Models of modern socialist thought

Utopian (Imaginary) Socialism

Against the deterioration of workers’ living conditions.

The call to socialization of the benefits of the economic growth, they should be given to all

Against poverty

Capitalist economy is unjust

Conception of an ideal social formulas based on universal fraternal love not on class struggle

The system should be managed by those who are most capable

A more equal and just society would be made by a cooperative system

**Thomas More**

“The utopian society is based on communal ownership instead of private property. A fair distribution of goods and a satisfactory organization of human life are impossible until you abolish private property altogether. Once private property is eliminated, meanwhile, true equality, prosperity, and security follow”

**Claude Henri de Rouvroy, comte de Saint-Simon**:

* The best society is that which is based on science and governed by the most able (entrepreneurs and scientists), who would solve all conflicts and help men reach happiness.
* The social structure should raise the physical and moral welfare of the most numerous and poorest class.
* Fraternal love is the most important principle by which man’s goal on earth is to work in favor of the poorest and most numerous classes.
* All men should work, since each person should take benefit from his or her social contribution, there being differences based on capacity and work.

**Charles Fourier**

* The creation of a new man and the modification of the surroundings can be done through a life of cooperation.
* Against the abuses of free competition, the power of the monopolies and the proletarianization of the masses.
* Against political and moral corruption
* The proposal of the minimum wage establishment
* The establishment of cooperative communities: workers form groups according to what they want to do.

“Humans are unique in their capacity for conscious and purposeful labor to shape the world around them. They are essentially social and creative beings who find fulfillment in working together to create a better world”.

“The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles; freemen and slave, patrician and plebeian, lord and serf, guild-master and journeyman, in a word, oppressor and oppressed, stood inconstant opposition to one another”

Karl Marx: "The unity of the bourgeoisie can be shaken only by the unity of the proletariat."

“Modern society as having three distinct classes:

1. Capitalists, or bourgeoisie, own the means of production and purchase the labor power of others.

2. Workers, or proletariat, do not own any means of production or the ability to purchase the labor power of others.

Rather, they sell their own labor power.

3. A small, transitional class known as the petite bourgeoisie own sufficient means of production but do not purchase labor power. Marx's Communist Manifesto fails to properly define the petite bourgeoisie beyond ―smaller capitalists”‖

***Scientific Socialism***

(Karl Marx &Ingels)

***Democratic Socialism***

**George Bernard Shaw**

“Class Struggle emerges from the class conflict between the capital holding class and the working class in industrial sphere. The conflict occurs whenever the interests of the two classes do not fit each other i.e., when the greed of the capitalist to accumulate surplus value ignores the welfare of the working class and neglects the human aspects of the workers. In practice, the working class is, even, exploited, dehumanized, objectified, and devaluated into the level of economic commodity or production factor.

The long-term social and economic conflict in capitalist system manifests itself in more and more revolting bad treatments from the capitalist to the workers. In line with this situation, class struggle is the way taken by the workers to fight every capitalist policy that causes bad working conditions in industry regarding mostly to the low wage, the long working hour system, and other inhumane treatments implemented in strict disciplines and terrible punishments. The laborers become the victims of the capitalist system, but since the treatment of the capitalist is so despotic they then rise and fight the system through labor movements.Class struggle, thus, is conducted to free the workers from the evils of capitalism and simultaneously to bring them toward better future marked by the existence of the respect to human rights and other humanity values such as freedom, just, equality, and brotherhood”

“one’s social standing is not something natural, it is possible to enter another, manners can be learned. One can leave the confines of social restrictions/boundaries”.

**The Fabian Society**: “They believed that society could become socialist by the state taking control of much of the services and industries run by capitalist companies. Intellectuals would play the crucial role in running this “new society”, standing in for the self-activity of the masses.

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