

# POLICY BRIEF: Significant Number of Students and Youth Continue to Support Socialism

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## Executive Summary

In western democracies like Canada, there's a common perception that young people, and especially university students, have positive views about the promises of socialism – an ideology which has, historically, called for the means of production to be held collectively by the state.<sup>1</sup> Many campuses host Marxist clubs (for example, the [University of Ottawa](#) and [McGill](#)), and some professors openly identify as socialists (or Marxists) and praise socialist regimes despite the ideology's historical track record of impoverishment and its failure to fulfill its utopian promises.

But just how much support does the ideology have among Canadian youth?

This policy brief examines the results of a SecondStreet.org survey that delves into the views of young Canadians, including university students, on socialism. The poll asked six substantial questions, ranging from *"What does socialism mean to you?"* to *"Who would you say are the greatest historical socialists?"* It was conducted between April 30 and May 26, 2025 and solicited responses via targeted advertising

(a targeted age range of 18-30 and status as a university student) on Instagram and Facebook. Responses were received from 354 participants.

### Some key findings include:

- Throughout the survey, attitudes were more negative than positive towards socialism. However, there was still a sizable minority in favour of socialism and, among university students, a slim majority in favour of socialism;
- Those in favour of socialism often cited myths about the ideology such as the claim that Scandinavian countries are socialist when in fact the Nordic countries feature market-based economies. Other respondents voiced outright support for brutal regimes like Cuba, China and the USSR; and
- Several interesting responses were shared on how socialism would impact Canada were it to be fully implemented – these range from a drastic decrease in quality of life to utopian visions of a free, socialist society.

## Background

SecondStreet.org's Survivors of Socialism project is a long-running series of reports and video documentaries showcasing the experiences of Canadians who have lived under socialist and communist regimes.

This series has uncovered many unsettling stories. For instance, Yali Trost, a Vancouverite from China, shared that food was in such short supply growing up that she would be thrilled to simply eat a few grams of meat.<sup>2</sup> She also shared horrific anecdotes about Chinese police enforcing the regime's "One Child Policy": officers would arrest pregnant women and force abortions on them, then show them the remains of

their dead children. Aime Despaigne from Cuba shared how a friend of hers had been imprisoned for protesting the country's socialist regime.<sup>3</sup> In prison, he was forced to eat food out of the same bucket he had to use as a toilet.

Boris Rassin, who grew up in Latvia, spoke about how the occupying Soviet regime would burn old cookbooks, as they were concerned people would ask questions about ingredients that were no longer widely available.<sup>4</sup> Ana Rizo from Venezuela, now living in Ottawa, shared how difficult it was to get by on government-mandated salaries. Working as a lawyer, she made a measly salary of just \$30 USD per month.<sup>5</sup>

These are just a few examples of experiences that Canadians who came from socialist and communist countries have shared with SecondStreet.org. Their stories are consistent with historical accounts of socialist countries in the 20th and 21st centuries that have documented significant human suffering through starvation, poverty and a lack of basic human rights. One can look at the millions killed in the USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) under Joseph Stalin or the even higher number starved and slaughtered under Mao Zedong in the "People's Republic of China" to see the dire consequences of policy in highly centralized socialist and communist regimes.<sup>6 7</sup> The meticulously researched *Black Book of Communism*, released in 1997, estimates the total death count of Communist regimes at the time at nearly 100 million. Doubtless, that total has grown as a result of suffering in modern socialist countries such as Venezuela and North Korea.<sup>8</sup>

For more anecdotes, one can sift through many historical accounts such as Solzhenitsyn's *Gulag Archipelago*, which contains countless harrowing details of life in socialist prison camps in Russia – camps filled with many political prisoners, as well as criminals.<sup>9</sup> One particularly gruesome passage from the second volume describes a penalty camp in the remote north:

*"The newly arrived prisoner transport, a bunch of new interrogation fodder, saw even before being led in through the door: every tent in the settlement was surrounded with piles of frozen corpses on three out of four sides, except where the door was. (And this was not to terrify. There was simply no way out of it: people died, and snow was six feet deep, and beneath it there was only permafrost.) ... Bodies itched. Everyone scratched frantically, and everyone kept on searching for lice in padded cotton britches, padded jackets, shirts, underwear shorts, but they searched without undressing because of the cold. The big, white, bloated lice reminded you of plump suckling piglets. And when you crushed them, they splashed your face, and your nails were covered with ichor."*

For more recent examples, one can look to Venezuela under socialist dictator Nicolas Maduro. In 2018, media reported that food had grown so scarce that people resorted to [eating raw rats](#) and stealing [exotic animals from zoos](#) for food.<sup>10 11</sup> Not surprisingly, by 2024, the United Nations reported that over six million Venezuelans had fled the country.<sup>12</sup>

Those are telling examples of what socialism looks like in practice. But, at its philosophical roots, what was socialism meant to be?

Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin were the two most influential and thinkers and communicators for the cause of establishing and defining socialism and communism.

Both men thought chiefly of socialism as a step on the path to full-blown communism – for Lenin, this meant not only placing the means of production in the state's hands, but also fully eliminating private property. Lenin, the main founding father of the USSR, wrote about the "first, or lower phase of communist society," commonly referred to as socialism, in these terms:

*"The means of production are no longer the private property of individuals. The means of production belong to the whole of society. Every member of society, performing a certain part of the socially-necessary work, receives a certificate from society to the effect that he has done a certain amount of work. And with this certificate he receives from the public store of consumer goods a corresponding quantity of products. After a deduction is made of the amount of labor which goes to the public fund, every worker, therefore, receives from society as much as he has given to it."*

Or, as Marx put it more simply:<sup>13</sup>

*"Accordingly, the individual producer receives back from society – after the deductions have been made – exactly what he gives to it. What he has given to it is his individual quantum of labor."*

Despite all of this, anecdotally, it seems that many young Canadians still cling to the idea that socialism is a beneficial, utopian system.

This research project sought to examine young Canadians' views on the ideology.

## Methodology

In order to examine the views of young Canadians, SecondStreet.org put together an eight-question survey.

1. Are you currently a student at a Canadian university?  
(Yes/no)
2. How old are you? (18-24, 25-40, 41-60, 61+)
3. What does socialism mean to you? (open-ended)
4. Do you think socialism has worked in other countries?  
(Yes/no)

5. If yes, name some successful socialist countries.  
(Open-ended)
6. What country today do you think best represents socialism? (Multiple-choice: included every country)
7. Who would you say are the greatest historical socialists?  
(Open-ended)
8. If Canada were to fully adopt socialism, how would society change in terms of taxation, the availability of goods and services, personal freedoms, etc.? (Open-ended)

The survey was hosted via Google Forms. Respondents were required to log in to a Google account to fill out the survey, a measure to stop respondents from filling out the form more than once.

It was advertised to potential respondents via targeted advertising on Instagram and Facebook. The metrics targeted were young people who were interested in or had listed their education status as 'in university.'

Between April 30 and May 26, 2025, 354 responses to the survey were gathered. An appendix attached to this report includes the full, raw responses: however, some material was edited or removed due to offensive, vulgar or inappropriate language. While this is a low sample size, it still provides some interesting insights into how youth and university students view socialism.

## Findings

As noted, this survey sought to assess the views of young people, particularly students on the ideology of socialism. In order to solicit respondents in that age category, SecondStreet.org ran advertisements on Instagram and Facebook, targeting users between the ages of 18 and 30. Despite targeting advertisements towards university students,

the majority of the respondents (209, 59%) replied that they were not currently students. However, the remaining respondents who replied they were in university still made up a significant portion of the answers provided (145, 41%).

The age demographics of respondents were nearly exactly what SecondStreet.org sought when putting together the survey. Of the 354 respondents, 163 (46%) were in the 18-24 age range while 172 (48%) were in the 25-40 age range. A mere 19 (6%) reported their age as above 40, giving the survey significant weight on the opinions of young people.

The third question was open-ended: “*what does socialism mean to you?*”

The responses were broken down into “positive,” “negative,” and “neutral/vague.” In total, 140 (39%) responses were positive towards socialism, 206 (56%) were negative towards socialism, and the remaining 8 (2%) were neutral, vaguely worded, or didn’t answer the question.

It’s also possible to categorize these responses by age and status as a university student.

Current university students were more likely to have shared a positive definition of socialism, with 77 (53%) positive responses, 65 (45%) negative responses and 3 (2%) neutral or vague responses. Of the various demographics examined, university students were the only group where a majority (and a slim one, at that) gave a positive definition. For non-university student respondents, there was a much clearer divide: 68 (33%) gave a positive definition, 136 (65%) gave negative definitions, and 5 (2%) were neutral or vague. Again, this is a small sample size that should not be used to make sweeping conclusions. For those who responded, it should also be noted that some in this group may have previously attended university. Thus, their views may also have been influenced by academia.

Among those who responded to the survey, university students tended to be more favourable towards socialism than those who are not currently in university.

A breakdown by age can be seen in the tables below.

**Question 3: What does socialism mean to you?  
(University Students)**

Age Range	Positive (percentage within cohort)	Negative (percentage within cohort)	Neutral/vague (percentage within cohort)
18-24	50 (52%)	44 (45%)	3 (3%)
25-40	27 (57%)	20 (43%)	0 (0%)
41-60	0 (0%)	1 (100%)	0 (0%)
61+	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>77 (53%)</b>	<b>65 (45%)</b>	<b>3 (2%)</b>

*\*Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.*

**Question 3: What does socialism mean to you?  
(Non-university Students)**

Age Range	Positive (percentage within cohort)	Negative (percentage within cohort)	Neutral/vague (percentage within cohort)
18-24	15 (23%)	47 (71%)	4 (6%)
25-40	48 (38%)	76 (61%)	1 (>1%)
41-60	0 (0%)	9 (100%)	0 (0%)
61+	5 (55%)	4 (44%)	0 (0%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>68 (33%)</b>	<b>136 (65%)</b>	<b>5 (2%)</b>

*\*Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.*

When asked “what does socialism mean to you,” some respondents to the survey shared definitions that were not only positive, but idealistic and utopian in tone.

*“The liberation of workers from exploitation.”*

*“A utopia.”*

*“Future, hope.”*

*“Freedom from oligarchy.”*

*“The inevitable future, the hopeful triumph at the end of centuries of class struggle.”*

*“Some were more accurate, at least to the philosophical roots of what Marx and Lenin taught.”*

*“The transitional period between capitalism and communism.”*

*“Collective, democratic ownership of the means of production.”*

*“Limiting personal wealth in order to allow the most individuals to benefit, rather than the smallest number to accumulate. Removing unnecessary competition and allowing for a true society.”*

Finally, some of the negative responses were more grounded in the documented historical outcomes of socialism – no doubt informed by the atrocities that have taken place in the USSR, Maoist China, and more recently under Hugo Chavez and Nicolas Maduro’s Venezuela.

*“First step towards communism : starvation and ruin!”*

*“The lives lost of many past, present, and in the future.”*

*“Food lines and riots.”*

*“Death, neglect, concentrated power, overreaching government control, famine, extortion.”*

*“Slavery.”*

The fourth question asked if respondents thought that “socialism has worked in other countries.”

A majority (231, 65%) answered no, with the remaining 123 (35%) answering yes. Among university students, 62 (43%) said yes and 83 (57%) said no. Among non-university students, 61 (29%) said yes, while 148 (71%) said no.

Interestingly, while 39% indicated they had positive feelings toward socialism in question three, only 35% indicated the ideology has worked in other countries. However, this may be explained by some having positive feelings towards the philosophy of socialism itself, while also believing it hasn’t yet worked in practice.

#### Question 4: Do you think socialism has worked in other countries?

Age Group	Yes (Percentage by Age Group)	No (Percentage by Age Group)
18-24	59 (36%)	105 (64%)
25-40	59 (35.5%)	112 (65.5%)
41-60	5 (36%)	9 (64%)
61+	0 (0%)	5 (100%)

Question five asks respondents who answered “yes” in question four to elaborate:

*“If yes, name some successful socialist countries.”*

There were 152 responses to this question, a bit higher than those who actually answered yes in question 4. This is due to some misunderstanding the question and using it to put negative answers, such as “none,” completely nonsensical

answers, or answers that argued with the premise of the question. There were 35 such responses removed from the data set, leaving us with 117 legitimate responses.

It's important to note that many respondents entered more than one country. Responses containing the USSR were combined into one category along with other Warsaw Pact countries (Yugoslavia, etc.) Responses containing Scandinavian countries (Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland) were also combined into one category. A few respondents chose Germany; while three specified Nazi Germany, three simply put "Germany." Any who put "East Germany" were included in the "USSR/Warsaw Pact" category.

Country	Number of Times Mentioned	Percentage
Cuba	49	41.8%
China	49	41.8%
Scandinavian Countries	38	32.4%
USSR/Warsaw Pact	32	27.3%
Vietnam	25	21.3%
Canada	11	9.4%
North Korea	8	6.8%
Laos	6	5.1%
Chile	5	4.2%
Venezuela	3	2.5%
Germany (Nazi)	3	2.5%
Germany (Unclear)	3	2.5%
Paris Commune	3	2.5%
Nicaragua	2	1.7%
Afghanistan	1	0.8%
Guatemala	1	0.8%

The above table shows a number of misconceptions about socialist countries.

Firstly, China, Cuba and the USSR (and other Eastern Bloc countries) were three of the top four choices. It would be difficult by any stretch of the imagination to call these countries 'successful,' considering the large numbers of citizens and political opponents executed by the government, unjust imprisonment, starvation of citizens, surveillance, etc. that existed or continue to exist in all three countries. Readers are invited to recall the nearly 100 million deaths at the hands of Communist regimes. In the case of Cuba and the former USSR especially, there are many well-documented accounts of citizens risking their lives to escape those countries.

Secondly, while it is a common misconception that Nordic countries such as Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark are socialist countries, this is mostly not true. They are market-based economies which impose high levels of taxation on citizens to fund generous social programs. They do not run on a socialist model of state ownership of enterprise. Crucially, they also do not imprison and execute dissenters – a common practice in socialist and communist countries.

In 2015, former Danish Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen debunked claims that he governed a socialist country.<sup>14</sup>

*"I know that some people in the US associate the Nordic model with some sort of socialism. Therefore I would like to make one thing clear. Denmark is far from a socialist planned economy. Denmark is a market economy ... The Nordic model is an expanded welfare state which provides a high level of security for its citizens, but it is also a successful market economy with much freedom to pursue your dreams and live your life as you wish."*

A similar rebuttal could be made to claims that Canada is a socialist country. While taxes and spending have been climbing, it is still a market economy with far more civil liberties than countries like North Korea and China.

As for the rest of the named countries, they vary in believability. Vietnam and Laos are socialist countries, but have many indicators of tyranny. For example, in 2025, Reporters Without Borders' annual Press Freedom Index ranked Laos as the 150th of 180 countries profiled, while Vietnam was even worse at 173.<sup>15</sup> In 2024, Vietnam ranked 88th of 180 countries with a score of 40/100, while Laos ranked 114th out of 180 with a score of 33/100. The Freedom in the World index, which ranks countries based on political rights and civil liberties, gives Laos a rating of "not free" and a score of 13/100 – the 28th worst score in the world. Vietnam fares only slightly better, with a score of 20/100 and the same "not free" rating.<sup>16</sup> The Fraser Institute's 2024 Human Freedom Index, which examines personal freedom, economic freedom, and human freedom, rated Vietnam 132nd of 165 countries.<sup>17</sup>

Surprisingly, eight respondents chose North Korea as an example of a successful socialist country. Any of the handful of North Koreans who have managed to escape the country would likely disagree with the suggestion they risked their lives to escape a "successful" nation. For example, escapee Jihyun Park said in her autobiography that, throughout 35 years of living under the Kim regime, she only experienced the feeling of eating until she was full twice.<sup>18</sup> She further detailed enduring sex slavery in China as a means of leaving North Korea – such harrowing details are common among expats.

**Question 4: What country today do you think best represents socialism?**

Country	Number of Times Mentioned	Percentage
Cuba	73	20.6%
China	72	20.3%
North Korea	35	9.8%
Canada	33	9.3%
Venezuela	28	7.9%
Russia	16	4.5%
Sweden	15	4.2%
Norway	14	3.9%
Denmark	12	3.4%
Vietnam	11	3.1%
Finland	9	2.5%
Other	36	10.1%

For this question, respondents were allowed to only make one selection from a drop-down menu containing each country on Earth today.

As seen in the table above, four of the top five responses were actual socialist countries (Cuba, China, North Korea and Venezuela – three of which have constitutions that explicitly describe their nations as "socialist" countries), with Canada being the only outlier.<sup>19 20 21</sup> Roughly 14% of respondents chose a Scandinavian country, which, as argued above, are not socialist countries. There were a number of countries that each received four or fewer votes - these were all combined into an 'other' category, and included wildly varying countries such as the U.S., Vatican City, France and San Marino.

The fact that roughly 61% of respondents chose a country that is socialist, or is similar to socialist (i.e. Cuba, China, North Korea, Venezuela, Vietnam) is relatively encouraging.

Question seven delves into the respondents' opinions of historical socialist figures:

*“Who would you say are the greatest historical socialists?”*

Once again, respondents were allowed to provide more than one answer. Each of the 354 respondents to the survey shared at least one answer, regardless of their overall opinion of socialism. There were also 28 irrelevant answers – those have been filtered out, leaving a total of 326 relevant answers.

Historical Socialists	Number of Times Mentioned	Percentage
Karl Marx	100	30.6%
None/nobody	79	24.2%
Vladimir Lenin	62	19.0%
Mao Zedong	47	14.4%
Joseph Stalin	38	11.6%
Fidel Castro	31	9.5%
Friedrich Engels	22	6.7%
Che Guevara	21	6.4%
Leon Trotsky	16	4.9%
Adolf Hitler	16	4.9%
Ho Chi Minh	13	3.9%
Rosa Luxemburg	10	3.0%
Thomas Sankara	9	2.7%
Salvador Allende	6	1.8%
Bernie Sanders	6	1.8%
Pol Pot	5	1.5%
Hugo Chavez	5	1.5%
Antonio Gramsci	5	1.5%
Deng Xiaoping	4	1.2%
Josip Tito	4	1.2%
Justin Trudeau	4	1.2%
Benito Mussolini	4	1.2%
Tommy Douglas	4	1.2%
Xi Jinping	3	0.9%
Nelson Mandela	3	0.9%
Other (one-off responses)	155	47.5%

This question was left deliberately open-ended. A number of respondents who had anti-socialist beliefs chose figures such as Mao Zedong and Joseph Stalin as the ‘greatest’ for having the highest body counts.

*“Mao because he killed more people than Hitler.”*

However, most of the responses did not include reasoning as to the names listed.

Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin were two of the most popular choices – quite fitting considering their philosophical and practical contributions to the cause of socialism. The second most popular response was any of a number of variations of ‘None, nobody, etc.’

*“None. Bad news bears. Socialists are not great.”*

As seen in the table above, there were a number of less popular selections, ranging from modern or recent politicians in the West (Bernie Sanders, Justin Trudeau), lesser-known historical socialist leaders (Yugoslavian dictator Josip Tito, Venezuelan dictator Hugo Chavez, etc.) as well as a pair of fascist dictators (Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini).

Since it was an open-ended question, there were many one-off responses not listed in the table above (they were simply combined into one category.) Some of these appeared to be serious answers (the late NDP leader Jack Layton, American musician and activist Paul Robeson, etc.) while some were clearly not taking the survey seriously or chose people who would never be considered socialist (free market economist Milton Friedman, for example.)

Finally, the eighth question looked to gain some insight on how respondents thought socialism would change Canada were it implemented here:

*“If Canada were to fully adopt socialism, how would society change in terms of taxation, the availability of goods and services, personal freedoms, etc.?”*

Again, it was formatted as an open-ended question. Below are some of the interesting responses, both for and against the idea of socialism.

**For:**

*"I think, if democratic control of the means of production was achieved, that goods and services would be more accessible and personal freedoms would be greater."*

*"Will have extremely higher taxes, but also many other things will be free and people will not sleep hungry. Also increase in education."*

*"Tax the rich, there is only so much that people NEED. "From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs". No freedoms are taken away, resources are (reallocated.) There is enough for everyone. Close tax loopholes for the rich because currently they don't contribute to the social good."*

*"The economy would be under the democratic control of workers. We would finally be free."*

*"I think happiness would improve and general quality of life. And taxation would stay roughly the same."*

**Against:**

*"Taxation would go up, availability of (goods) and services might increase but quality would dramatically decrease, personal freedoms will decrease. Life may seem "better" for a small group off the start but then oligarchs take over and it ends up worse (than) capitalism."*

*"Taxation will go to the roof, goods and services will disappear and will only be available to those in power. Personal freedoms will (no) longer (exist) except for the crumbs that the government will allow you to have if you agree with them."*

*"You would steal everything I worked for."*

*"It would increase its current rate of decline in quality of life."*

*"Slavery for all, everyone would be equally living in poverty."*

**Neutral/Balanced:**

*"It's not entirely clear. It's dependent on a variety of factors. A socialist government, even after the end of the Cold War is tied to certain geopolitical issues and complexities. The nationalization of industries would most likely make some goods more affordable, especially housing and energy. However, the production of luxury goods and international trade may suffer which would cause an overall decline in Canada's national wealth."*

*"Taxes would rise, free services would increase."*

*"Taxes would be higher, but social services would be better. Availability of goods would likely be squandered due to economic sanctions or a US blockade similar to Cuba's. People would be more free due to lack of a predatory capitalist system between two opposing classes."*

## Conclusion

The survey revealed both hopeful and concerning statistics regarding young people's views on socialism. While some respondents may support the ideas of modern political parties that claim to be "social democrats" and other labels that are watered down versions of the original ideology, some respondents outright praised clearly oppressive regimes such as the former Soviet Union and even North Korea.

A majority were able to choose legitimately socialist countries as being the most representative of socialism today. Many respondents were confused about market-based Scandinavian countries— an indicator that many misconceptions about socialism continue to exist among young people, and especially on university campuses.

Thankfully, there is a veritable mountain of resources available for young people to learn more about what life is like in socialist countries: some have been attached in an appendix to this report, for readers interested in improving their own knowledge of historical socialism or sharing the realities of socialism with a younger friend or relative.

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## Appendix 1

Attached is a short list of recommended materials on socialist governments – past and present.

[SecondStreet.org](#)'s *Survivors of Socialism* series. Several interviews with Canadians who immigrated from socialist countries. [secondstreet.org/socialism](http://secondstreet.org/socialism)

North Korean escapee Yeonmi Park speaks on the Joe Rogan podcast. A powerful interview sharing one woman's horrific experiences at the hands of a socialist dictatorship. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGJm4bjRaaE&ab\\_channel=PowerfulJRE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGJm4bjRaaE&ab_channel=PowerfulJRE)

The Fraser Institute's *Realities of Socialism* series. Fact-based information on many socialist myths. <https://www.fraserinstitute.org/commentary/canadians-who-want-swedish-style-government-should-understand-implications-taxpayers>

Alexandr Solzhenitsyn's *The Gulag Archipelago* series. Chilling, detailed and comprehensive – a personal and system-wide history of the USSR's prison camps. <https://www.amazon.ca/Gulag-Archipelago-Vol-Experiment-Investigation/dp/0061253715>

Milovan Djilas's *Conversations with Stalin*. An inside look at what Russian dictator Joseph Stalin was like on a personal level – interesting and revealing. <https://www.amazon.ca/Conversations-Stalin-Milovan-Djilas/dp/0156225913>

Jihyun Park's *The Hard Road Out*. Another, more in-depth story from a North Korean escapee – again revealing the depths of human suffering that are common in socialist countries. <https://www.amazon.ca/Hard-Road-Out-Womans-Escape/dp/0008541418>

## Appendix 2

The raw survey responses can be found in the attached spreadsheet below.

Vulgar language has been censored, but no ideas (no matter how objectionable) have been removed. It goes without saying that SecondStreet.org does not necessarily endorse or approve any of the opinions shared by survey respondents.

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5/19/2025 12:51:03	No	18-24	It means to me what I've seen it do in history, which is lead to total control over a society and the death of hundreds of millions of people	No		China	Adolf Hitler (not great but he was the leader of the national socialist party)	It basically already is, and as a 20 year old will never be able to afford a home working a basic job, I'm surrounded by meth heads wherever I go, my money does (CENSORED) all, they're talking about more censorship and going to jail for expressing opinions etc.
5/13/2025 18:47:19	No	18-24	Government ownership of the majority of industry	Yes	The Third Reich, Fascist Italy, Ba'athist Iraq and Syria	China	Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, "Wir sind die wahren sozialisten"	If it were (CENSORED) it'll be socialism, it's not that bad but if it were national socialism it would be good. Cheaper cost of living, lower taxes through government ownership of major industries. Although I do not support the abolishment of all private property. Real socialism cares about small businesses and community businesses. It is for long-term survival of the nation
4/30/2025 17:15:22	No	18-24	Hop, skip, and a jump towards communism.	No		Cuba	All the dead ones.	Taxation would skyrocket, goods and services would greatly diminish, and personal freedom would be eliminated immediately
5/19/2025 16:45:05	No	18-24	The collective ownership of the means of production (businesses, factories, farms etc)	Yes	The AANES	Cuba	Antonio Gramsci, Ho Chi Minh	I think, if democratic control of the means of production was achieved, that goods and services would be more accessible and personal freedoms would be greater.
5/23/2025 12:24:19	No	18-24	A society where the burden of tax is spread more equally amongst the members of the population. It also equates to a higher standard of living and better public services	Yes	Norway, denmark, Sweden	Norway	Cant name one off the top of my head	Taxes for most everyday families would most likely go down as it would be based on a percentage of income. I think it would be a good idea to have a flat tax. I think the people in the top 1% (I'm not rich right now) I predict a slight increase of standard of living as healthcare, food, and transportation would likely go down but we would see a rising cost or hidden in other private services that we use in everyday life. Unfortunately canadians would loose access to what little gun rights they would have left, as well as a loosening of personal privacy laws. Not to mention, the wants and the needs of people living in large cities like Toronto and Ottawa would have even more of a controlling say than they already do in the lives of small town canadians.
5/1/2025 14:56:42	No	18-24	Bull(Censored)	No		Cuba	Castro or Salvador Allende	It would work.
5/3/2025 0:08:36	No	18-24	Slavery based on familiars experience	No		Canada	Caucasus	Taxes would be even higher than they are now. Healthcare would be even worse than it already is and personal freedoms of the individual will be longer endangered but extinct.
5/3/2025 14:25:36	No	18-24	That "Workers" seize the means of production and jointly own businesses. Requires a very large and tyrannical government. Just like Communism this always fails	No		China	Chairman Mao (don't like him at all though)	We wouldn't have personal freedoms. As far as I am concerned we are adopting Socialism. We just aren't fully there yet.
5/18/2025 7:44:28	No	18-24	Government control, speech control, loss of individuality	Yes	China	China	China	Less personal freedoms, more government involvement, high taxes
5/13/2025 9:27:09	No	18-24	People who work hard and contribute to society, have to cover expenses like free Healthcare, social housing, etc, for people who doesn't want to work hard.	No		Canada	Communists, they took a wealth obtain through hard work, and distributed it among criminals, alcoholics and everyone who had nothing to lose.	0 personal freedoms, higher taxes, countries such as Finland, Norway are good examples, to cover social expenses like free education and Healthcare somebody has to pay. As a result less people will want to open businesses and startups in country with higher taxes leading to less job opportunities. As an example, in Canada there is no sense to study hard, and contribute to scientific researches, an average PhD in chemistry will be a making 80k a year, while a nurse who completed 3 year college degree can make more. Yes, being a nurse isn't as easy, but huge disbalance between those 2 jobs as a example will significantly decrease economical growth.
5/19/2025 17:40:04	No	18-24	State owned crown corporations and/or public services.	No		Norway	Deng Xiaoping	It would change in a way that would promote equality in proportion to the frequency to shortages for goods and services.
5/19/2025 23:52:38	No	18-24	Too much government involvement in daily life. Libertarian socialism is kinda where it's at	No		Cuba	Erico malleste If he can be considered a socialist. Karl Marx was baby fed everything in life I do not like that man	It would be more socialist. The question is a bit strange
5/9/2025 20:17:44	No	18-24	Wealth redistribution.	No		Canada	Greatest? This feels like an incredibly targeted question. I don't think there are any great historical socialists	Taxes would increase on the rich and wealth would be redistributed to the poor
5/6/2025 15:56:03	No	18-24	Holodomor	No		Russia	Hitler	The weak would be left behind, looting and violence would prevail, crime would increase, militarized police would be necessary to keep the poor and famished people in check
4/30/2025 20:13:25	No	18-24	Socialism can suck a (censored)	No		China	Hitler, stalin, and trudeau. I hope they all rot in hell.	(CENSORED)
5/8/2025 14:49:05	No	18-24	Using taxes to provide services to the whole population	Yes	Canada, most of EU	Canada	I don't (CENSORED) know. Bernie Sanders	More taxes, better services
5/13/2025 23:37:37	No	18-24	System that makes people lazier and more dependent	No		Canada	I don't know	I don't know
5/24/2025 18:59:11	No	18-24	A once well meaning stance which has now descended into delusion.	Yes	The Nordic countries prior to letting in mass amounts of refugees.	Sweden	Jack Layton	We're already overwhelmed with debt. Modern socialism is far beyond what once was a productive idea. I believe if Canada continues down its current path, the country will experience mass brain drain with our youth leaving the country at a rapid rate. The relationships between provinces and the feds will become fractured beyond repair.
5/2/2025 14:59:08	No	18-24	Putting social equality above personal freedoms	No		Norway	Karl Marx	The taxation would be higher for everyone in a way or another since foreign investment would become more rare and some corporations would potentially move out of the country, so the burden to would first be put on the rich, which would be caused by the lower class since personal freedoms would not disappear but wouldn't be sacred anymore. Because once everyone pays for everyone else, everyone must have a say about what others do or get. The services would probably become more society oriented (meaning a bigger part of the new gov. funds would go to social housing, public transit, schools, etc) and probably less on the roads, energy production, etc. Goods would probably become more expensive because lower foreign investments would make the currency weaker, and also because productivity growth would be lower. The government would have to increase their spending to keep getting higher. Finally, socialism seems to often create a new class of people, the ones that are friends with the ones in power, and the ones that drive the socialist message, and that new class would access privileges that common people don't, thus that would create another form of inequality.
5/11/2025 16:16:24	No	18-24	Good stuff	Yes	Finland Cuba, Scandinavia, and some African countries I know have seen successful socialist policies but no where has done true socialism	Finland	Karl Marx	So I think some people would be advantaged by socialism in Canada but it would have it's costs and certainly would not create much more equality.
5/18/2025 17:44:07	No	18-24	The workers own the means of production	Yes		Cuba	Karl Marx	Good stuff
			To me, socialism signifies a system where the government assumes ownership and control over all means of production and resources, in contrast to private individuals owning property and businesses. This arrangement can often breed corruption, as power becomes centralized and accountability diminishes. I have spent my entire life in a socialist country, where the principles of socialism have been strictly followed. Unfortunately, the consequences of this system are starkly evident today, as my home country ranks among the poorest in Europe.					It would be so much more equitable and everyone's living standards would be better.
5/24/2025 6:32:21	No	18-24	The pervasive corruption within government institutions has reached a point of no return. Countless instances of embezzlement and other crimes have been committed by officials, yet they often go unpunished due to the very structures designed to oversee them. This has fostered an environment where trust in public institutions is eroded, and citizens suffer the consequences of a system that prioritizes state control over individual initiative and economic growth.	No		China	Karl Marx	It would be very bad for this country. The rich will be profiting more and the middle class left behind. I do not agree this country should become socialist.
5/17/2025 1:05:13	No	18-24	Destroying nuclear family, religion	No		Russia	Karl Marx	Slavery for all, everyone would be equally living in poverty.
5/19/2025 8:32:28	No	18-24	A society where welfare is the means of production. A society where social welfare is taken care of by the government and is free. No CEOs, no Billionaires. All the wealth is distributed more evenly among people.	Yes	Finland, Norway, Sweden	Finland	Karl Marx	It depends. If it's an autocratic communism, like we've seen on former Soviet Union, life won't be good. But if Canada implements democratic socialism where policies are geared towards people and not the 1%, and we abolish concentration of wealth in Canada, life will improve for most people.
5/22/2025 23:32:59	No	18-24	Nothing	No		Sweden	Karl Marx probably, has a lot of influence on naive, young university students across the world.	Taxation is theft. Our current socialized programs like our healthcare system for example are in complete disarray. In terms of freedoms in short, the more the government is involved in our life, generally the less freedom they allow us to have.
5/8/2025 17:19:34	No	18-24	A steep slippery slope to communism, which is a stain upon our earth	No		Korea, North	Karl Marx, but he's not great.	Canada would collapse if it became a socialist nation. Especially with our current economy. The government would run out of the limited money it has, and then anarchy would happen. We are a proud nation of freedom and socialism would take that away

