

Communism Means Equality

The definition of insanity is implementing communism over and over again and expecting a different result. It promises freedom but produces slavery. It promises equality but presents injustice. Everything that Marx criticized capitalism for in the *Communist Manifesto* is amplified under communism. Real communism has never been tried before; every implementation of communism has resulted in totalitarianism.

Under communism, you have the freedom to do whatever you could not while under capitalism, except opening a business. Communist nations such as Cuba, the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China are well-known freedom states. Marx claimed that "the abolition of [capitalism] is called by the bourgeois [who support capitalism], abolition of individuality and freedom!" () Funnily enough, to establish a 'communist state', Lenin created a centralized government, which stripped away everyone's freedom. He transformed exploitation by the bourgeois into exploitation by the government. However, only a government can legalize freedom. The communist's goal is to abolish private property, which only increases the government's power. Where is the individuality in communism if everyone is treated the same: cruelly.

Moreover, Marx is clueless about what freedom is. Which system is freer: choosing what goods to buy or being forced to buy government products by taxation? Marx believed the latter and said: "By freedom is meant, under the present bourgeois conditions of production, free trade, free selling and buying" (). In what world is voluntarily working for a capitalist considered slavery? Marx will claim that those workers are exploited because if they do not work, they die. However, there is no society where work is optional, not even a communist society.

Although capitalism is full of inequalities, it is nothing compared to communism's inequalities. Marx claimed that "the bourgeoisie has torn away from the family its sentimental veil, and has reduced the family relation into a mere money relation" (). If families are money

relationships under capitalism, then families are slave relationships under communism. The bigger the family, the more people are exploited. Additionally, the greatest exploiter is the government. They have reduced the individual to an economic relation. Somehow, this relationship continues to exist under communism, the ideology that hypocritically champions equality. Without doing anything, the government is entitled to a portion of every worker's money. Although this money is returned to the workers in terms of public goods and services, it is never the same as the amount stolen. Where does the rest of the money go? Is this equality?