the point, religious people should stay out of politics. [xxxiv]
- Jack Phillips, cake designer, must give up his religious rights in order to make a living. [xxxv]
- A Ford employee gets fired for not toeing the line with the transgender movement.[xxxvi]
- A pizza parlor closes because of internet outrage over how they might handle catering to a "gay wedding." [xxxvii]

The government doesn't have to directly come for you. Rather, it can pretend to be officially neutral, all the while letting the "Party" do the dirty work (see Lenin's quote, above).[xxxviii]

**No soup for naughty people.** Remember that Chinese social rating plan? [xxxix] It comes for you, too. Not attending enough socialist classes? Praying at meals? Being turned in by your children for talking about Jesus at home? Soon you're known in the computers as a malcontent and can't buy food, or transportation, as you might need.

**Socialists are the generation that knew not God** (*Judges 2:10*). The socialist leaders know of the Bible, but they won't read it or obey it. They won't let others know of it. They are condemned just as Jesus condemned the Pharisees (*Matthew 23:13*). They lead the land into great difficulties.

- As in the time of Josiah (<u>2 Kings 22:8-13</u>), the people won't know what the word is, nor what the Bible is. Nobody will know the revealed concepts of right and wrong.
- Society will know no restraints on lust, self-centeredness selfishness and hard-heartedness. Without
  God there aren't internal checks on behavior, and no character-building virtues. Everybody just looks
  out for Number One.
- No regard for life, other than as a resource to be used and disposed of.[xl] Likewise, no concept worth sweating for, crying over, even being a hero for.

One can only hope that such a society is so self-destructive that it quickly does so, that something better can rise in its place.

Your freedom: defend it now, before you lose it

We've seen some of what socialists intend to do to us:

Society reduced to pauperism.

- Everyone on the government dole for food, clothing, housing.
- Family life broken, and the government directly interacting with children.
- · Destruction of religious life, and religious rights.
- Creating a uncompassionate, sullen, ignorant generation.

The columnist Stella Morabito aptly sums this up this dismal condition.

So it goes: Socialism, when left to its own devices, irresistibly moves towards authoritarianism and totalitarianism.

As with all bait-and-switch scams, socialism promises you the world. That's the only way it can get any traction before it delivers you to a virtual prison. It forces compliance and dependency in every aspect of life—housing, employment, medicine, mobility, education, even your creativity.

Oh, sure lots of clueless Che T-shirt-wearing kids will talk real savvy about it while they're free. But once it's got them for real, it will permeate their daily life both in body and mind. In this very respect, slavery is a very fitting description of socialism. All of socialism's promises—equality, social justice, blah, blah—amount to nothing but bait.

If you don't believe me, ask yourself this: What could be more oppressive than living under a system run by a tiny clique of power-mongers who exert control over you through a morbidly obese machinery of bureaucrats? What could be more claustrophobic than having some apparatchik from that bloated bureaucracy telling you where you may live, what you are allowed to study, where you can travel, what you can express in art or writing, whether you may receive medicine for your illness, what you may eat, what you can say, and even to whom you may speak? [xli]

The bright spot here is that the socialists aren't now in control. Not yet. There is still opportunity to set things right. **Samuel Adams**, from 1771, spoke encouragement to a different conflict. Yet, his words are timely today.

The liberties of our Country, the freedom of our civil constitution are worth defending at all hazards: And it is our duty to defend them against all attacks.

We have receiv'd them as a fair Inheritance from our worthy Ancestors: They purchas'd them for us with toil and danger and expence of treasure and blood; and transmitted them to us with care and diligence.

It will bring an everlasting mark of infamy on the present generation, enlightened as it is, if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle; or be cheated out of them by the artifices of false and designing men.

Of the latter we are in most danger at present: Let us therefore be aware of it. Let us contemplate our forefathers and posterity; and resolve to maintain the rights bequeath'd to us from the former, for the sake of the latter.[xlii]

— Instead of sitting down satisfied with the efforts we have already made, which is the wish of our enemies, the necessity of the times, more than ever, calls for our utmost circumspection, deliberation, fortitude, and perseverance.

Let us remember that "if we suffer tamely a lawless attack upon our liberty, we encourage it, and involve others in our doom." It is a very serious consideration, which should deeply impress our minds, that millions yet unborn may be the miserable sharers of the event.

What is this defense we must take up? To preserve the republic, because a fully-developed socialism replaces our republic with a dictatorship. It's true – ask anyone who lived through the years of Soviet Russia. And how do you, Mr. & Mrs. Average, accomplish such a feat? If we each do a few simple tasks, socialism has no place to run, and no way to keep a foothold in America.

## First: Stop asking the government to give you something for free. Ronald Reagan said:

The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help. [xliii]

Government services are never free. Taxpayers pay a lot for them, usually more than if they were done by private contractors. And as for the "free" part, when government becomes the purveyor you pay plenty.