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5/14/2025 11:13:40	No	18-24	Socialism is equality amongst the working classes. Benefits given to the workers for their labour that drives the industries and economy.	No		France	Karl Marx, Deng Xiaoping, Friedrich Engels	In terms of taxation a lot more of the taxes would be exerted on the industrial sector and welfare, trying to produce more investment in the citizens (including our agriculture and raw resources). And if socialism were to be proclaimed in Canada there would be an issue with the rest of the capitalist world and America. In terms of this would cause massive disruption within our already bad economic problem. Lastly our personal freedoms would depend on the principles of the government in charge, to which hopefully would not infringe on our human rights and freedoms.
5/23/2025 15:16:01	No	18-24	Democratic control of the means of production, and a total shift of the economy from private, to public hands.	Yes	Cuba, a nation with the highest rate of literacy in the world, the best medical staff globally, and a still thriving society despite American imperialism	Cuba	Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, Vladimir Lenin and Fidel Castro,	Taxation would fund beneficial public programs, life would be cheaper, wages would be higher, and our nation would no longer waste millions in pointless wars overseas. Canada would become a beacon of worker's rights, personal and public freedom, and most superiority against American and European imperialism.
5/11/2025 17:02:35	No	18-24	Society oriented around workers rights, redistribution of wealth towards lower classes, restrictions of corporate rights, subsidisation of social services, rationalization of industry, abolition of private property, and abolishing large sums of private wealth.	No		Iceland	Karl Marx, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Jesus Christ	Increase taxation of wealthiest 1% and/or reappropriation of their wealth. Nationalization of industry and single-payer social services including (education, healthcare, public transit, housing, and child-care). Prohibition of lobbying and investment in elections/political candidates. Decreased availability of commodities such as designer clothing, air-travel, auto-mobiles, red-meat; Increased availability of necessities such as staple-crops, utilities, and quality clothing. Personal freedoms being expanded to include right to livable wage, healthcare, education, and bodily autonomy but loss of right to endless wealth, private property (not personal property such as clothing, household goods, food, necessities), luxuries (travel, multiple non-occupational vehicles, precious metals/stones).
5/6/2025 17:59:02	No	18-24	Pretty much everyone is equal. Apartments are often given by the government and infrastructure and making the country look good is a priority.	Yes	China, Soviet Union (Prior to its collapse), Vietnam	China	Lenin, Mao Zedong	Some things would turn worse some things would be much better, government owned businesses and apartments would be the norm, some freedom may be suppressed and infrastructure such as public transit will be taken much more seriously.
5/2/2025 22:08:23	No	18-24	Starving in the bread line while the government says everything is fine	No		Korea, North	Mao has killed the most so i guess the genocide fulled mao	We'd all starve
5/12/2025 0:16:39	No	18-24	A large propaganda to control the masses	No		China	Mao Zedong	More taxes, more free services, but more people profiting from the back of honest workers which is already happening in Canada. Socialism would be the worse idea known to humankind. New age slavery is what it should be called
5/23/2025 2:53:04	No	18-24	Public ownership	Yes	China Cuba Vietnam	China	Mao Zedong, Lenin, Che Guevara, Norman Bethune.	Tax for the rich will go up, goods production will be more monitored by government based on people's need for them. Personal contribution, personal freedom will be improved because of income stability and expense reduction. However fully adopting socialism means nationalizing private corporations, which seems near impossible to accomplish in Canada without severe repercussions.
5/24/2025 12:51:04	No	18-24	Government redistribution of assets, in the name of equality. Along with government control of the economy.	No		Korea, North	Mao Zedong, Joseph Stalin, Vladimir Lenin, Fidel Castro, Che Guevara, Pol Pot, Kim Il Sung	Taxes would dramatically increase, as the government would need a way to fund whatever nonsense it has in store. The availability of goods would dramatically decrease, as all profit incentive is eliminated. Personal freedoms would be greatly restricted, as the state would likely watch your every move.
5/6/2025 16:30:23	No	18-24	unrealistic project.	No		Venezuela	Marx	More taxes, less good and services and way less personal freedom.
5/7/2025 8:07:43	No	18-24	Socialism can mean anything from social programs to brutal revolutions.	No		Korea, North	Marx, Engels, Lenin	Taxation would go through the roof, goods and services would plummet, and personal freedoms would be severely restricted.
								Note: socialism cannot be "adopted" by Canada, but is the result of centrally planning the heights of the economy on an international scale under the conditions of socialized ownership of private property.
								Taxation: a democratic central plan of the economy would make taxation as exists under capitalism a redundancy
5/21/2025 13:50:25	No	18-24	The first stage of communism. The stage of production which exists after the socialization of the means of production, where an international central has allowed for a higher productivity of labour than is possible under capitalism, and where the state therefore cannot but begin to wither away.	No		Cuba	Marx, Engels, Lenin, Trotsky, Ted Grant	Availability of Goods and Services: centrally planning the heights of the economy under socialized ownership would allow the greatest achievements of production to be enjoyed communally. At the point where socialism can be adopted, all of our needs would be produced in abundance. This means that all would be able to obtain them - we'd be able to see the "from each according to his ability to each according to his need" become possible and realized. People would no longer be limited financially in achieving these means of subsistence and culture. Being produced according to the whims of the people rather than those of profits would also allow goods and services to be of a higher quality as well as in abundant quantity.
5/14/2025 17:45:57	No	18-24	workers control of production and the suppression of capital	Yes	china, 1949-1976	Peru	Marx, Lenin, Mao	Personal Freedoms: society would be organized in a consistently democratic manner. People would have a say not just in elections, but also in their workplaces, and there would be no higher authority than the democratic bodies of the people. This is the natural result of centralized production internationally, where advancing production would remove the material basis for class (or caste) oppression. Lenin's criteria for workers' democracy would be made possible and inevitable under these material conditions.
5/20/2025 16:08:48	No	18-24	A variety of systems in which it is the government's responsibility to meet the basic needs of the population.	Yes	Burkina faso	Cuba	Marx, Sankara, Che, Castro	society would change so completely it's hard to say, but for working people, it does mean no taxes, and an expansion of democratic rights
5/2/2025 22:04:48	No	18-24	Communism leads to mass poverty, genocide and totalitarianism.	No		Korea, North	Most if not all are and were war criminals and tyrants	Assuming this is still an inherently capitalist society due to money existing, Canadians would benefit greatly. Having nationalized energy, agriculture, and housing would cause the cost of living to lower greatly and stay at that low rate longer than any other country has been able to do. In addition to this, personal freedoms would be encouraged due to basic needs being met, and wage slavery being abolished.
4/30/2025 20:10:03	No	18-24	Evil	No		Canada	N/A	We'd all starve
5/5/2025 16:06:30	No	18-24	Total government control	No		China	N/A I am not aware of enough socialists personally	Canada is already highly socialist. The 'full adoption' of socialism would probably mean the complete collapse of Canadian society within 5-10 years. Economic and social systems would break down completely.
4/30/2025 16:06:00	No	18-24	Political regime where most of the resources are given to the government so they can give it back equally to the people. In reality it don't work because every government is greedy and corrupt at some extent.	No		Cuba	Nazi Germany and the USSR (and they were both horrible)	It would never work because we would see all wealthy individuals leave furthering the existing brain drain. For me, I believe in allowing people freedom of choice. To choose where their money goes. If we cannot trust millions of people to do the right thing when it comes to spending/giving their money, a few people controlling this system may start with good intention but is sure to end in deep corruption.
4/30/2025 16:58:17	No	18-24	Socialism is stupid (CENSORED)	Yes	Sweden	Sweden	No one	Everything changes
5/22/2025 15:31:55	No	18-24		No		Korea, North	No one	Getting poorer now then. Having more difficulty to buy a house. The left is a horrible politic for economy. I cannot buy a god damn house over 250k \$ and at this price, you get a crack house. People like these were leading the liberal party for 11 years and 4 more to come. The grocery is very expensive, the price of living is too high. The taxation is too high. All that because we are a bunge of socialist retard who accept to pay for everyone. I hate socialist and communist. The right wing must rise again to balance all this mess.
5/5/2025 13:21:46	No	18-24	Poverty and meaningless cost	No		Canada	No one. Its a (CENSORED) idea	Degenerate
5/4/2025 11:45:34	No	18-24	Collectivism	Yes		Uzbekistan	Non	More taxes, lower production, higher costs, less freedoms, more lazy people.
5/2/2025 22:11:53	No	18-24	Communism with party balloons	No		Korea, North	None	Tax would skyrocket, services will fall, personal freedom will fall
5/5/2025 12:23:37	No	18-24	Universal healthcare and numerous benefits also a ticket to communism without capitalism.	No		Canada	None	We would somehow be taxed more than we are and quality would go down. 3rd world within 5 years
5/7/2025 22:51:55	No	18-24	Fear, unjust and not free	No		Canada	None	Everyone become poor. Starve to death. look at history of every country affected by socialism.
5/15/2025 13:38:08	No	18-24	Poverty for all, just to feed a money hungry dictatorship.	No		Korea, North	none	We won't.
5/20/2025 8:18:26	No	18-24	Nothing. Socialism is trash.	No		Russia	None	We would probably starve to death
5/2/2025 17:16:59	No	18-24	Starvation for the people	No		Venezuela	None are great	Taxes would be higher, store shelves would be even emptier, they'll take our guns away (no defending yourself then), make everyone live in 15 minute cities, no freedom of religion
5/7/2025 9:17:42	No	18-24	Staying poor, communism, the reason we can't have nice things	No		Korea, North	None are great. They are all horrible. Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin	Famine and low quality of life as always
5/6/2025 5:16:49	No	18-24	A mental illness where you don't believe you provide enough for society to be compensated appropriately so you just want it handed to you	No		Russia	None of them are great	It would crumble if it already has started to. The poor become poorer, the government seizes and controls everything and the vast majority of the population is decimated financially, physically, mentally and it loses all its rights and freedoms.
5/3/2025 18:41:01	No	18-24	Government control over private and public sectors.	No		Cuba	North Korea, Nazi and East Germany, Soviet Union, Cambodia, Cuba, etc.	I think happiness would improve and general quality of life. And taxation would stay roughly the same
5/19/2025 11:26:45	No	18-24	Is where the public or government owns the factories and companies to balance equality	Yes	Scandinavian countries	Finland	Not sure	There will be infinite taxation, less accessibility to first necessity goods and services and a reduced freedom.
5/13/2025 12:04:03	No	18-24	To cancel natural order	No		France	Pierre Falgardeau	

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4/30/2025 18:02:59	No	18-24	No one owns anything government owns you	No	Ussr during stalin maybe that was a success	Canada	Stalin	Go down the (CENSORED) like it already has. Would and has totally destroyed our country
4/30/2025 18:17:05	No	18-24	(CENSORED) that has never worked.	No		Canada	Stalin, karl Marx	Living standards would plummet. Everything would stagnate, lack of employment, lack of food production, resource extraction, the only benefit I would be the oligarchs
5/1/2025 11:51:22	No	18-24	Nothing, a proven flawed ideology	No		Korea, North	Starving the population of their country	Taxation would go up, especially high because the government attempts to even out distribution of wealth, but it effectively does more to bring people to success than it does to elevate the poor. Money effectively is a result of two things: economic production and wise management. Poor people are poor essentially because for one reason or another, they lack at least one of those two things. Handing money to someone does not make them productive, and it does not make them responsible managers. On the other hand, taking money from those who have more because they produced value in the economy and/or managed what the had very well removes their ability to benefit from productive, responsible behavior. Therefore, they stop making the sacrifices required to create and build wealth because they will not be able to reap the benefits anyway. The net result is less production and less prosperity for the nation as a whole
5/4/2025 18:17:06	No	18-24	An economic system where the government distributes resources equally to everyone regardless of a person's economic production. In the words of Karl Marx, "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need."	No		Cuba	That's a contradiction in terms.	We will own nothing and be told to be happy. Taxes would be too high and there wouldn't be buyer choice. More taxation, terrible services and the birth of fascism in Canada
5/10/2025 13:19:40	No	18-24	Paid slaves	No		Russia	There aren't	Canada would change for the better. Taxation theoretically could change but it does not need to. An example of socialism that I am partial to is democracy in the workplace. This means the complete abolition of the stock market - replacing it entirely with bonds - and every worker gets a voting share, a dividend, and equal part ownership of companies they work for. That means any profit made would be payed equally out to each and every employee on top of their different salaries (wages). On top of this, I would have national monopolies run by the public and operated by the public. This could be funded through taxes, as well as the profit made from them operating at cost plus %. Additionally I would have a nationally proportional senate, and a STV parliament.
5/7/2025 13:27:41	No	18-24	Horrible dependency	No		Myanmar (Burma)	There aren't any	We will own nothing and be told to be happy
5/4/2025 22:19:15	No	18-24	Lack of individual freedom	No		China	Tommy Douglas	Taxes would be too high and there wouldn't be buyer choice. More taxation, terrible services and the birth of fascism in Canada
5/16/2025 14:18:32	No	18-24	Dignity for all	Yes	Nordic countries (Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland) also Cuba (the main reason it failed was sanctions from USA)	Sweden	Tommy Douglas, Bernie Sanders, Jesus Christ, Karl Marx.	Canada would change for the better. Taxation theoretically could change but it does not need to. An example of socialism that I am partial to is democracy in the workplace. This means the complete abolition of the stock market - replacing it entirely with bonds - and every worker gets a voting share, a dividend, and equal part ownership of companies they work for. That means any profit made would be payed equally out to each and every employee on top of their different salaries (wages). On top of this, I would have national monopolies run by the public and operated by the public. This could be funded through taxes, as well as the profit made from them operating at cost plus %. Additionally I would have a nationally proportional senate, and a STV parliament.
5/21/2025 15:03:12	No	25-40	Misery	No		Korea, North	?	We would fall into misery in maybe a generation.
5/1/2025 4:22:20	No	25-40	Death	No		Venezuela	Adolf Hitler	The quality of services would continue to decline, the availability of goods would continue to decline, and personal freedom would perish under the boot of tyranny
5/7/2025 8:05:32	No	25-40	The same system of governance and distribution utilized by the Nazi Regime (Nationalsozialist; the German word for 'National Socialist'. The term 'Nazi' refers to members of the National Socialist German Workers' Party (NSDAP))	No		0 Venezuela	Adolf Hitler, Karl Marx, Nicolás Maduro	Not well... history tells the tale in red ink (blood). Only the insane can look at socialism's past and hope for a free and fruitful future. Unless their ideas and ideals are inverted.
5/14/2025 19:01:49	No	25-40	Delusional idea masked as equality	No		Canada	All evil	Productive members of society would leave and become refugees in the states and the country would go bankrupt
5/2/2025 8:01:47	No	25-40	It's a political and economic system where the state (meaning the politicians who run the institutions) controls and dictates the use of the means of production (to use Marxist terminology). And in basic terms, is a criminal system where bureaucrats centralize the economy and control all aspects of private life, impoverish everyone while they get rich and persecute everybody who opposes their tyranny.	No		Venezuela	By share of deaths and crime: Stalin, Mao and Lenin. Honorary mentions: Maduro, Chávez and Castro	Taxation will go to the roof, goods and services will disappear and will only be available to those in power. Personal freedoms will no longer exist except for the crumbs that the government will allow you to have if you agree with them.
5/3/2025 11:21:45	No	25-40	Communist communist	No		Canada	canada	bad
5/18/2025 13:08:35	No	25-40	Equality, high taxes, high welfare	Yes	Cuba, USSR, China, Scandinavian countries even though they don't like to say they are socialist	Sweden	Che Guevara and Lenin	Will have extremely higher taxes, but also many other things will be free and people will not sleep hungry. Also increase in education
5/5/2025 17:23:51	No	25-40	The start of workers controlling their rights at work and their communities, for the benefit of the workers and community	Yes	Cuba, USSR, Yugoslavia, China, Vietnam	Vietnam	Che, Fidel, Stalin, Lenin, Ho Chi Minh	Tax will start being reduced on the working class and raised on the wealthiest to temporarily provide for the expansion of production, and over time would reduce across all remaining classes when the people control the enterprises that generate the wealth
5/19/2025 16:49:06	No	25-40	z	Yes		United States	jdjo	agd
5/23/2025 0:01:18	No	25-40	Social ownership of the means of production.	No		Cuba	Ferdinand Lassalle, Georges Sorel	There's no one answer because socialism could be implemented in many different ways.
5/16/2025 22:17:56	No	25-40	Food lines and riots	No		Venezuela	Fidel Castro, Che Guevara and Hugo Chavez	High tax, low availability of goods, expensive services and long wait lists for simple issues, less personal freedoms
5/7/2025 22:33:34	No	25-40	Government control and high taxes for everyone	No	Soviet Union was successful for many decades before its dissolution. Cuba has managed fairly well despite massive embargoes by the US and allies currently crippling the country. While not fully socialist China could be another.	Cuba	Fidel Castro, nicholas maduro	Poverty would be much higher and cost of living would be worse
5/20/2025 20:04:06	No	25-40	Liberation.	Yes		Cuba	Fred Hampton, Thomas Sankara, Ho chi Minh, Fidel Castro	Personal freedom would increase dramatically, cost of living such as housing would be socialized and owned by the state, prohibiting private industry from price gouging workers. Higher education would be free, allowing everyone to seek education or retool their skills at no cost and workers would all be unionized and be paid more/own their companies in cooperation within a successful socialist state.
5/1/2025 12:43:20	No	25-40	No freedom!	No		Korea, North	(CENSORED)	No money, no middle class, high taxes, doesn't matter how hard you work still poor, no rights, no freedom of speech!
5/6/2025 21:09:01	No	25-40	Socialism is the confiscation of hard earned assets by means of force and violence by people who are lazy and don't work.	No		Korea, North	(CENSORED) none of them.	We would all starve and have no rights. I'd start killing politicians and socialist party leaders long before I let that happen. It's fucking absurd that this is even a survey.
5/26/2025 5:20:03	No	25-40	a pathetic semblance of communism	No		Norway	George Floyd	Just don't try
5/21/2025 13:17:17	No	25-40	Dictature	No		Germany	If socialist appear in canada i go out defend capitalism	
5/20/2025 7:49:20	No	25-40	It doesn't work.	No		Sweden	Greatest? That's a strong word.	We would be taxed into oblivion, bureaucrats would take all of our money so our healthcare and social services would get worse and worse. Personal freedoms would become non-existent.
5/1/2025 11:37:13	No	25-40	Equality	Yes		Sweden	Has true socialism ever been tried?	Things would be better
5/3/2025 12:31:55	No	25-40	An unfortunate system where the society pays for people to be lazy. Some systems from this work but as a whole the system fails	No		Venezuela	Hitler, Stalin, Mao,	If we did it, society would collapse. We are too far indebted and have no resource economy to pay for it. The green dream of socialists is paid for by black gold and capitalism
5/12/2025 9:20:59	No	25-40	The transitional period between capitalism and communism	Yes	Vietnam, Burkina Faso, Cuba, USSR (circa Gorbachev)	Vietnam	Ho Chi Minh's Indochinese Communist Party	Increased taxation on billionaires and state control of key industries would create a more efficient and egalitarian labour environment to allow workers more freedom from having to pay CEO bonuses. In addition the outlawing of landlordism would create a housing market that is much more affordable.
5/2/2025 16:02:00	No	25-40	Government control	No		Venezuela	Hugo Chavez	Higher taxes, less availability of goods, less personal freedoms
5/2/2025 19:39:51	No	25-40	Socialism is where things are owned collectively rather than individually.	No		Venezuela	Hugo Chavez	Freedom would be totally lost. Everything would get exponentially worse than is already is.
5/20/2025 22:28:02	No	25-40	Limiting personal wealth in order to allow the most individuals to benefit, rather than the smallest number to accumulate. Removing unnecessary competition and allowing for a true society.	Yes	Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Germany, formerly Canada	Denmark	I can't honestly answer this question. I think the world gets conflicted with communism so much to the point that I can only think of communist revolutionaries. I would say that Canada used to be a near socialist utopia. We can return there.	More taxes on the mega rich, fewer tax loopholes, more services available to the neediest few, as needs are met, poverty will reduce, therefore reducing crime and strain on said services. There will be strong resistance from the very rich and the outlets they control, but they'll learn to get over it like we've had to learn to endure their tyranny. Socialism allows our society which is brimming with prosperity to spread that prosperity to more people.
5/25/2025 19:18:58	No	25-40	Democratic workplaces and strategic regulation with the goal of achieving better living conditions for all. Also considering material reality / wealth before currency.	Yes	China	I couldn't tell you.	"Fully adopt?" I think there are many ways to practice socialism and we're figuring it out as we go. There's no manual. Especially in the 21st century. I'm pro more democracy in the workplace and in our elections (ranked choice voting, etc.) I'm pro a library economy. Economic policies. Pro-community initiatives led by the state regardless of ideology. There are things we can take from socialism and that's all socialism is. A mindset and being open to the state regulating the invisible hand where necessary	
5/17/2025 15:27:13	No	25-40	Equitable distribution of wealth, moving away from capitalism to worker owned businesses and away from imperialism and prioritizing government resources to meet everyone's needs for food, water, housing, healthcare, education etc	Yes	China	I don't know I need to do more reading tbh	Hard to say, Canada doesn't exist in a vacuum and with the US right there it's difficult to believe they wouldn't affect how successful our transition would be. But I believe personal freedoms would increase as people would have more time to support each other. The availability of some goods and services might be affected, not in a negative sense, but because of the availability of goods and services in the US. Because a lot of abundance we have comes from exploitation and imperialism. I'm ok with not having luxuries of like bananas year round for example if it means not supporting the exploitation of other countries. Taxation, I mean typically one assumes it goes up right but that would be focused on the already wealthy because increasing taxes on the lower middle class kind of defeats the purpose of wealth equality. Anyways I am trying to learn more about these things.	

