

REFLECTIONS OF AN OBSERVER

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— Been Pondering Questions About the Resurging Popularity of Utopian Socialism —

Just questions; that's all. Wondering how our university-educated young adults du jour might answer them, or whether they'd even invest some of their presumed academic capital to consider them. Driven by curiosity, I googled "billionaires who favor socialism." You can google that, too, to see what I found. My initial questions linger...

- 🔔 Exactly how might a person go about becoming a billionaire – or even wealthy – in a socialist economy?
- 🔔 Might each person within a socialist culture be "equally special," or would perpetuating an enforced "equality" actually require the presence of an ever-expanding population of "especially special" people?
- 🔔 Who but the very wealthy and well-connected might presume to enforce the rules of a socialistic system of government on "the naive 'little people'?"
- 🔔 Wouldn't those "especially special" people who'd *call the shots* in an environment of socialism be capitalists in reality?
- 🔔 How long might the "naive 'little people'" stay naive and continue to enjoy a culture of enforced "equality?"
- 🔔 Given the easy-to-observe fact that human nature is universally not inclined to yield real or lasting value for *others*,⁶ what could possibly prompt a billionaire who became a billionaire within a capitalist economy to want an un-level economic playing field for his would-be competitors?
- 🔔 What percentage of sympathizers with the notion of utopian socialism are aware that 1st-Century Christians tried socialism because it felt so doggone "religious?" Disillusionment followed quickly for them. The culprit? That was human nature.⁶
- 🔔 Whenever all things are owned in common, what'd be the individual incentives for excellent contributions to the benefit of all? Phrased differently, if *others*⁶ are to benefit from the labors of a few, how long will the few labor with enthusiasm? Asked yet another way, when a person perceives no exclusive ownership of a thing, what might encourage him to work diligently to enhance that thing's value? Who'd wash a rental car before returning it?
- 🔔 How many students of academia's revisionist history know that the American Pilgrims tried socialism, too, and almost starved to death? Yep; the idea also felt especially "religious" to them...initially. Yielded "the warm fuzzies!" In any university history class, today, does any student learn that only after the Pilgrim leadership assigned exclusive ownership of parcels of land to individuals did those parcels become productive?
- 🔔 Might the "naive 'little people'" be the useful idiots that those who aspire to an "especially special" status need if they're ever to accomplish their objective?
- 🔔 Which group exhibits the greater greed and, thence, the greater evil...
 - wealthy capitalists within a capitalist economy?
 - "especially special" wealthy people within a socialist economy?

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⁶ Bible scholars generally agree that Human Nature is The Sin Nature and that Christians are instructed to crucify it. No manmade system of government can ever even approach perfection. It is evident to members of our Link1... Bible Research Team that, because our Heavenly Father intends for us to fully comprehend that, He very well MAY allow this Constitutional Republic to fall into – and languish in – the greater folly of "democratic" socialism. He could save us. Will He?