- You lose freedom of choice. When the government gets involved it muscles private providers out of the business. Obamacare, with its "you can keep your doctor" is a prominent example. [xliv]
- You get a planned social change. Government policies always favor the political and philosophical plans of its promoters. For example, Obamacare is intentionally a first step to a government single-payer health plan. You know, the rationed health care system that England and Canada are cursed with. [xlv]

You spent your childhood looking to grow up and start your own household, your own family. Are you to now accept socialism and become a child again, this time to an uncompassionate government father? No, plan on supporting yourself, and supporting your family. The "free" government services just plain cost too much.

**Second:** Learn to recognize the socialist lie. Learning all about socialism is a tedious task. Their writers are long-winded, and they repeat each other. Fortunately, you don't need to immerse yourself in their sins. At a minimum, just remember this easy phrase: *there is no such thing as a free lunch*. This is key to discerning all sorts of socialist enticements. Let's try it out.

- Everyone is entitled to health care. [xlvi] At some point, everyone needs health care services. And it is true that many people sometimes need care they can't pay for, at least not right away. But inability to pay can be handled, and was handled, through built-in charity and existing health care insurance programs. Yet the government insists that they can provide all health care, to everyone, at no cost to you. Looking at this from the "no free lunch" viewpoint, when the government gets involved private parties must bow out. Health care gets more expensive, and yet less available. And without the spur of competition, and profits, health care research also dries up. The end result is rationed, low quality, medical care, with very few medical advances.
- Free college education. [xlvii] If a young person could attend college for free then they could get into life without having a shadow of tuition debt hanging over them. This is supposed to be a good thing for society. Let's apply the "no free lunch" test to this. If the students don't have to pay, then why should they pay attention to coursework? We'd get a lot of youth celebrating a taxpayer-funded Spring Break celebration for four years. Public colleges would get fat on guaranteed money. Private colleges would suffer from government-funded competition. And we'd still be sending our youth to guaranteed indoctrination. Finally, college diplomas will be as common as participation trophies, and be worth as much.
- Guaranteed minimum income. [xlviii] If someone knew that they'd have a certain minimum income per year, no matter what they did, then their lives would have stability. Paid for by the taxpayers, of course. The "no free lunch" analysis says that this is merely a giant welfare program, an expansion of the dole. People will be paid even more and need do nothing to get it. It is also the starting point for implementing a "guaranteed maximum income," otherwise known as "to each according to his needs." [xlix]

• Socialism means plenty for all.[1] The cry is "let's put the socialists in charge and show those capitalists how production is really done!" The "no free lunch" test notes that this claim is strictly advertising, never proven. We're asked to accept "a pig in a poke," promises of never-realized government efficiency, while surrendering our property and our liberty. This is a very high cost for obtaining a few "free" goods.

Once you "learn the lingo," you hear phrases like "community organizing," "responsible corporations," [li] and "social justice" and become alert to activists nearby, even if they happen to be wearing three-piece suits.

Third: Discover those politicians or activists that would take away your freedom, and shun them. Many politicians, like Senator Bernie Sanders, are openly socialist. Others hide their socialism, or are unaware their support for it, but still are willing to support an expanded government at the right opportunity. The problem is to discover these bad guys before they get into high-level positions.

It is important to identify these bad guys early. Once they're in power, they attract aides who think like them, or worse, and install bureaucrats that share their goals. They get to begin implementing their socialist ways before you become aware of their real politics.

- **Get personal.** Research their social media, their degrees, their school yearbooks, their friends. If they boast of their Marxist creds, or "like" socialist celebrities and organizations, then you know their thinking and what they'll favor in the future.
- **Get in their faces.** Haunt their town halls and campaign meetings. Repeat their words back to them, that the attendees learn the candidate's true leanings. Make the other attendees feel uncomfortable to be associated with the candidate and his, or her, views. Why shouldn't they be shamed for promoting our eventual enslaving? Who knows? Maybe they're unaware of what socialism really means, and are willing to change.

The fight you're in – the socialists have always been fighting it, generally unopposed – is known for a long time. Yet they win only when we don't defend ourselves. Margaret Thatcher, who led Great Britain out of a great deal of socialist bondage, has this to say about liberty.

"Perhaps I can summarise it best by saying this—Nations that have pursued equality, like the Iron Curtain countries, I think have finished up with neither equality, nor liberty. Nations, which like us, in the past have pursued liberty, as a fundamental objective, extending it to all, have finished up with liberty, human dignity, and far fewer inequalities than other people."

"[L]iberty is fundamental. Liberty, human dignity, a higher standard of living is fundamental. And, steadily, I think, people are beginning to realise that you don't have those things unless you have a pretty large private enterprise sector. Any Iron Curtain country has neither liberty, nor a very high standard of living. The two things go, economic and political freedom, go together. I've been right in the forefront of saying that, here, in the States, and it's very interesting to me now, to see a number of articles from people who are taking up the same theme. They are disturbed that Socialism is reducing liberty and freedom for ordinary people, and that's really what matters." [lii]

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