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5/4/2025 20:01:48	No	25-40	Workers, especially blue collar middle class and lower class being the main focus of the political party, wealth being shared and evenly distributed and heavy focus on merit	No		Cuba	I would say historically socialism has failed but I hope for a society that can make it work through equity and fairness	I would expect to see diminishing of these things but many changes for the overall good of society the key to socialism is not to repress the freedom and ability to earn more for yourself therefore making it akin to communism is inherent to it if we wish for people to be involved and give everyone a fair chance we also need to give them a fair chance to earn more
5/1/2025 18:26:27	No	25-40	Ensuring nobody struggles for basic human needs, and does not work under threat of homelessness or death	Yes	Cuba - prior to US intervention. Former Yugoslavia - prior to us intervention.	Cuba	Idk	You might not have unnecessary luxury. But you would also have life balance
5/23/2025 0:14:52	No	25-40	Approaches that benefit communities and people at large as opposed to individuals	Yes	Canada Norway etc.	Sweden	Idk	Taxes would rise, free services would increase
5/6/2025 8:59:26	No	25-40	Decay	No		Korea, North	Imre Nagy	You'd would, overpay for supper services that are run by staff who constantly want more pay due to increased taxation, thus creating a tax-cost death loop.
5/25/2025 2:24:23	No	25-40	Fairness	Yes	USSR	China	Joseph Stalin Joseph Stalin, Adolf Hitler, Mao Zedong. The more victims there are, the more greatest they are	Great Health care, Dental care, free education, good roads, high taxes
5/15/2025 19:03:35	No	25-40	I come from the post-soviet Russia. It's a dangerous thing you are all playing with here in Canada.	No		Korea, North		More taxes, less goods and services, no more personal freedoms.
5/8/2025 20:34:44	No	25-40	Government control of labor and capital	No		China	Karl Marx	Less freedom, more taxes, harder to start businesses, existing businesses would be less efficient. Less wealth in society overall.
5/12/2025 22:26:39	No	25-40	Closer to communism than capitalism, It's a gateway drug to communism. Tax the hard working give to the lazy	No		Canada	Karl marks	I would own nothing and feel trapped and constantly controlled by the government. Freedoms get taken away. Free market would crash
5/1/2025 12:41:21	No	25-40	The early stages of communism	No		United Kingdom	karl marx	personal freedoms gone, collapse of market would lead to shortages throughout
5/11/2025 13:50:35	No	25-40	Economic prosperity, universal needs covered such as health care	Yes	Canada	Canada	Karl Marx	Fully covered universal health care, better standard of living
5/1/2025 13:35:22	No	25-40	The downfall of western society and pure and utter stupidity	No		Cuba	Karl Marx	We would all be flat broke and starving, nobody would own land and freedom as a whole would be eradicated
5/20/2025 18:34:50	No	25-40	It is a propagandized term, used to downplay things like wealth redistribution, and economic dependence on government. Socialism is thrown around, to pit the public and private tax payer against one another. Its meaning has changed over time, and I believe is interpreted differently by everyone.	No		Venezuela	Karl Marx for certain, he's is the embodiment of socialism, Anti-human, anti-family, anti-religious, anti-capitalist. All things I find no relation to.	I think the answer is clear, Canada has been on the path to socialism for years. Every conceivable good, service, and form of income or salar has already been taxed to the moon. All things listed in the question, suffer dearly with the adoption of the ideology. When times are good, people gain generosity and a sense of community. Socialism is a path taken by the ultra rich, oligarchs, and someone who longs to be one or both. Control is the name of the game.
5/6/2025 15:15:56	No	25-40	Freedom and equality	Yes	USSR	Cuba	Karl Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky	The productivity in all sectors and especially health and education would be incredible.
5/14/2025 20:05:49	No	25-40	Stronger unions, people's needs being met, equity	No		Norway	Karl Marx, Eugene V Debs	Tax the rich, there is only so much that people NEED. "From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs". No freedoms are taken away, resources are re-allocated. There is enough for everyone. Close tax loopholes for the rich because currently they don't contribute to the social good.
5/3/2025 18:48:15	No	25-40	Redistributing wealth to benefit the whole of society, reduced social and economic stratification, greater collective ownership of resources/ markets or increased prevalence of worker owned businesses, reduction of the prevalence of the profit motive, and an investment in social services and common good infrastructure	Yes	Denmark, Norway, Sweden, China, Vietnam, Cuba, USSR, GDR, Denmark	Denmark	Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, Vladimir Lenin, Fidel Castro, Che Guevara, Clement Attlee, George Orwell, Albert Einstein, Bertrand Russell, Martin Luther King Jr., Bernie Sanders, Slavko	Reduced taxation on the middle and working class, increased taxation on the wealthy, minimal effects on availability/ quality of goods and services, increased personal freedoms and ability to participate in democracy not just in government, but in the workplace. Reduced wealth and income stratification, reduced corruption, move away from profit driven enterprise.
5/4/2025 10:28:33	No	25-40	When the workers own the means of Production and State. It is the next transitional phase of human development after Capitalism.	Yes	China, Vietnam, the DPRK, Cuba	China	Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Xi Jinping, etc	Zero taxation except on land transfer. Better more robust social services, extreme reduction on income inequality, poverty alleviation measures, greater industrialization, and greater freedoms and job security for the working class.
5/15/2025 11:27:31	No	25-40	The abolition of commodity production, the real movement against the present state of things, and the government installed by the victorious proletarian movement after a revolution	Yes	The USSR before the reactionary coup in 1991, East Germany, North Korea before the US genocide in 1952, Cuba	Cuba	Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, Vladimir Lenin	The current wage system would be replaced by a system of Labour Vouchers as described in the Critique of the Gotha Programme. Taxation would be drawn from the surplus labour of the working people to fund those unable to contribute (the disabled, children, and the elderly). The range of goods would be smaller, as there would be no competition between them (e.g., there would cease to be 800 toothpaste options and the price of toothpaste would be determined by the cost of production). More people would work than the mere 60% who do now, but work would be at a lower intensity and duration, freeing up time for the producers to enjoy the fruits of the socialism they are building. Division of labour as observed by Adam Smith would be done away with, in other words the constraints of a 'career' would disappear. The workers could reskill as necessary and may work in a diverse array of jobs throughout their lives. Women's lot would be significantly improved with the abolition of the family as an atomic unit. The social pressures of the capitalist form of the family would be alleviated as child rearing would become an activity in common.
5/2/2025 19:57:42	No	25-40	Socialism is a system where the workers control a higher percentage of the means of production	Yes	Cuba, China, Vietnam, Yugoslavia	Cuba	Karl Marx, lenin, mao Fidel Castro, che Guevara, deng xiaoping	Far more workers cooperatives, affordable or free housing, affordable or free university stronger workers rights leading to increased prosperity for all.
5/26/2025 1:27:33	No	25-40	A failed experiment	No		Cuba	Karl Marx, Lenin, Trotsky	It would destroy the country by removing any incentive to better ones life, ultimately leading to stagnation like in the Soviet Union. Socialism disregards the fundamental human characteristics like ambition and competition which are the bedrock of productivity and development.
5/25/2025 22:10:15	No	25-40	Collective ownership of the economy by the people/workers, where people's material needs are prioritized rather than profit.	Yes	USSR, Cuba, Venezuela, Chile (Allende)	Cuba	Karl Marx, Salvador Allende, Hugo Chavez, Murray Bookchin, Mikhail Bakunin, Silvia Federici, Angela Davis, Jeremy Corbyn, Bernie Sanders, Cornel West, Richard Wolff	Without capitalism's needs for unending economic growth, exploitation of the working class, and profit above all else, Canada's economy could start working for the benefit of all people as well as the environment. Jobs and products would exist because they are actually beneficial/necessary to society, rather than being developed for the sake of development. More people would work than the mere 60% who do now, but work would be at a lower intensity and duration, freeing up time for the producers to enjoy the fruits of the socialism they are building. Division of labour as observed by Adam Smith would be done away with, in other words the constraints of a 'career' would disappear. The workers could reskill as necessary and may work in a diverse array of jobs throughout their lives. Women's lot would be significantly improved with the abolition of the family as an atomic unit. The social pressures of the capitalist form of the family would be alleviated as child rearing would become an activity in common.
5/1/2025 20:43:37	No	25-40	Confiscation of wealth to distribute among those a government deems needing.	No		Russia	Karl marx, Mao zedong.	Taxes would increase. Goods would decrease. Services would suffer and personal freedoms would be restricted further.
5/18/2025 15:57:19	No	25-40	Large social safety net, lots of government oppression	No		Korea, North	Kim jong II	Government censorship, controlled media, even higher taxes
5/20/2025 10:00:58	No	25-40	To me, socialism is the idea that society should care for its members—not just in words, but in structure. It envisions a system where dignity isn't tied to wealth, and where no one is left behind simply because of circumstance. When applied thoughtfully, it can elevate compassion into policy.	Yes	Nordic nations like Sweden, Norway, and Finland have shown that elements of socialism can be paired with transparency, personal liberty, and strong institutions—can produce high standards of living, low inequality, and social trust.	Finland	Karl Marx, Salvador Allende, Hugo Chavez, Murray Bookchin, Mikhail Bakunin, Silvia Federici, Angela Davis, Jeremy Corbyn, Bernie Sanders, Cornel West, Richard Wolff	We'd likely see a shift toward more collective infrastructure—universal dental, pharmacare, accessible housing. Taxes might rise modestly, but with clearer returns for all. The challenge would be preserving freedom of thought and conscience while promoting shared responsibility. If done wisely, it could renew our sense of national unity—not by force, but by care.
5/4/2025 20:18:16	No	25-40	A better way of living	Yes	China	China	Lenin	The CRA would use my tax money more appropriately and effectively. My taxes would actually benefit all Canadians with better Healthcare, infrastructure, education, and addressing climate change.
5/5/2025 10:45:17	No	25-40	Government funded and controlled policies or programs meant for the general public.	No		China	Lenin and Stalin, also Che Guevara.	Good luck Canada if that happens.
5/6/2025 18:40:04	No	25-40	The common good	Yes	China Canada Cuba	Canada	Lenin Marx	More tax to the richest less individualism more common good and service, less freedom to be individualist in the society but more freedom to participate and help in it
5/13/2025 17:50:06	No	25-40	Nasty system that never worked anywhere in the world and just caused hunger and poverty	No		Cuba	Lenin, Che Guevara, Fidel Castro	No private property, no personal freedom, reduced availability of goods and services, overall poverty
5/13/2025 21:13:27	No	25-40	Collective, democratic ownership of the means of production	Yes	Cuba, vietnam, china	China	Lenin, Mao, fred hampton, castro, rosa luxembourg, kwame nkrumah	Socialism isn't there. Likely tax rates would be higher, but schooling and Healthcare would be fully guaranteed, as well as jobs guaranteed. Industrialization would probably increase, which would help the availability of goods and services, but the details of how socialism was achieved, and the foreign policy response of other countries, mainly the us, would have more impact on the specifics of how life would change for individuals.
5/22/2025 11:08:33	No	25-40	An ideology that puts people over capital.	Yes	China, USSR, Vietnam, Laos, Cuba, Angola, East Germany	China	Lenin, Mao, Stalin, Ho chi min.	Rich would be highly taxed, poor would receive more social care and higher wages. Availability of goods would be similar but less brands that sell the same thing, goods would be more affordable. More services to poor and middle class families. Personal freedoms same but not granted to corporations. You are asking very leading questions
5/19/2025 19:02:23	No	25-40	the future	Yes	China, Vietnam, Laos, DPRK, Cuba, USSR	China	Lenin, Stalin, Mao Kim Il Sung, Ho Chi Minh	no more homelessness, no more food insecurity, a job for all

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5/23/2025 7:11:24	No	25-40	Bad	No		China	Lennon, Marx, Mao.	You would have the majority of the employers move out of country, including myself. People work hard and sacrifice much for their success and to share it with others who don't understand what those type of sacrifices took would not be good. Socialism only works in theory. The fact this survey exists scares me.
5/25/2025 11:46:15	No	25-40	Redistribution of wealth and the means of production to ensure economic growth means personal financial growth for everyone.	Yes	China, Cuba	China	Leon Trotsky, Mikhail Gorbachev	Like every other socialist country, it'd go to shit. It wouldn't, the money of people that have it is already going to people that don't produce anything for our country
5/4/2025 19:26:28	No	25-40	Laziness is rewarded	No		Cuba	lol	You would chase out all industry, discourage all investments both foreign and domestic, and the decreased productivity/incentive would crash the country to a halt.
5/5/2025 17:37:09	No	25-40	"The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money"	No		Korea, North	Mao	I would fight to my last breath to prevent socialism. Everything would be worse. We do not want to be Cuba, China nor Laos.
5/4/2025 23:06:12	No	25-40	Starvation.	No		Cuba	Mao Zedong	No individual taxations, planned economy and better freedoms
4/30/2025 20:40:35	No	25-40	Starvation. Poverty. Government mismanagement.	No		Cuba	Mao Zedong is the perfect example.	Would be based on the specific conditions of how Socialism comes about in Canada. But greatest of all, the US would need a socialist movement that also takes power in tandem or with support from a socialist Canadian movement. Socialism in Canada would mean the end of European influence on the North American continent and a creation of a new civilization state of America, Canada, the tribal nations and Quebec.
5/23/2025 10:01:50	No	25-40	The next step in human development. Worker power. Dictatorship of the proletariat	Yes	USSR, China, Cuba, Laos, Burkina Faso, Vietnam, East Germany,	Cuba	Mao, Lenin, Stalin, Thomas Sankara, Charles Gagnon, Karl Marx, stanley Ryerson, Engels, Fred Hampton, Che Guevara, Fidel Castro	But also a return of industrial policy with the end of financial oligarchism in New York and Toronto. In this bountiful land we could build the new world.
5/9/2025 19:22:32	No	25-40	Workers ownership of the means of production through a dictatorship of the proletariat	Yes	China, Cuba, DPRK, USSR, Vietnam, Laos, Venezuela	China	Mao, Norman Bethune, William Z Foster, Lenin, Stalin, Che Guevara, Ho Chi Min, Kim Il Sung	ACPus/program
5/15/2025 20:56:49	No	25-40	Government mismanagement	No		China	Mao, Pol Pot	Mass genocide of "undesirables", private property confiscation, even higher inflation and lower home ownership
5/11/2025 15:20:27	No	25-40	Hunger, disease, death, poverty	No		Korea, North	Mao, Stalin, every North Korean leader since it separated	More taxes, no food is available - people will starve and obesity won't be a problem, no personal freedom whatsoever
5/6/2025 19:20:10	No	25-40	Workers have control over the means of production and receive more value from their labour.	Yes	USSR, China, Vietnam, Laos, DPRK, Cuba	China	Mao, Stalin, Lenin, Marx, Castro, Sankara	We would not need a taxation system as it currently exists, regular workers would have a higher standard of living, cheaper groceries and services, personal freedoms would be the same.
5/8/2025 12:10:20	No	25-40	Communism	No		Russia	Marx	Less freedom, less private ownership
5/19/2025 14:54:25	No	25-40	Government that works for the collective good not the capitalists	Yes	Cuba, Sweden, post war Canada and USA	Denmark	Marx	Freedoms would be the same, taxes would be more but we would have protections against poverty
5/21/2025 12:16:55	No	25-40	The idea of sharing wealth equally. Regardless of job skill or trade practiced by the individual	No		China	Marx	We would lack freedom and our current problems of affordability and crime would continue to grow worse
5/16/2025 0:35:09	No	25-40	Proto-communism	No		Russia	Marx and engels	For the worst
5/7/2025 12:08:28	No	25-40	Socialism is a deeply flawed idea, perhaps purposefully so, that is based on the ownership of the means of production by the workers using those means. This is a highly unnatural idea that cannot be achieved in practice and any attempt to do so will manifest in bizarre forms that will be unrecognizable to its believers.	No		United States	Marx and Keynes	The only changes would be ones of degree and in perfect continuity with current trends:
								1. The total taxation rate will continue its journey from <5% of GDP through the current 50% GDP to 100% GDP (full socialism), taking into account all forms of taxation including licensing, income taxes, sales taxes, and most importantly, inflation.
								2. Supply and quality of goods and services will continue to decline as exemplified in healthcare and housing. Overproduction and shortages will continue in increasingly larger amounts and in more areas of the economy as more controls and regulations are added in an attempt to maintain equity until a total command economy is established or the country collapses.
								3. Personal freedoms will continue to be reduced. Most vestiges of freedom of association will be entirely abolished (i.e. you must support the Party). Lower standards of living will reduce freedom in various ways such as being unable to travel long distances, being unable to afford or even find decent food, and suffering from severely restricted forms of entertainment and employment.
								4. Extreme environmental damage is likely as socialists tend to favor large scale operations with heavy machinery and practices such as mono-cropping and communal labor. The perverse incentives of politicians will preclude any real discussion of sustainability.
4/30/2025 18:49:52	No	25-40	Public ownership of most, if not all, of the means of production	No		Vietnam	Marx and Trotsky	Expanded personal freedoms in most senses except in terms of private ownership of capital. Communal ownership means taxes are an irrelevant question. I would expect goods and services to be available based on need, and to that end I would expect little to be spent on the military in times of peace. The nature of good would also change, being based more on communal and environmental values and less on luxury value. Apartments instead of mansions, reliable green transportation where applicable, etc. I would expect a simultaneous development of local manufacture, and trade with countries more in line with our values and respect for the material rights of the worker.
5/25/2025 19:16:20	No	25-40	Equality, rights to your labour	Yes	Cuba, Sweden, Norway, China, Bolivia, Brazil, Nicaragua, france	China	Marx, Castro, Tito, mao	Top earners taxed at higher rates, decommunified housing, , health and education.
5/12/2025 16:46:24	No	25-40	Humanity's only chance at a future	Yes	Soviet Union	Cuba	Marx, Engels, Lenin, Trotsky	The economy would be under the democratic control of workers. We would finally be free.
5/18/2025 17:52:04	No	25-40	The lives lost of many past, present, and in the future	No	Brazil	Marx, Lenin		It would increase its current rate of decline in quality of life.
4/30/2025 19:02:57	No	25-40	A system of government which prioritizes social outcomes and control vs private ownership.	No		China	Mikhail Gorbachev, Jack Layton	We would just get run over by the United States of America. It would be a disaster for the following reasons: - We will guarantee brain drain of all of our top talent (why have a standard lifestyle when you can work or work remotely from the US for 2.5x the income). - this would in turn make our industries less competitive - There would be little interest in entrepreneurship (all "builders" would most likely go to the US) - healthcare would likely not improve - availability of goods would go down / cost more since wait are we going to try to build local and not be globalized? - Freedom would probably not be affected
5/5/2025 19:08:55	No	25-40	Government control of industry (ie nationalization)	No		Venezuela	Most successful? Probably Lenin or Mao	Call me gang let's talk
5/12/2025 5:52:22	No	25-40	Being equal to everyone	Yes	Germany	Germany	Mustafa Kemal Atatürk	Loss of individual liberty and property rights. Scarcity of goods. Longer wait times for basic commodities like cars and appliances. Technological inferiority compared to allies, loss of intellectual talent to other nations, economy no longer built on consensual transitions between individuals.
5/20/2025 15:16:42	No	25-40	First step towards communism : starvation and ruin! Redistribution is morally wrong.	No		Korea, North	N/A	It will be more fair
5/25/2025 12:53:52	No	25-40	Tankie garbage. Has no place on this planet.	No		China	N/A	We would eventually turn communism and crumble into starvation and ruin!
5/21/2025 10:24:52	No	25-40	Communism	No		Russia	No one	For the worse. I already pay \$60,000 in income tax annually. STAY OUT OF MY POCKETS. Everyone would get poorer
5/24/2025 18:47:03	No	25-40	Total destruction - economically, spiritually, and psychologically	No		South Africa	Nobody is a great socialist. They're all devastating.	More insane taxes, less supply of goods, even worse services than are currently offered today. No personal freedoms or property rights. Socialism is the worst ideology ever brought to humanity. Disgusting.
5/15/2025 23:47:31	No	25-40	Government does things that help the common good such as social safety nets.	Yes	Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France	Denmark	Non. Socialism is group effort	Fairer taxation (inheritance tax, wealth tax)much better social services.
4/30/2025 16:40:32	No	25-40	Deterioration of freedom	No		China	None	Canada isn't becoming socialist we value democracy and capitalism

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4/30/2025 20:20:24	No	25-40	A society dependent on government.	No		Sweden	None	We see how socialism is already changing Canada into a dependent society, and communism is beginning to take hold. Free healthcare, free housing, increased taxes, increased access to quality healthcare and social services, ineffective law enforcement, restricted access to news and information, and a bloated migration crisis that is causing deep resentment and anger.
5/1/2025 18:53:47	No	25-40	It means the death of liberties	No		Cuba	None	It would make this country worse than it already is
5/5/2025 21:36:42	No	25-40	Socialism is a broad political and economic ideology that advocates for social ownership or control of the means of production, distribution, and exchange, typically through the state or government. It's characterized by the belief that shared ownership leads to a more equitable society. Socialism encompasses various forms of social ownership, including public, community, collective, cooperative, or employee ownership.	No		Vatican City	None	(CENSORED)
5/11/2025 22:54:22	No	25-40	You own nothing, government controls everything	No		Cuba	None	Everyone taxed to death, no point in getting ahead. Canada would end.
4/30/2025 22:06:04	No	25-40	It means that you can never get ahead. I work a hard job 12 hour shifts days and nights to provide a better life for my family. But with socialism I may as well go flip burgers at mcdonalds because everyone shares the wealth. It enables laziness or forces hard workers to lose out on higher paying jobs! It is horrible and shouldn't be legal!	No		Korea, North	None (CENSORED)	It'd be terrible! I'd have no drive to work a higher paying job anymore because someone who flips burgers would make the same amount as I do working a job where I risk my life every day to provide a better life for my family. If Canada became a socialist country I'd leave the country in a heartbeat! The liberals have already fucked up our economy and country enough we don't need to make it worse!
5/1/2025 12:02:45	No	25-40	Giant taxes, overregulations and lack of financial freedom, limited rights	No		Korea, North	None of them	Very bad, it will destroy Canadian freedom spirit and split the society, most likely we will have a civil war
5/4/2025 0:13:27	No	25-40	Slavery	No		Russia	None of them	Things would be worse
			The ideology that there is a universal morality surrounding wealth, and that government's role is to enforce it through total or partial control of all capital within its domain. It distributes said capital among all constituents (except the authoritarian leader, who unfairly gets the lions share of the capital), at the expense of each individual's meritorious entitlement.					Severe economic depression. Mismanaged goods. Gigantic government waste via giving money to those who are not responsible enough to steward it. Revolt from the honest working class. Crime (particularly the extortion) skyrockets. Fattening up of the tyrants instigating it. Freedom of opinion and speech, GONE. Freedom of movement, GONE. Freedom of religion, effectively revoked (but everyone acts like it's just like normal).
			To me, it is a policy that, through reasonable taxation, is an integral part of the developed world (healthcare, Education, etc.). It is, however, exceedingly dangerous when its utilization surpasses the limits of sustainable systems. The developed world is ultimately reliant on incentives and the incentive for individual hard work, ensuring the success of all society. When a tyrannical politician asserts that the people's hard earned money belongs to the state, it no longer is about the well being of the individual but rather power of the elites.	No		Canada	None of them were great, all of them were ineffectual wimps or got ousted pretty quick.	Healthcare in canada won't even improve as its executives will extort more and more funding only to have it go to waste on a system that cannot adequately manage staffing and resource allocation.
5/2/2025 18:03:41	No	25-40	So it is a good thing in small quantities, and small quantities only.					Education might improve in terms of its access to resources for students, but it won't fix the moral and philosophical filth that it is entrenched in to date.
			Socialism is evil and inherently rewards those who less talented and lazy. It is a scam that eventually leads to communism and people dying of mass starvation because centralized government planning always leads to corrupt authoritarian regimes.	No		Cuba		Handouts will violently eviscerate the lower class with meth and fentanyl exploding, and rendering any existing rehabilitation (and related supports) useless in its wake.
			The end of freedom	No		Algeria	None they are all evil and try to trick people under the guise of a "utopian society"	The middle and upper class will cease to provide and protect society and the greater good, as it will be robbed of the wealth that has provided that since the founding of Canada. Canada will no longer be a great nation (as we can see that playing out already) and other nations will no co-prosper with it. a few nations will make bold attempts to undermine national security without fear of a mutually equal reprisal.
5/1/2025 14:18:25	No	25-40	Poverty, crime, corruption, mismanagement, retardation of population, and ultimately Mass Death	No		Canada	None, they all promote (CENSORED)	So yeah, get Singh out, tell Believe to man up and do better, and watch Carney like a hawk. The idea of Canada fully adopting socialism is suicide and the big guys who have the power to head that up are too corrupt to acknowledge that.
5/1/2025 13:27:28	No	25-40	Collective ownership of production	No		Cuba	None, they are all evil	Don't accept communism in any form.
5/4/2025 22:05:05	No	25-40	Death of a society	No		Korea, North	None, they are all terrible	Canada is already on the destructive path to socialism and full blown communism. We already have tax rates that are unsustainably high but will continue to go higher. The availability of goods and services will either become very scarce or the prices will become so high that nobody can afford anything. This will lead to breakdown as seen in Russia. Personal freedoms are already gone. In Canada the government has frozen peoples bank accounts, invoked the emergency act to break up a lawful protest in Ottawa, and is censoring what we are able to view/post/speak about both online and in person. People are already being jailed for "hate speech" and it will only get worse if we fully adopt socialism.
5/1/2025 23:06:14	No	25-40	The working people work extra hard to feed and house the people who don't want to work.	No		Venezuela	None.	I would leave instantly
5/12/2025 18:35:21	No	25-40	Government nationalization of all private organizations, and some property	No		Venezuela	Workers would be taxed even more, choices and quality of "non essential" goods would go down since less people would be able to afford them, less drive to offer quality services (why should I try harder if it won't improve my life)	What did a socialist use after lightbulbs, candles. It degrades society by centuries and brings a whole new meaning to "Hell on Earth"
5/8/2025 3:42:48	No	25-40	Liberation from the unjust appropriations and dilettantism of the ruling classes who have accumulated their wealth through a happenstance of history and dynasty.	Yes	Vietnam (4-0 in wars too, beat France, USA, China, and liberated Cambodia)	Cuba	Rosa Luxemburg, Leon Trotsky	Virtually no economic freedom, mass exodus of productive people to other countries.
5/16/2025 0:10:33	No	25-40	A better solution than always compromising with keeping a tiny bit of people rich while others suffering	No		China	Rosa Luxemburg	Societal collapse
4/30/2025 18:27:43	No	25-40	Communism	No		China	Russia	Workers would be taxed even more, choices and quality of "non essential" goods would go down since less people would be able to afford them, less drive to offer quality services (why should I try harder if it won't improve my life)
5/1/2025 11:07:40	No	25-40	Socialism means taking money from higher wage earners and then distributing said wealth among people who are less well off.	No		China	Russia, China	No freedom of speech, higher taxes
5/13/2025 12:42:36	No	25-40	Leninist bullshit that never worked look at cuba	No		Canada	Salvador Allende	Higher taxes, less goods, less investments, higher unemployment, higher poverty, more censorship, less freedom.
5/11/2025 13:33:39	No	25-40	Programs under the guise claiming to help the less fortunate but instead turns into government over-spending and overreach.	No		Sweden	Soviet Union	Super high taxation, less available goods, less freedoms, more division
5/8/2025 21:58:18	No	25-40	More government control	No		China	Soviets	No more small business.:(
5/10/2025 19:38:49	No	25-40	Not good	No		Venezuela	Stalin	Everyone would be equally SOL and we'd fall into destitute poverty in no time. A great brain drain would occur, where all of our talented minds and tradesmen would leave Canada to chase success elsewhere.
5/7/2025 15:46:38	No	25-40	Death, neglect, concentrated power, overreaching government control, famine, extortion.	No		Cuba	Stalin, Lenin, Mao	No personal freedoms, high taxes, unobtainable services, poverty.
5/1/2025 15:47:04	No	25-40	Poverty	No		Cuba	Stalin, mao, fidel	We are already socialist
5/15/2025 19:04:02	No	25-40	Corruption, death, destruction	No		Canada	Stalin, mao, Zedong	Immediate death and economic collapse
5/11/2025 14:50:02	No	25-40	Communism	No		Russia	Stalin	

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								Whoever you are, running this survey, with these leading, pointed questions, you are going to receive a little lesson today. Read through.
								I'll begin by saying, in terms of taxation, any level of tax (if it exists) would be decided by a state which is governed by the people. By the working masses or their chosen representatives. Not those of the capitalists, or the capitalists themselves as we see today.
								The availability of goods and services would not diminish, it would flourish. Capitalist production is, in reality, what stifles the vibrance of economic growth. It itself is the obstacle to the abundance and luxury we see today in countries like China.
								Capitalist production is a socialized form of production, but the profits realized through such production are claimed and owned privately. This is by virtue of the industries and firms being themselves privately owned. As such, the direction and priorities of all firms in a capitalist society, each owned and controlled by private interests, is to maintain a growing rate of profit, profits which are taken and used by the owners/shareholders.
								There always come times when the interests of the private owners conflicts and snuffs out the interests of the working class, and the freedom of production.
								For example: You own a factory that makes toothbrushes. You employ 10 men to make 100 brushes a day. One day you find out there are new machines that, when used by your men, will increase their output twofold.
								You being the clever and competitive capitalist, wanting to outcompete other firms for investment by increasing profits to your shareholders, do not buy 10 machines for each of your workers.
								You buy 5, and fire 5 of your men. Halving your expenses and
								You own a factory that employs 10 men to make tooth brushes. One worker makes 10 brushes per day, and you pay them each a wage of 100 dollars a day. Your expenses every day is 1000 dollars for your workers' wages on top of the cost of materials for the brushes.
								Tomorrow, however, you buy new machines that allow a worker to make twice the number of brushes in a day than before.
								But instead of buying 10 machines, and increasing your output twofold, increasing your revenue, you decide to fire 5 workers and buy 5 machines. While you only maintain your level of production, you have decreased your expenses each day by 500 dollars. Increasing your profits in the short term.
								Canada is a settler colony. It's hypothetical adoption of a more social economy would either mean embracing the idea of a labour aristocracy, or the dismantling of Canada as an imperialist power.
								Canada is an imperialist nation.
								Socialism is, if you subscribe to the thoughts of Lenin, but one stage on the road to a communist mode of production. It is the stage of upheaval, of turning the world on its head. It is the placement of the working class at the head of state, it is the imposition of the working class's authority on the capitalists and imperialists.
								States, according to Lenin, and as seen in throughout history, are instruments of authority. They are birthed to mediate the antagonisms inherent between the working class and the ruling class (whether it be lords and serfs, pharaohs and slaves, or employers and employees). Naturally, one of the 2 classes wins and fights will all it's might to maintain the world as it is with them atop their adversary.
								Socialism is when the employees, having organized into a mass-movement, WIN. And take over the instruments of authority to be used and leveraged against the capitalists and imperialists.
								We are already overtaxed.
4/30/2025 21:58:22	No	25-40	Theft	No		China	The dead ones	
5/2/2025 23:32:51	No	25-40	Corrupt ideology that people believe in who have no logic or common sense	No		China	The dead ones	Taxes would be significantly higher our current system would be even worse than it already is. Healthcare in Canada for an example. Personal freedom and liberty would be taken away as the government will forcefully take the hard earned work (money, services) of another individual. Socialism is one of the most dangerous ideas thought of it's already killed 100+ million people in the last century. It's absurd to even have this survey.
5/7/2025 11:56:19	No	25-40	It's terrible. The only people that like it don't know anything about it. Socialism = bad Capitalism = good	No		China	There are no good socialists.	It better (CENSORED) not. Socialism is terrible. No freedoms.
			Socialism gets people killed.					
5/3/2025 13:23:58	No	25-40	Another name for communism	No		Venezuela	They're all evil	Freedom disappear as the government raises taxes and cost if living to the point everyone is reliant on the government for the most basic needs
5/4/2025 20:34:16	No	25-40	A needed step in the direction of a communist society	Yes	China. Its central planning along with ability to keep societies projects together and proceeding is not matched in the modern day. It has also pulled millions out of poverty	China	To valorize a single individual and ignore the realities of dialectical struggle is antithetical to the beliefs I wish to uphold - everyone who has struggled and strived for a better world	This would require a dismantling of the current system in order for it to properly take effect. There can be no power to the working class under capitalism
5/18/2025 13:06:14	No	25-40	The inevitable future, the hopeful triumph at the end of centuries of class struggle	Yes		China	Universally for the better	Fairly little for the average working class individual, personal freedoms would likely expand as individuals would have more resources and not be limited in their speech, time, and commitments to a for profit industry that steals most of the value of their labor
5/9/2025 10:12:19	No	25-40	A system of social organization that uses capital and labour to benefit as many people as possible via the state's apparatuses	Yes	Cuba, China, Chile pre-coup	China	Trotsky, Zhukov, Che Guevara	The supply of goods and services would exponentially decrease; personal "freedoms" would be subservient to the "greater good", therefore being greatly constrained; the government would attempt to mainly tax billionaires, who will flee; once billionaires are gone, the government will take from the next most-privileged group until they're either gone, milked dry, or dead, then rinse and repeat with the next most-privileged group.
5/16/2025 17:22:21	No	25-40	People stealing from others and the collapse of society as we know it.	No		Canada	Ussr, china, korea (north), germany, italy, venezuela, cuba	The goods would be non-existent, and everyone would be equally poor except for the 50 - 100 cuts running shitslow.
5/3/2025 19:00:44	No	25-40	The step before Communism. Nationalization of the economy, or the incremental attempts thereof.	No		Korea, North	Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong, Benito Mussolini, Fidel Castro	Horizontal organization of power structures, abolition of carceral and coercive state & capitalist structures
5/20/2025 19:40:02	No	25-40	Abolition of coercive economic structures (i.e. capitalism), abolishing or at least minimizing hierarchies	No		Kyrgyzstan	Zapatista movement (EZLN), various anarchists	Our own national anthem includes the line "the true north strong and free". Life isn't fair, and that is precisely what motivates us to get off our butts and work in a society that allows for upward social mobility (Freedom). Trying to force things to be fair while taking away our guns, homes, cars, jobs, hope and dreams is the worst idea ever. The only way to end capitalism, imperialism, colonialism, is a major shift for a system of government. World wars were fought over this in the previous century. Needs far to go to prove what we already know to be STUPID! A wall was taken down in 1989 because enough was enough. In recent years, a trail of people escaping from poverty was running from South America toward Southern USA, not the other way around. Please don't destroy my Canada with your delusions of grandeur.
5/1/2025 13:32:28	No	41-60	An extreme form of government where the state owns the means of production, while private property ownership is abolished for the lower classe in favour of an elite owning everything for the so-called "public good".	No		Venezuela	Be more specific.... Who killed the greatest number of their own citizens? Who had the greatest amount of creativity with totalitarianism? Then I will try to answer with some Google searches.	Socialism is ALWAYS a precursor to Communism, so please be truthful about your plans. Anyone saying otherwise is selling something. When I was younger, I wanted to be a scientist, a doctor, a teacher, a professor for a university. I wanted to be a scientist, a cancer survivor, a mother, a teacher, etc. That's a far higher priority than your Net Zero nonsensical "CO2 is a pollutant" agenda. If plants could talk, they'd say that humans are stupid for believing that cow farts are destroying the planet. CO2 is not a pollutant, so stop using it as a scapegoat for your totalitarian "utopian" takeover of the free world. God, keep our land glorious and free PLEASE
4/30/2025 20:17:19	No	41-60	communist dictator	No		China	China, Cuba, Venezuela, north korea	you would steal everything I worked for
4/30/2025 20:41:56	No	41-60	State control..	No		China	Hitler/Stalin	No middle class.. we'd all be poor.. politicians would be rich and unchallenged.

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5/10/2025 19:29:28	No	41-60	A gate way drug to Communism, poverty and government controlling everything	No	Vatican City Korea, North Venezuela	Karl Marx Marx Na	We are already there and beyond. Canada would become far worse for everybody	
5/22/2025 6:40:00	No	41-60	Garbage	No	Russia Korea, North	None NONE	It go to garbage. Socialism has too much corruption. It's the same as communism. Poverty, overtaxation, censorship, no rights, no freedom, collapse of a society	
5/8/2025 23:10:33	No	41-60	Waste, inefficiency, censorship, lack of freedom, poverty	No	Somalia	None	FIASCO	
5/3/2025 7:14:20	No	41-60	Indoctrination	No				
5/20/2025 11:10:15	No	41-60	Poverty, low level corruption, untouchable higher class, stupidity, false target, powerless, miserable life....so on...	No			Pourly	
5/10/2025 22:49:40	No	61+	Society helps those who need help .	Yes	UK, Canada , NZ, Australia	Australia Canada Cuba	?? Bill Shankly, kibbutz leaders Castro	
5/2/2025 9:10:57	No	61+	people working together, sharing in the toil and the rewards	No	Vietnam, Ukraine, UK, France, United Kingdom	None	Don't know. wealth taxes, locally grown (and manufactured) goods and services, The state would control all resources and production. Personal freedoms would halt.	
5/25/2025 5:50:11	No	61+	The end of productivity in a nation.	No	Cuba			
5/9/2025 14:14:08	No	61+	freedom from capitalist greed heads new beginning for workers\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$	Yes	norway, burkina faso, cuba etc etc	Denmark	che geria (CENSORED)	
5/14/2025 15:04:25	No	61+	Murder Inc.	No	Venezuela	Greatest? Is this a joke?	Doomed. Billionaires would finally pay their share	
5/21/2025 16:33:30	No	61+	Safety and justice	Yes	China, Venezuela, Russia	Marx	All out war	
5/2/2025 10:08:31	No	61+	Loss of freedoms	No			Everything would be lost. learn from history before you repeat it	
5/1/2025 11:39:17	No	61+	Tried and failed system	No	Cuba	not one is great	It would help people instead of corporations	
5/1/2025 12:27:20	No	61+	Helping the less fortunate.	Yes	Sweden, Norway, Denmark	Norway	Politicians who care about their constituents	
5/6/2025 14:48:37	Yes	18-24	Legally, stealing other peoples things because I don't have it.	No		Cuba	Adolf Hitler	
5/18/2025 21:05:17	Yes	18-24	Mother land	No	Germany (1930's-1945)	Russia	Adolf hitler (CENSORED)	
5/18/2025 20:42:25	Yes	18-24	When a country is run on public services like factories or Healthcare that is run by everyone and not controlled by private industries or a single person as a figurehead	No	I mean in theory it works out but in practice most countries that have tried went into famine or corruption the soviet union, nazi germany, facist italy, bulgaria and so many more...	Portugal	Again, I would not consider there to be any socialists who managed to create a thriving socialist society but karl marx was a good example of a man who founded the idea?	
5/1/2025 12:01:35	Yes	18-24	The liberation of workers from exploitation	Yes	Burkina faso & Cuba	Cuba	Antonio Gramsci, Thomas Sankara, Lenin, Che Guevara	
5/13/2025 22:08:37	Yes	18-24	True equality	Yes	China, Cuba, NK.. high doctor to population ratio, low divorce rates, high life expectancy, lower wealth distribution	China	Castro	
5/23/2025 13:39:38	Yes	18-24	Redistribution of wealth	No		Cuba	Che Guevara, Robert Owen, Hubert Harrison	
5/2/2025 6:02:10	Yes	18-24	Poverty	No		Vietnam	Define greatest	
5/23/2025 16:28:21	Yes	18-24	Worker control of production	Yes	China	China	Everything downhill Corporate ownership would be outlawed, and workers would be placed in corporate governance roles. Investment would be heavily taxed	
5/10/2025 14:40:19	Yes	18-24	Workers rights, destruction of capital, aka billionaires	Yes	Norway, Denmark	Denmark	Equality	
5/7/2025 17:51:08	Yes	18-24	Emancipation of the working class and the marginalized, collective ownership of major industries, market socialism for luxury goods, environmentalism, love and compassion	Yes	The USSR (up until the useless arms race and destruction by free market ghouls), Cuba (Surviving 65 years of embargo without bending over to FMI), Burkina Faso under Sankara, Vietnam, China, Zapatistas in Mexico, literally every communal way of social organization	Vietnam	Fidel Castro, Ho Chi Minh, Thomas Sankara, etc	
5/15/2025 14:19:11	Yes	18-24	take all the capitalist mofos out in the logging slash.....	Yes	norway	Cuba	fidel castro+CHE!!!!!!!!!	
5/4/2025 19:53:02	Yes	18-24	Socialism is a harmful ideology invented by Jewish supremacists vying for global domination. In the modern century, it advocates for open borders, which gradually (or rapidly) replaces the native ethnic population; high taxation of citizens and their society still allows it to provide for clients, and unnecessary government overreach into education and personal freedoms. To date, the only success and beneficial type of socialism is National Socialism	Yes	Germany during the 1930s and 1940s.	Hungary	George Lincoln Rockwell	
5/20/2025 0:42:32	Yes	18-24	Collective ownership of the means of production. Heavy government regulation and oversight of both the economy and the people at large.	No		Cuba	Ha ha that's funny. Next question please.	
5/3/2025 21:51:10	Yes	18-24	Socialism destroys nations and does nothing positive	No		China	Hitler, Stalin, mao	
5/2/2025 16:43:09	Yes	18-24	On paper? A beautiful concept. Due to human nature and real life application, it's a disease that should stay where it belongs. The text books.	No	Lol my prof may trh telling me Cuba but the wealth gap in Cuba is similar to what you have in some European countries	Cuba	Hmm, hard one because all that tried to do it ended up becoming the one they claimed to fight against. Closest we have would be Tito.	
5/7/2025 19:19:15	Yes	18-24	Large scale Government intervention into country's economy	No		Venezuela	Hugo Chavez	
5/24/2025 14:33:49	Yes	18-24	Economic system with worker ownership and a very minimized influence of the free market on creation	No		Korea, North	I couldn't name a socialist who isn't a communist tbh so idk	
5/10/2025 20:48:05	Yes	18-24	The lower stage of communism, how we transition to a planned economy where production is for people not for profit	Yes	USSR	San Marino	Im not sure what the above question is referring to. For this question: Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin, Leon Trotsky, Georgi Plekhanov, Karl Kautsky	
4/30/2025 17:05:19	Yes	18-24	Socialism means a suppression of expression, speech, and overall well-being to achieve so-called utopias promised by elite members of the socialist buro. This ideology is simply a step toward communism, and the complete suppression of freedom for the people.	No		Cuba	Josip Broz Tito, understood the need to introduce market dynamics in the nation. And without it, it would fail, this socialism does not work.	
5/21/2025 15:24:03	Yes	18-24	Communist	No		Canada	Higher taxation, lower availability of goods, and a complete prohibition of personal freedom.	
5/2/2025 18:04:28	Yes	18-24	Food lines	No		Canada	Justin and castro Justin Trudeau /Mark Carney	
5/9/2025 17:09:22	Yes	18-24	Socialism has moved away from what Marx described in many ways and has become an effective way to serve the every citizen in a nation when implemented correctly. This means blending the economy to meld with the global community while still affording the citizens a myriad of social programs.	Yes	Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark	Norway	Ruin the country	
5/2/2025 23:55:10	Yes	18-24	National trauma	No		China	Life would keep get worse for citizens. Politicians would get even more corrupt	
5/3/2025 13:16:33	Yes	18-24	An economic system in which workers retain democratic control of their labour output.	Yes	There are no countries which operate primarily by socialist policies I would say are "more successful" than Canada. I would say socialist elements of Canada like public healthcare are highly successful and should be expanded.	Norway	Karl Marx	

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5/4/2025 14:33:34	Yes	18-24	It's shit	No		Cuba	Karl Marx	Canada would become a bigger shithole
5/13/2025 16:42:52	Yes	18-24	A progression towards seizing the means of production and uniting the working class. It is the dismantlement of an oligarch system and aims to reduce wealth inequality. It works to create this equality while considering the marginalization of many groups of people.	Yes	Cuba, Norway, Iceland and Finland (last 3 are more social democracies than socialist countries but the US will destroy a country if they believe it's showing signs of socialism, so...)	Norway	Karl Marx	We would start by lowering the GINI index by creating a wealth tax and providing the social services required for lower class and working class people. We would dismantle political and societal structures that encourage people to consume more and society to consume less and prioritize community building over individualism. Truly reaching these goals would take an immense amount of time and effort but would create a more fair and balanced society.
5/16/2025 23:09:06	Yes	18-24	The state redistributing wealth from the richest to those in most need.	Yes	Sweden, Denmark, Norway	Norway	Karl Marx	Life-saving and extremely important services such as dentistry would be available to vastly more people. Strong unions would create better working conditions for the majority of those people and act as a check to capitalism that is currently unchecked. Socialist housing would be available to many people, and help to resolve our housing crisis.
5/17/2025 12:05:41	Yes	18-24	Worker rights	Yes	Finland, Norway, Sweden	Sweden	Karl Marx	Taxes only from the rich would not be entirely sufficient, so Canada would have to leverage its natural resources better, but co-operatively owned or unionized workplaces provide a better opportunity for workers to take concrete action on climate change.
5/17/2025 19:05:24	Yes	18-24	Socialism is a form of society that is almost perfect in theory for human life, but is impossible for the ability, thinking, and technology of mankind at the present time.	Yes	Nordic countries and Switzerland are the countries that have come closest to socialism	Denmark	Karl Marx and Lenin	The only personal freedom that would be restricted is the personal freedom to oppress and steal from others, as management and owner classes currently do, and to destroy the environment.
5/7/2025 7:59:04	Yes	18-24	It's a type of governmental structure that focuses on putting the people first often through a command economy, and strong social safety nets with the countries taxes	Yes	China and cuba	China	Karl Marx, che Guevara, Mao Zedong, Vladimir Lenin, Friedrich Engels, Xi Jinping	There wouldn't be so many busy jobs, and the jobs that produce high price necessities would pay people enough so that they could live off of it. The rise of unions and the rise of socialism in the workplace would be better respected and the rise of unions would increase community and social well-being. There would be more personal freedom as people would be less dependent on low paying jobs to survive. The insutlingly wealthy would be taxed at a high rate with an exit tax for those trying to offshore wealth. Those with small businesses would pay a lower tax rate than they do now and there would be incentives for becoming worker owned to prevent wealth concentration and over-bureaucratic sluggishness seen in larger companies.
5/10/2025 1:47:04	Yes	18-24	Overly idealistic utopian visions, although some theories may benefit people's livelihood, can never be fully realized.	No		Finland	Karl Marx, Dr. Sun Yat Sen	It would be really bad. No countries have succeeded with the centrally planned economy, and people are strictly controlled. So I dont think Canada would have any exemption from those historical failure.
5/3/2025 13:13:02	Yes	18-24	Socialism is bad because it steals from people who work hard to get a good life and gives it to bottom feeders who live off of the govt	No	Canada is a fundamentally socialist country and it has worked in the past, but it relies on govt responsibility. Canada has not had that for 10 years now and as a result we are feeling the negative effects of it.	Canada	Karl Marx, Mark Carney, and Justin Trudeau	High taxation rates for the rich and corporations, high quality public transportation, strong and highly funded public programs including healthcare, education, social security, etc. a booming economy that focuses on retraining unemployed or underemployed people. there will be the same level of personal freedoms but with freedoms do come responsibilities and are required to work towards a collective positive future.
5/19/2025 12:42:10	Yes	18-24	State ownership and central planning of the economy	No		Korea, North	Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong	Facts have proven that a socialist model similar to that of the Soviet Union and the Communist Party of China, that maintains a stable society, human nature will eventually lead a highly centralized capitalist system to a centralized autocracy, an excuse to suppress individual freedom. Secondly, a market and economy completely controlled by the government will bring about unimaginable consequences. Without a free economy, a country will never be able to function properly. You can refer to the main reasons for the collapse of the Soviet Union.
5/16/2025 6:14:00	Yes	18-24	dictatorship of the proletariat	Yes	USSR, Cuba, China, Vietnam	China	Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong, Deng Xiaoping	No one would be able to move up the social ladder and we would see much more flight of capital
5/21/2025 2:18:29	Yes	18-24	To me, socialism means creating a society where human needs and collective well-being come before profit and private wealth. It's about transforming our relationships from competition to cooperation, ensuring everyone has what they need to live a fulfilling life..					Less availability of goods and services, as central planning may produce shortages
5/15/2025 21:31:10	Yes	18-24	Socialism also means deepening democracy—extending democratic control from governments to workplaces and economic institutions, giving people real power over decisions affecting their lives. Dismantling hierarchies based on class, race, gender, and nationality to build a society where everyone's voice matters.	Yes	Scandinavian nations (social democracies), cuba, bolivia, china, vietnam, african nations	Cuba	Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin, Rosa Luxemburg, Paul Robeson	Elimination of public debt, billionaire class strongly regulated by government to promote public infrastructure and welfare, allocation of resources to public via centralized economy, dictatorship of proletariat
5/3/2025 19:28:49	Yes	18-24	As a student witnessing capitalism's failures—rising inequality, climate crisis, unaffordable housing, war profiteering, and global exploitation—socialism represents hope.					If Canada fully adopted socialism, wealth and corporate taxes would rise to fund universal public services like healthcare, education, housing, and transit, all provided free or at low cost.
5/2/2025 21:57:13	Yes	18-24	Expropriation of the expropriators, end of exploitation, the abolition of class structure and the law of exchange-value as well as the imperialism and social backwardness it causes	Yes	Soviet Union for many decades, China	China	Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin, Salvador Allende	The economy would shift toward public ownership and democratic planning, with worker cooperatives and state enterprises replacing private corporations in key sectors.
5/17/2025 3:01:48	Yes	18-24	Pain and suffering	No	North Korea	Laos	Kim Jung Un	Social rights—such as guaranteed housing, healthcare, and employment—would become constitutional, and democracy would expand into workplaces and communities.
5/14/2025 11:58:45	Yes	18-24	Workers own the means of production	Yes	Cuba	Cuba	Lenin, Mao	Basic goods and services would be widely available and inequality would drop. Some luxury goods might be less accessible, and the transition could bring temporary shortages or disruptions.
5/15/2025 19:25:52	Yes	18-24	The workers own the means of production	Yes	China	China	Lenin, Marx, Mao, Stalin	Canada would also face strong external (economic, social, political, military/covert) pressure from the U.S. and other capitalist countries, making international relations and economic stability challenging.
5/6/2025 21:32:49	Yes	18-24	Workers own the means of production	No		Cuba	Lenin, Stalin, Mao, Ho Chi Minh (would not call them great)	Overall, society would prioritize collective well-being and equality, but would need to balance expanded social rights with economic individual freedom.
5/22/2025 6:43:06	Yes	18-24	The workers own the means of production	Yes	China, Yugoslavia, Cuba, Vietnam, USSR	China	Lenin, Tito, Ho Chi Minh, Castro, Che	The State would mediate the distribution of resources and income according to the work done and what people contribute to society, redistributing some of that value to those who need it the most; the bourgeois freedom to exploit and own property would be abolished in favour of a qualitatively higher degree of freedom for all
5/15/2025 13:38:51	Yes	18-24	Socialism is the democratization of the workplace and the country through the dictatorship of the proletariat. Taking the influence of profit out of the means of production and instead placing the needs of the people as the driver of development and production.	Yes	USSR, China, Cuba	China	Lenin, Trotsky, Engels, Marx, Ted Grant	Centralized planned economy. End to degeneracy.
5/1/2025 14:15:46	Yes	18-24	The end to personal freedoms. The end to private ownership. The end to free speech. The destruction of personal wealth and growth.	No		Venezuela	Lol! Don't you mean the worst?	Limited availability of goods and services, blow to personal freedoms, insanely high taxation for people who actually make money.
5/3/2025 14:37:37	Yes	18-24	In theory: An economic system where workers control the means of production.	No		Cuba	Mandela, Gorbachev	Nationalization of all key industry, less freedom for fascists and the rich, more for the working people.
			In practice: centrally-planned economies propped up by authoritarian states.					Less imperialism, better public services, less taxes on the working class, better cooperation with the global south
								Goods would be far more accessible and personal freedoms would be higher (the only freedom under capitalism is the freedom to own capital). We should have freedom of access to healthcare, ability to not be working as wage slaves etc. freedom is more than capital tells us) taxation would be far more equitable. And there would be a focus on eliminating the current class structure that exists today and creating one unified proletarian body so that class antagonisms are erased. Society would as a blanket statement be better for the working class and worse for the ruling/bourgeoisie class
								What are you talking about? We've surpassed it. We are now on a neo-communist path headed towards full communism! I expect war in the future!
								I believe that personal freedoms would require limitations from their current form, availability of goods would become scarce (as the lack of a market economy at home would prevent us from importing goods from abroad) and services would become limited.

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5/20/2025 23:54:47	Yes	18:24	The process of moving ownership of the means of production to the proletariat	Yes	China	China	Mao, Castro, Sankara	As a post industrial nation with rich natural resources, we'd likely see a continuation in our current standard of living to gools (unlike the developed ear but the average citizen would get more social services from their government and would have easier access to things such as housing and education. Censorship would change from private institutions, censoring opinions they don't like, due to them supporting pro-labour policies, to government censoring opinions of right wing groups, such as the current right wing groups that are supporting fascists within the United States.
5/1/2025 8:05:19	Yes	18:24	An ideology	No		Venezuela	Marx	Our economy would simply collapse like venezuela or our country would become an Orwellian dystopia like Xi's China
5/10/2025 10:09:00	Yes	18:24	Future, hope	No		Cuba	Marx	We would not have to deal with a housing crisis. But it would probably not last long as would we would probably be invaded by capitalists (Americans) trying to "save" us from "evil socialism"... and then once we are a shell of what we once were, they will say "look what happens when you try socialism... it doesn't work!"
5/14/2025 17:19:20	Yes	18:24	Oppressive ideology	No		Cuba	Marx	Taxes would go up Availability of goods would Go down Service quality would be lower Personal freedoms would be restricted
5/8/2025 11:32:56	Yes	18:24	Decreased productivity and rent seeking	No		Sweden	Marx and Engels	Taxation would obviously need to be drastically raised. Businesses wouldn't want to work in that economy for various reasons so services and goods would be restricted. Most profit activity in the economy would be controlled by a few monopolies and the government, neither of which would be willing or providing much to consumers. Personal freedoms would be restricted mostly in the realm of private property. But I wouldn't be surprised to also see reduction in political freedoms. Overall inequality might go down in some places and rise in others but the whole system would be held on life support from government controlled industries and handouts. Unless the government takes action to further exploit Canadas natural resources to bring in revenue, most of which would be lost by leaving individuals and businesses. The whole economy would recess, quality of life would suffer, and socialists would blame anything but the system they created as the source of the problem.
5/3/2025 18:02:53	Yes	18:24	An utopia	No		Cuba	Marx helped people develop social democracy	Who would be our allies? Adopting socialism alone doesn't seem realistic.
5/3/2025 21:56:46	Yes	18:24	Socialism is an economic theory that logically concludes in communism	No		Denmark	Marx obviously. I don't necessarily think he is "great" but his writings are most certainly influential and interesting.	Bad. Socialism leads to communism.
5/21/2025 20:29:18	Yes	18:24	freedom from oligarchy	Yes	China	China	Marx, Engels, Lenin	Would lead towards true liberty and societal harmony, with workers and people owning the means of production.
5/16/2025 14:21:18	Yes	18:24	Worker ownership over the means of production	No		Cuba	Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao	It would depend on what type of socialism is implemented. If it is marxism-leninism, canada would likely become a pariah state
5/15/2025 19:23:27	Yes	18:24	Collective liberation from the oppression of surplus-value exploitation	Yes	Soviet Union (rural/backwards monarchy transformed into world technological superpower), Cuba (island nation liberated from Mafia capitalism and surviving despite sanction), China (lifted millions out of poverty), Vietnam (Defeated world military superpower)	China	Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao, Ho Chi Minh, Fidel Castro, Antonio Gramsci	Taxation on most citizens would decrease as the necessary revenues could be raised through heavily increased taxes on the wealthy, the nationalization of industry and corporations, the seizure of private property by the capital generation (tenant properties, factories, etc). Domestic manufacturing could be developed with higher wages for workers. Personal freedoms would increase as the greatest single form of oppression, surplus value extraction through commodity production, would dissolve. Closer relations with China and the dissolution of nonsensical tariffs on inexpensive electric vehicles and solar panels could mean increased adoption of net zero technologies. Fundamentally, the dialectical-materialist contradiction between the worker and the bourgeois could be solved.
5/6/2025 21:20:52	Yes	18:24	the solution	Yes	Paris Commune, Burkina Faso, Cuba	Burkina Faso	Marx, Sankara, Goldman, Bakunin	collective ownership of the means of production you're dumb if you think this can be an answer of a couple of lines
5/9/2025 5:54:34	Yes	18:24	Free market socialism - danish style	Yes	Denmark, scandi mode	Denmark	Marx?	Higher base tax for all, with increasingly high rates for high incomes
5/5/2025 17:36:38	Yes	18:24	stupidity	No	Azerbaijan	Milton Friedman	It would be worse	
5/5/2025 21:18:26	Yes	18:24	A method of social organization in which the whole group takes precedence over the individual	Yes	Any one of the countless attempted 81 democratic socialist countries who were directly sabotaged by the US in the name of "protecting freedom"	Finland	MLK Jr	Crime would go down due to everyone's basic needs being met. Personal freedom would be at an all time high due to not having restrictions inherent due to the existence of economic class fighting your own freedoms
5/2/2025 12:40:26	Yes	18:24	Taxing everyone so that people who work hard won't be able to ever make enough to be comfortable. The taxes will go to the government for 'social programs' which everyone will end up being dependent on as everyone has given all their money to the government. The government will then use this to build themselves up, the government will be able to stop privatization and prevent people from setting up businesses using bureaucracy and taxes with limited opposition. This will enable them to nationalize companies giving them total control of society. Over time, fascist ideology will be implemented. This will lead to business closing, news outlets, banks, factories... Etc to maintain control resulting in a complete loss in personal freedom and a return to dictatorship just like the National Socialist German Workers Party.	No		China	Mussolini came the closest to achieving "good" socialism. Although he failed to convince Italians to vote for him, he did manage to become a socialist initially, he managed to "March into Rome" to take power and enact socialist policies (shutting down unions and communising production for self-sufficiency). His policies enabled him to become relatively strong during the Great Depression but inevitably led to the destruction of human rights and freedoms.	Taxes would go up so that there would be constant class struggle resulting in everyone (apart from the government) being poor and dependent on the government for resources. Goods would only be available if their availability benefited the government and freedom would eventually be diminished owing to human greed.
5/4/2025 14:35:42	Yes	18:24	Does not work and facilitates often genocidal authoritarianism! Socialism is the best way of government so far in the world. As long as you don't use the only example the far right uses (Venezuela). Look at most of the Scandinavian countries. They're socialist.	No	Sweden, Denmark, Finland. Pretty much anywhere with universal healthcare and free education.	Cuba	n/a	Personal freedoms would be diminished and a planned economy would fail worse than capitalism
5/4/2025 22:16:26	Yes	18:24			Sweden	Nelson Mandela		It wouldn't really change too much. Healthcare should realistically become a bit more readily available
5/13/2025 17:50:54	Yes	18:24	Nothing	No	China	No one		It would sway to far to the left and instead of proper theoretical socialism would turn to communism
5/13/2025 20:21:17	Yes	18:24	Death	No	Iraq	Non		Hopefully large scale revolt
4/30/2025 21:11:56	Yes	18:24	Over dependence on government	No	China	None		Society would be much poorer
4/30/2025 22:45:06	Yes	18:24	Hungry sad people. And terrible governments. Regular people believe it because they're to lazy to work and the elite use it as a tool to get control because they know the regular people will fall for it	No	Venezuela	None		Taxes would go through the roof. Services would go to (CENSORED). Personal freedoms would be gone. Oh wait were halfway there
5/7/2025 9:07:46	Yes	18:24	Evil	No	China	None		For the worse
5/1/2025 18:34:37	Yes	18:24	Stupid	No	Canada	None		Everyone would own nothing and they would be happy.
5/24/2025 17:24:36	Yes	18:24	Total government control	No	Vietnam	None		No I would leave Canada immediately
5/17/2025 16:07:58	Yes	18:24	Suffering, dictatorship, poverty, lack of freedom	No	Korea, North	None. They're all murderous power hungry dictators		Extreme taxation, lack of necessities and goods, loss of personal freedom, ultimately the downfall of Canadian society and democracy
5/4/2025 8:21:17	Yes	18:24	Using a hammer and sickle to advertise a form on socialism gives people a wrong idea, unless you're implying communism when asking about socialism.	No	Socialist like communist, or countries with social democracy or it's tendencies that are successful? Because Canada is indeed amongst them.	Iceland	None. If you're fascinated by socialists, you most likely grew up in a bubble and haven't lived in countries where was communism. (Given your usage of hammer and sickle to advertise the poll)	Why make Canada adopt one ideology? Canada is too big to make it work. Those policies work best in more smaller countries and depends on the government, like Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark... Look what happens when you apply the policies on a larger scale and have not so people friendly governments, like USSR and China. Or do you consider genocides ok as long as the country adopts socialism?
5/3/2025 12:30:56	Yes	18:24	A disgusting piece of (CENSORED) governing body	No	Korea, North	None. They all deserve or deserved the rope		Mord maid less goods more death
4/30/2025 20:01:08	Yes	18:24	Hardship	No	China	Noone		History would repeat at itself as the experiment has never succeeded. The people would suffer, the people in power would get filthy rich and the majority would be worse off.
5/11/2025 13:11:15	Yes	18:24	Socialism is a center-left ideology that stands for equality regardless of class, gender and race. A socialist country provides basic survival essentials to its citizens.	Yes	Finland, norway, sweden, Denmark, Angora, Spain, Portugal, Costa Rica	Finland	Not quite sure	We would tax the rich more and the poor less, the gap between social classes would diminish enough to nearly eradicate homelessness. Services such as healthcare and education would be free or very affordable and of great quality. People wouldn't be slaves to the 9 to 5 in order to survive but would invest their work to make society function with a sense of community, being able to enjoy their time off and their hobbies as they want. The whole country could be a bit less productive, slow down abit and encourage more vacation and general health and well being. Policies would be composed of people who represent the citizens of canada in terms of identity. 50% male and 50% female, and racial diversity within in as well.

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5/7/2025 0:34:39	Yes	18-24	Seeking to increase equality by redistributing money from wealthier people to less wealthy ones	No		Sweden	Not sure. Justin Trudeau?	Personal freedoms would diminish. Taxation would increase. Public services would become more readily available while the opposite would happen for private ones.
5/14/2025 4:35:06	Yes	18-24	Economics that are skewed to less freedom and more government involvement	Yes	I'm thinking more Sweden, Finland, Norway. Democratic socialist leaning economies	Denmark	Old socialism aka communism. Marx, Engles, probably Robert Owen's I've always remembered him. Mao and Lenin, Stalin and all those military and country leaders should count.	My interpretation would just be economic changes, maybe more taxes and more government programs and whatnot. I don't think socialism as communism. Communism to me is Communist Manifesto communists like no private property etc. socialism is not that, it is just more of a "nicer" capitalism. Canada would have more crown companies, breaking of monopolies such as Roger's. More programs toward housing homeless and such. I don't know what role religion would play into this but it's always there.
5/1/2025 2:07:03	Yes	18-24	Death and Destruction, Evil	No		Vietnam	Only dead ones	It would be bad all around.
5/13/2025 13:37:06	Yes	18-24	It's shit, except it works only because of the fusion of capitalism in it. Besides democracy isn't real.	No		Canada	Pol pot (it's a joke)	It already is, in terms of policies. If it were to be fully adapted it wouldn't work as redistribution of the wealth will eventually lead to some entities become the exact thing we have today. Leading to increased taxation leading to fewer transactions lowering exchange of good increasing the role of government leading to communism, and eventually a famine if you know what I mean. The current system is fine, but would be great if there was more participation of the public.
5/19/2025 19:39:23	Yes	18-24	A prickly (CENSORED) that only serves to make life harder	Yes		Russia	Really only Marx but ofc even his ideas were shit	Well... I think there are numerous examples of how socialism has gone.
5/18/2025 18:52:22	Yes	18-24	For me, the word socialism is polysemous. For marxists, 'socialism' is kind of a moment in the communist process when the working class achieves this dictatorial control of the state. It's not just some utopian socialist ideal. It is the political movement who defend the interest of employees. It is the movement that envelope from socialist democracy to communists to (some) anarchists. In fact some communist use the term socialism and communism interchangeably. As a both student and a minimum wage employee, I have a very poor understanding of socialism. However, I have recently thought about communism especially lenin-trotsky-stalin-mao-popol et ect ect. Because with a deep observation of their biography, they created systems that enslave workers just like capitalism do with even less freedom and rights.	Yes	Lybia, France, suede, danmark, norvege, canada	China	Rosa Luxemburg	Firstly, I think socialist movement is very weak in Canada and its sad. (Beacause of centrism in syndicates and social-democrats party (nlp)).
5/18/2025 20:22:38	Yes	18-24	equality and peace	Yes	it's hard to say whether they're successful organically because many socialist countries were screwed by the west (e.g. Cuba), had these countries not been targeted they would have been more successful	Cuba	Sankara, Allende, Olof Palme (he was a sodem)	A socialist canada would be a total change of the live of people. Whi the abolition of profit, goods would be accessible for all. In consequence, personal finance would not be a stress for canadians. And services would be improved for the needs of population. Canada is already a free country, but we would be freer because of a new economic freedom especially for poor and workers.
5/15/2025 17:57:14	Yes	18-24	collectivist state run economy	No		Cuba	spanish republicans in 1936 before they were corrupted by the soviets	Also, we can imagine a new forms of social relations between state, individuals, community and minority. For example, canada still oppresses indigenous people in law and economically.
5/6/2025 21:19:24	Yes	18-24	Balance of wealth and resources amongst a group of people. It's an idea that sounds great but is extremely susceptible to corruption when played out on a large scale. It's great for small communities but I cannot fathom how it would work "well" for the majority of people living in any large country. When weighing the worst case scenario between capitalism and socialism/communism, the latter is significantly more deadly. I love some socialist policies like universal health care and education, but I would never want to live under a fully socialist government.	No	Maybe Norway in the 80s, that might be the closest example of it going okay but even they have moved far more centrist since then because it's not sustainable.	Cuba	Stalin, Nicolas Maduro, Fidel Castro idk how "great" they were but they did fight for the ultimate utopia dream for their people	Racism and sexism would be fight whit new justice system ect ect.
5/4/2025 9:08:45	Yes	18-24	Evil communism	No		Korea, North	The Chinese	canada would become the most educated and successful country with the highest quality of living in the world. the ruling class would be forced to pay their fair share instead of being parasites to the working class. there would probably be less options when it comes to goods and services, but that's because it would be run through the state and would be free.
4/30/2025 19:16:56	Yes	18-24	It is not inherently positive nor negative. Socialism is the high taxation of citizens to fund national services, as well as promoting progressive ideals. It can have mixed results depending on how it is enforced. In Scandinavian countries, it has been positive in that the needs of citizens are provided well despite high taxes, but progressive ideals such as immigration, which is also a (less known) tenet of socialism, has been a disaster, ultimately harming the native Scandinavian populace. National Socialism, another type of socialism in which an ethos is united and their interests are defended, can also be highly beneficial, but is negatively stereotyped due to historical events.	Yes	Germany in the 1930s and 1940s.	Russia	The greatest included those holding office in Germany during the 1930s and 1940s, as well as George Lincoln Rockwell in the 1950s/1960s.	taxation would increase, particularly for lower and middle class individuals because canada's upper class has neither the money nor the numbers to fully finance a socialist state through their taxes, goods and services would become extremely expensive and unavailable as companies would shift into the US market since it's easier for them to move and it's a more business friendly market. personal freedoms have historically eroded in socialist states, not by virtue of the economy but because the vast majority of socialist states are controlled by a single party.
4/30/2025 15:23:18	Yes	18-24	Socialism is a violent ideology that believes in the use of force to make the productive subsidize the useless	No		China	The greatest would be any of the ones who saw the error of their way and gave up on their diluted beliefs	Significantly higher taxation. More government programs and services that help. largely the poor. Shrinking middle class, growing population earning below the poverty line- but they would be better taken care of then under capitalism. Less choice in the services we are able to afford- Ex. Canadian healthcare currently. My grandmas been on a waiting list for a doctor for 7 years, she would be lucky to get any option at all... beggars can't be choosers under socialist polity but at the same time I'm grateful we do have a safety net where she could go to the hospital for free. A balance is good! Personal freedoms- definitely less historically if we look at the closer countries have gotten to full socialism. If the government is in charge then there is less of a need for a middle class. It's a good thing. I'm not a fan of socialism. While I don't agree with their actions, in what world is it okay for the government to seize their bank accounts and those who donated to their cause? Like arrest them for breaking a bylaw, fine them if they are making noise or harassing people, tow their trucks away... why the bank accounts? Anyways main idea is that the more we rely on the government to collect and control our money and resources, the less safe people are when speaking out against power or corruption. Regardless of what country anyone lives in, their government also has the power to supervise and censor the media/ websites they do or don't want us to see... when it comes to censorship is good but there is a great potential for corruption. If you read all that I hope you have a great day
5/1/2025 18:24:35	Yes	18-24	Full economic democracy & collective ownership	Yes	Cuba has a lot of problems but the fact that a tiny 3rd world country is under full embargo by the richest country in the history of the world and still somehow has a higher life expectancy is an inspiring example of socialists putting people before profits. My family (in Algeria) was treated by Cuban-trained Algerian doctors and I will always be grateful for that.	Cuba	The Swedish democratic socialists	No freedoms and limitations on your goods and services depending on carbon output
5/11/2025 10:01:57	Yes	18-24	Socialism is an extremely harmful political ideology that has led to entrenched governmental and institutional corruption; the oppression of civilians; exacerbated wealth inequality; and even violence and widespread deaths. In many progressive communities that are liberal and left-leaning, Socialism is defended as a 'humanitarian' ideology that best serves the populace, and credible concerns about Socialism are unjustly framed as propaganda or misinformation.	No		Russia	The vast majority of historical Socialists thinkers were of Jewish descent, and it is natural for them to be. They were determined to enforce this harmful ideology in the West that they do not have ties to. There are no great historical Socialists.	National Socialism would be a highly positive development in Canada. Canadians would see the end to disastrous mass immigration, prioritize the ethos above all, retain the Anglo-Saxon and French identity sacred to our nation, and ensure that businesses operate in the best interests of the citizens. Taxes could be maintained at the level it is now, but all taxes would be funding national services only, such as healthcare, schools, and transportation, and foreign spending would be ceased entirely. Personal freedoms, including the right to bear arms, would be enjoyed by citizens to the maximum.
5/3/2025 19:59:24	Yes	18-24	Communism	No		Korea, North	There are none	In short, we would be worse off. Taxation would be higher and Canadians would see little in return. This is because Canadian politicians try for soft power and abuse taxpayers money by funding wars overseas and futile social justice initiatives in the name of "liberal progressivism". Essential services such as the military, healthcare, public schools, and social services often fail to be properly funded, and it seems that no matter how much funding is provided, they simply cannot meet the demand and challenges. Canada is experiencing a mass immigration crisis, and this is the one key issue that impacts the availability of goods and services. Socialism is largely open-borders and pro-diversity; reducing immigration is unfairly villainized, thus our economy would crash and civil war would ensue.
5/1/2025 15:07:13	Yes	18-24	A tested and failed governmental, societal, and economic system	No		Korea, North	There are none. They were all corrupt and/or crazy.	They would get more expensive, cost of living would skyrocket, the economy would collapse; crime would run rampant, the dollar would be worthless, and the government would abuse power & look to consistently overstep the rights of the individual. (Scary how that resembles what Canada is becoming currently, eh?)
5/2/2025 17:09:46	Yes	18-24	Poverty	No		Venezuela	They are all morons	You would own nothing and be a slave to the state
5/22/2025 3:55:19	Yes	18-24	Less freedoms, more restrictions, more taxes, worse quality of life	No		Korea, North	They are all terrible people who I will give no credit for anything	Canada would be completely ruined. I would move to the United States immediately. I want to be able to get ahead in life and have the freedom to do whatever I want within reasonable laws.

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5/24/2025 16:10:54	Yes	18-24	Socialism itself entails higher taxation in order to support public services and reduce economic inequalities, and a move from pursuing profit as success and rather the change in material conditions. Importantly, it also includes workers' rights being highlighted; therefore, unions and co-ops would be the norm. I would like the system to also tackle inequities in our society that were borne due to colonialism and racism.	Yes	Vietnam. China is not fully socialist but moving towards it. The USSR was relatively successful considering its geopolitical context. France and the United Kingdom are also referred to as 'Reformist'. I believe this question is also inherently flawed as capitalist countries are largely unsuccessful, i.e. what defines success and failure? Countries like Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Singapore, and Belgium have also successfully used socialist policies.	Vietnam	Thomas Sankara, Huey P Newton, Karl Marx, Leon Trotsky	There would be a limit of personal wealth, e.g. 100% tax rate above a billion. Obviously the tax would be progressive. Personal wealth would be negated as individual folks would be part of a collective (i.e. state). An absurd amount of wealth would not be achievable in the first place as workers are all paid atleast a living wage (ideally their equal share of profits) and are directly involved in the affairs of their business. The economy would focus on things that are required to keep us alive, industries like green energy and agriculture. Public services like education, medical care, the post office, and public transit would be 100% publicly owned and invested in enough to make them effective and available to everyone. Housing would no longer be considered a commodity that can be traded for profit, i.e. the stoppage of landlording and residential holding companies. There would be adequate labour rights: providing maternal and paternal leave, daycare, sick days, and vacation days.
5/1/2025 19:18:23	Yes	18-24	Democratization of the economy through workers' ownership and control of the means of production.	Yes	Yugoslavia, the Soviet union, North Korea before 1991, much of South America before external overthrows such as in Chile, Nicaragua, Cuba.	Cuba	Tito, Trotsky, Lenin, Marx, Engels, Proudhon, Kropotkin, Sankara, Ho Chi Minh, Mao, Che Guevara, Castro, Rosa Luxemburg, Nasser.	Its hard to say, but some possible changes according to the conditions of Canada could include: Taxation: Maximum income, wealth taxes, inheritance tax, Maximum wealth, abolition of taxes for the poor. Availability of goods and services: Due to Canada's access to coasts and important trade hubs, it would be easier for it to keep trading with the rest of the world, so goods and services could remain unaffected. There would likely be some kind of planning/coordination to ensure goods and services are those that are the most urgent for average people rather than luxuries. Workers' self-management would massively improve productivity. Money would be free and heavily subsidized. Personal freedoms would change according to how much resistance the US does to a more sovereign economy, but more positive freedoms would be included in terms of social services.
5/25/2025 14:50:38	Yes	18-24	The right to not die for lack of healthcare and the willingness to care for one's fellow man. Working towards the collective good and ensuring everyone contributes a proportional amount in taxes for the benefit of all.	Yes	No country has ever been completely socialist. Either communist or mixed elements of capitalism and socialism. In the latter case, one can point to the golden 1940s-1970s as socialism working with capitalism to boost quality of life for most people.	Sweden	Tommy Douglas, Clement Attlee, FDR	I mean we already have. Progressive tax rates, single payer health care, publicly funded education are all "socialist" in one way or another. Not much would really change.
4/30/2025 17:35:42	Yes	18-24	Scientific socialism such as developed by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels and subsequently developed by many philosophers, economists, political scientists, activists, and academics throughout the years, leading to many iterations and trials (Marxism-Leninism, Libertarian Socialism, Syndicalism and its derivatives, etc). Ultimately, that's what socialism is.	Yes	Soviet Union (in some regards), China (in some regards), Cuba (in a lot of regards), Paris Commune (did a lot considering its duration), Vietnam, and many others who tried many different interpretations and iterations.	Cuba	Vladimir Lenin, Karl Marx, Rosa Luxemburg, Thomas Sankara, Friedrich Engels, are my top 5 in no particular order, though there are a lot.	The means of production would be given to the workers, therefore goods and services would be readily available to the public. Personal freedoms would also be made readily available through generous social programs, funded through redistribution with compensation (or without compensation for megacorporations and the ultra-wealthy) and progressive taxation. Personal Freedoms would be expanded, with controlled automation, a four day work-week, and so on paving the way for more leisure and less work for the ones who wish so. This translates into more time for art, music, literature, philosophy, democracy, and other forms of leisure. Ultimately, society would change radically, and it would take many decades for social norms, culture, and people to adapt completely for us to become truly socialist society - and not only a country with socialist characteristics.
5/25/2025 11:42:23	Yes	25-40	Ethical in theory, (CENSORED) in practice	No		Canada	Adolf Hitler	Wealth and brain drain would leave behind the dumbest people. Probably end up a third world nation if we weren't neighbours with the greatest country in the world.
5/17/2025 18:58:35	Yes	25-40	(CENSORED)	Yes		United States	Adolf Hitler	I'd imagine there would be a lot less Jews in Toronto
5/9/2025 19:32:52	Yes	25-40	Hell on earth	No		Canada	(CENSORED)	We would lose freedoms, taxes would go up (obviously stop asking stupid questions) and the public services would deteriorate more than they already are. Healthcare in Canada is a complete joke already
5/6/2025 19:55:20	Yes	25-40	It think there are some useful elements of that	Yes	In europe theno social democracy has been successful somehow	France	Bernie sanders	I think that would not be the answer most of problems in canada
5/7/2025 16:30:30	Yes	25-40	Socialism costs me most of my paycheque. I believe in small doses it can have helpful programs but a tyrannical government creates hostility towards socialism because it goes unchecked and then tax payers get stepped on.	No	I said no but look at Cuba it proves it doesn't work because the government doesn't care about people	Cuba	Carl Marx's	The people who work hard would no longer be rewarded for working hard and we would have a society full of people who don't have a will to work because the government controls everything and gives out crumbs to everyone except themselves. It will and is ruining our country and economy.
5/1/2025 12:21:54	Yes	25-40	An inevitable change.	Yes		Cuba	Che guevara	To the better
5/23/2025 12:43:18	Yes	25-40	All humans survive today	Yes		China	Che Guevara	Investing in your country pays for itself. Striving to ensure every human survives is an equitable existence. All freedoms would be removed and goods and services would be rationed by the totalitarian government. Socialists should die in a hole.
4/30/2025 22:39:19	Yes	25-40	Death and genocide.	No		Venezuela	Define greatest.	
5/1/2025 12:10:53	Yes	25-40	The sharing of one's burdens and riches for the common good of all - the democratization of as many things as possible, from the workplace to the court.	Yes	Cuba, People's Republic of China, Titoist Yugoslavia	Cuba	Emiliano Zapata, Buenaventura Durutti, Nestor Makhno, Vladimir Lenin, Fidel Castro, Che Guevara, Thomas Sankara, Mao Zedong, Ernst Thälmann, Rosa Luxemburg	The taxation rate in the USSR was a measty 4%. I expect a similar approach, considering housing and many other basic necessities will be covered by the State, but taken directly out pocket from the worker's paycheck, outside of the tax rate itself... If the person cannot work, then they'll get the goods as they are.
5/16/2025 9:51:16	Yes	25-40	Socialism is essentially characterized by social ownership of the means of production as opposed to private ownership.	No		Cuba	George Orwell	No idea. Can imagine some things would be better and some would be worse, as with most changes.
5/9/2025 17:13:36	Yes	25-40	Power to the working class	Yes	USSR	Cuba	Huey Newton, Rosa Luxemburg, James Connolly, Karl Marx, Friedrich Engles, Vladimir Lenin, Leon Trotsky	Taxation would be higher for the wealthiest class. Many goods are services would be nationalized, made affordable, and made by unionized Canadian workers- who have democratic control of their workplace. Personal freedoms would be expanded in the interest of the working class. If personal freedoms were repressed it would be authoritarian socialism, not true democratic socialism.
5/20/2025 6:52:06	Yes	25-40	Government funded programs/living government control, higher taxes for the purpose of class equality, an attempt to have communism but without the oppression	Yes	Canada, Denmark, Norway	Denmark	I don't know	No country has fully adopted socialism successfully for a reason. The Canadian people would experience a large rise in taxes, more restrictions, and poorer quality of living.
5/4/2025 12:37:01	Yes	25-40	Socialism means more dollars for social services. Potentially encompassed a planned economic policy with gov ownership. Redirecting funding away from elite. This potentially can lower taxes. Also falls within a spectrum, (political compass)	Yes	China	China	Jesus Christ	The only possibly way you fully adopt this would be through having a vigorous anti corruption task force, each branch would need to be separate. Unfortunately it will not work, human greed and selfishness get in the way of this.
5/13/2025 18:44:52	Yes	25-40	Direct workers democracy through a system under which all industry is nationalized	Yes	Pre-coup Guatemala, Burkina Faso, pre-invasion Afghanistan	Cuba	Joma, Ho Chi Minh, Thomas Sankara	Land would no longer a private commodity controlled by individual investors and private equity, employment would be guaranteed, food resources might be limited but rationing would ensure no one was eaten without any food while food was available
4/30/2025 18:08:21	Yes	25-40	Misery	No		Canada	Karl Marx	Everything would be more expensive, rights and freedoms are gone, no availability of anything, poorer society with elites running the show.
5/13/2025 12:57:09	Yes	25-40	Socialism is a political and economic ideology which advocates for social ownership of the means of production.	Yes	Vietnam, China, Norway	Norway	Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, Robert Owen, Henri de Saint-Simon	I'm sure taxation would go up, the availability of goods and services would increase as well and I would expect personal freedoms to increase drastically
5/19/2025 16:52:33	Yes	25-40	When the economy is controlled democratically and not by the capitalist class.	Yes	The Nordic countries, as well as the Netherlands	Finland	Karl Marx, Milovan Djilas, Sanzò Nosaka, Olof Palme, José Figueiras Ferrer, Bernie Sanders	Things would be more efficient without powerful capitalists keeping the wealth of this great country for themselves.
5/2/2025 9:55:34	Yes	25-40	Corruption of power hidden under the veil of equity/equality/Justice. Socialism sounds "good" in theory but never works in practice. Government should step back from the lives of Canadians not interject themselves into it more.	No		Cuba	Karl Marx, not that socialism is great but speaking of the most influential or "successful" socialist.	Complete breakdown of western values and society as a whole. Higher taxes which cannot be sustained, starvation, mass emigration, those who can't afford it, complete loss of freedom (what Canadians currently have is a poor idea definition of freedom).
5/8/2025 7:32:22	Yes	25-40	The future	Yes	China, Vietnam, Cuba, DPRK, Laos,	China	Lenin	Considering Canada is already socialist; to fully adopt such a toxic ideology would be putting another hole in the already sinking ship that is Canada. Cuba and Venezuela are great examples of a "thriving socialist society" and the common person should look to these as examples of how well socialism works in practice.
5/21/2025 21:27:50	Yes	25-40	Ruining a normal functioning country	No		Cuba	Lenin, stalin	Houses, jobs and food would be actual materially enforced rights. No more idealistic conception of rights and no more privileges for the rich. Large corporations would be nationalized and consolidated to enhance efficiency and State revenue while taxation of workers' income would be lowered. No more hoarding of wealth by the rich that keeps us back from achieving our potential.
5/14/2025 17:36:32	Yes	25-40	(CENSORED) socialism	No		Canada	Mao (biggest body count)	Everything that is about this country will evaporate into the ether. Freedom, Capitalism and Western values will always be a better reality than communist bullshit.
5/6/2025 16:43:24	Yes	25-40	Hungry, crime, dictatorial power	No		Cuba	Mao because he killed more people than hitler	Bro I escaped from a socialist country if canada adopt it we are screwed, if with liberals is a disaster with socialism is gonna be worse
5/1/2025 21:38:35	Yes	25-40	Socialism is when the government controls resources to redistribute wealth in the name of equality	No		Cuba	Marx, Lenin	Socialism would turn Canada into a stagnant, repressive mess where the government controls your life and paycheck. We're already halfway there with high taxes, growing government control, and creeping restrictions on personal freedoms.

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5/25/2025 17:23:51	Yes	25-40	A transitional period from capitalism to communism, where the capitalist class is losing privileges and the people gain more power.	No	Unfortunately most countries have backtracked due to external pressures.	Vietnam	Marx, Luxembourg, & Lenin.	I think the first step should be having the state acquire monopolies and essential services. This includes railroads, infrastructure like telephone lines, and banking institutions. The wealth from these acquisitions could probably eliminate income tax and we could move to only corporate and wealth taxes. Extreme funding for education an educated proletariat is harder to proletarianize. Bring back canteens: communal ownership of food and food production. We need to change our energy into doing things like wind energy generation. We need to have more people feeding people and strengthening community. We also need to have more people building a coherent future for a post capitalist society, so a new agency with that purpose. This must be done with full transparency as I think this has been the biggest flaw in other socialist projects. It creates distrust and can lead to a reactionary population. (As I would argue is the case for most post Soviet countries)
5/11/2025 15:49:24	Yes	25-40	Good	Yes	Paris commune (destroyed by imperialists)	Vatican City	Marx, me	Communal ownership of the means of production. Privately sponsored think tanks would be made obsolete.
5/21/2025 8:17:35	Yes	25-40	Democratic control of the means of production	Yes	Burkina Faso, Chile, Cuba	Cuba	Marx, Thomas Sankara, Che Guevara	The Americans would probably fund a bunch of right wing death squads to overthrow the government and we'd end up a 1st state, along with all the terrible stuff that comes with being American.
5/24/2025 21:37:39	Yes	25-40	Efforts against the main contradictions/issuses of capitalism	Yes	Yugoslavia; The Soviet Union; China; Vietnam; Cuba; Etc	Vietnam	Marx; Lenin; Che; Tito; MLK; Ho Chi Min; Sankara; Mao; Castro; Mandela; Gramsci; Malcolm X;	Getting rid of the master of subsistence will allow China to do more energy into doing things like wind energy generation. We need to have more people feeding people and strengthening community. We also need to have more people building a coherent future for a post capitalist society, so a new agency with that purpose. This must be done with full transparency as I think this has been the biggest flaw in other socialist projects. It creates distrust and can lead to a reactionary population. (As I would argue is the case for most post Soviet countries)
4/30/2025 17:49:13	Yes	25-40	(CENSORED)	No		Germany	Merkel	It will go to (CENSORED)
4/30/2025 21:20:45	Yes	25-40	Socialism is the progression is social equity and rights under the law.	Yes	Netherlands, Finland, Holland	Finland	N/A	Too tired to fill out. Watch YouTube channel. Not Just Bikes for information on how socialism benefits infrastructure.
5/25/2025 19:44:21	Yes	25-40	Can't speak for that but social democracy is what I support.	No	Norwegian countries	Denmark	No body	Ohh boy
5/14/2025 16:04:33	Yes	25-40	Supporting your population to better thrive as a country	Yes	Every capitalist society has elements of socialism. Canada has great healthcare. You can declare bankruptcy in America, that's not real capitalism.	Canada	No clue	Fix the housing crisis, oh wait they did that by purpose
5/4/2025 9:58:24	Yes	25-40	The worst think ever created for lazy bastards	No		Venezuela	Nobody. They are just people who want to be rich easy by taking advantage of the working class.	I don't see Canada as a socialist country. I don't think people will agree on that as many of their new immigrants come running away from the socialism model. So I don't have an answer for this. Is pretty hard to tell.
5/4/2025 12:34:46	Yes	25-40	A parasite on society, a bunch of whiny libertards who can't work hard enough to succeed in life want big government to give them everything.	No		Cuba	None	Canada would never fully adopt socialism, as the United States wouldn't allow it. We would be taken over immediately.
5/17/2025 4:57:14	Yes	25-40	Destroying society and the incentive to do better	No		Afghanistan	None	There would be a civil war
5/14/2025 18:06:46	Yes	25-40	Communism light	No		Venezuela	None they all were terrible.	Personal freedoms would go down wealth inequality would go up: the top would just be smaller.
5/15/2025 21:29:06	Yes	25-40	(CENSORED) no.	No		China	None. Bad news bears. Socialists are not great.	(CENSORED) that idea. No absolutely not.
								Personal freedoms would be a myth. Taxation would be zero sum. Goods and services would dramatically decline both in quality and availability.
5/25/2025 6:01:43	Yes	25-40	Large government bureaucracy tending towards devolution into famine, dictatorship, or economic collapse	No		Cambodia	Pol Pot, Mao, Stalin, and the host of other Communist "leaders" who massacred their own people and crippled their nations	Rethink your political views; read a book. You support evil. Canada has two federal communist parties and neither have any notable support because Communism (or "socialism" as you attempt to sneakily rebrand it) is a vile, naive, ideology that ought to be left to die along with the tens if not hundreds of millions it has already needlessly killed.
4/30/2025 21:13:05	Yes	25-40	A common sense economic system, and an opportunity for some much needed change	Yes	Vietnam, China, Cuba	Cuba	The international brigades	Also some of your questions are poorly phrased. Taxes would have to be readjusted to the new priorities, and the welfare state would be expanded to offer a more extensive coverage. Political freedoms would hopefully be increased (voting once every 4 years is not quite democratic enough in my opinion), but considering our neighbor I would expect pretty formidable resistance and intervention.
5/15/2025 8:23:00	Yes	25-40	Rethinking the capitalistic society based on empathy and compassion rather than greed and egotism	Yes		Norway	There are too many of those. Many brilliant thinkers like Marx, Gramsci, Fraser, many intellectuals who came to socialism as the result of their political position like Leibniz or Le Guin, many political leaders like Allende or Mandela. This is just a small droplet in the vast ocean, as I believe that any person who is at the same time clever and moral will necessarily come to socialism, and there are way too many such people.	Personal freedoms would be realized positively rather than only negatively leasing to much freer society. The goods and services will be greener, of better quality and less expensive. The only class that suffers from proper (!) transition to socialism is the business owners, a mere percents of population. The taxation for them will be very high, and many important industries will be nationalized. Overall, the wealth accumulated in pockets of rich will be redistributed among all members of society.
5/1/2025 14:03:21	Yes	25-40	Distribution of wealth from those who work hard to those who do not.	No		Laos	They all had good intentions, but wealth and power is always concentrated to few	Freedoms would be far more limited, taxes would be even more excessive, and established corporations and governments will run everything without competition. We'd lose our motivation to innovate and to work. Governments are there to serve the public and the public doesn't want an even more authoritarian ruling class run by the global elite.
5/8/2025 20:32:27	Yes	25-40	Poverty	No		Venezuela	They are all Tyrants.	Canada is pretty close already!
5/12/2025 19:51:36	Yes	25-40	Well socialism is a large spectrum, from communism to social democracy. It is generally described as the public ownership of property and business, but to differing degrees along this spectrum.	Yes	Norway	Norway	Tommy Douglas, Eugene Debs.	We would become impoverished, demoralized, and corruption would prosper. We should not "fully" adopt socialism', whatever that means. But committing to a social democratic society a la Norway with a strong safety net and a strong mixed economy with natural resource wealth is a better path than becoming more like the US.
5/1/2025 15:26:21	Yes	25-40	State-level economic intervention for aid to lower classes and government ownership of production means.	No		Vietnam	Trotsky	We need the private sector for dynamic and efficient markets, regulated by the government for sustainable growth.
5/21/2025 7:29:59	Yes	25-40	The people own the means of production and the the resources contained within the land.	No		China	Trotsky, Marx, Engels	We would be far more free. We wouldn't have to slave our lives away and millions wouldn't have to work in this unnecessary jobs. Like stocking shelves and transporting goods into small containers to enrich Capitalists. We'd have more resources because we could dispense things in bulk thus reducing the need for scarcity, or environmental damage by constantly driving to the store to purchase more things. Oil would become a nationalized product and would no longer be sold for a profit, but to support peoples needs. Same with lumber and all raw resources. Instead of developing tanks and military weapons we develop trackers and factories that will be communally owned and everyone can become a producer.
5/7/2025 4:17:34	Yes	25-40	It means theft, famine, hunger, injustice, struggle, unjust scales	No		Korea, North	Xi Jinping, Kim Jeong Un, Fidel Castro, Mussolini, Stalin, Mao	Taxation would be through the roof, no more personal freedoms, limited goods and services.
5/8/2025 19:41:04	Yes	25-40	Worker ownership of the means of production	No		Syria	Zapatistas	This is too big of a question for a survey like this. In almost to the point that it seems like. Its intent is malicious. The socialism - worker ownership taxation from the top down would ideally be negligible as our extraction based economy should be abolished if we are fully adopting socialism and rather communally decided on. Availability of goods and services will likely drop due to historical oppressive forces against any attempts at socialism. Freedom increase

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5/14/2025 20:19:56 Yes	41-60		In general it means the state is more hands on with the economy ensuring that there is more equality and less hoarding of wealth. In many ways it needs to even the playing field and ensure that factors such as race, gender and socioeconomic status do not serve to hinder a person's progress. Capitalism preaches darwinian principles but Darwin took a more socialist stance in saying that we must transcend the confines of Darwinism and take care of our fellow man.	Yes	Sweden,Finland,Norway, China, Vietnam all have socialist policies	Norway	Karl Marx, Leon Trotsky, Vladimir Lenin, Mikhail Gorbachev	Well if the state controlled the market the market would no longer be free and the state would directly either buy company representation or products will be state sponsored. Taxes are already high but they would likely get higher for awhile but as social issues of starvation, homelessness, income inequality would decrease. The problem however is what type of socialism are we talking about here? There's Marxism, Leninism, Syndicalism, Maoism, Trotskyism, socialist market economy (modern china), how things will go is based on the flavor of socialism put into place