

Communism vs Fascism vs Individualism

In many ways, **communist** and **fascist** movements had opposing ideologies but both ended up being repressive political systems based on the control of a single leader. While communism is based around a theory of economic equality, fascism is based around the glory of the state and strength displayed through violence and conquest. Both communism and fascism originated in Europe and gained popularity in the early to mid 20th century. Individualism – the American way is based on a system of laws – the Constitution that are applied equally to all people. The Federal government is to have limited powers on purpose because the individual was to learn the power of self governing. Less Government control = more freedom. America has lost its way due to the communist/fascist take over of the schools.

How do you get individuals to give up Rights and Freedom? You LIE to them.

Comparison chart

	Communism	Fascism	Individualism
Philosophy	From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs. Free-access to the articles of consumption is made possible by advances in technology that allow for super-abundance.	The state must gain glory through constant conquest, aka war. Belief that the past was glorious, and that the State can be renewed. Philosophies varied by country.	Power lies with the educated individual who understands, Rights come from God and your liberty ends if you affect the liberty or freedom of another.
Economic System	The means of production are held in common, negating the concept of ownership in capital goods. Production is organized to provide for human needs directly without any use for money. Communism is predicated upon a condition of material abundance.	Autarky (national self-sufficiency). Keynesian (mostly). large public works, deficit spending. Anti trade union and syndicalism. Strongly against international financial markets and usury.	Free Market or Capitalism Products and services are provided based on need. Quality and price are dictated by supply and demand. NO government interference. Profit is created when income is more than expenses.
Religion	Abolished - all religious and metaphysics is rejected.	Fascism is a civic religion - citizens worship the state through nationalism. The state only supports religious organizations that are nationally/historically tied to that state; e.g. the Iron Guard in Romania supported the Romanian Orthodox church.	Morality and belief in God is the individual's choice. No set religion but all following: do unto others as you would have others do unto you.
Political System	Usually takes the form of totalitarianism as Marx	One charismatic leader has absolute authority. Often the symbol of the	Representative Republic. Rule by the same law for all.

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described in The Communist Manifesto. Cronyism common.

state. Advisers to Government are generally picked by merit rather than election. Cronyism common.

All men are equal under the law. 3 branches separately monitoring the others. Checks and Balances. US Constitution

Definition

International theory or system of social organization based on the holding of all property in common, with actual ownership ascribed to the community or state. Rejection of free markets and extreme distrust of Capitalism in any form.

An extremely nationalistic, authoritarian state usually led by one person at the head of one party. No democratic election of representatives and the Government has direct control of the press and all other media. No real free market.

Public votes for individuals to represent their views. The Representatives are to carry the will of the public for debate and law making. No government interference. Govt sticks to their own powers.

Ideas

All people are the same and therefore classes make no sense. The government should own all means of production and land and also everything else. People should work for the government and the collective output should be redistributed equally.

Union between businesses and the State, with the state telling the business what to do, with private ownership. Corporatism in Italy, National Socialism in Germany. Central planning of National economy. Redistribution of wealth (Nazi).

Individual ownership is encouraged so citizens will have pride in ownership and will have oversight and control of their elected officials.

Key Proponents

Karl Marx, Fredrich Engels, Vladimir Lenin, Leon Trotsky.

Benito Mussolini, Adolf Hitler

Washington, Jefferson, Founders of America

Social Structure

All class distinctions are eliminated.

Strict class structure believed necessary to prevent chaos (Italian Fascist). All Class distinctions are eliminated (German Nazi). Nazism believes in a superior race. Italian Fascism was not racist in doctrine originally.

No class distinction. All men (this is generic and means humans) are equal under they eyes of the law. Innocent before proven guilty

Private Property

Abolished. The concept of property is negated and replaced with the concept of commons and ownership with "usership".

Permitted. Contingent upon service, obedience or usefulness to the State.

Unrestricted right to ownership of private property: Patents, land, water, minerals, businesses

Economic coordination

Economic planning coordinates all decisions regarding investment, production and resource allocation. Planning is done in terms of physical units

Businesses are privately owned but the state dictates outputs and investments. Planning is based on projected labor output rather than money.

Market drives products and services. Individually owned. Regulation minimal. No subsidies, grants, favored fees

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Free Choice	Either the collective "vote" or the state's rulers make economic and political decisions for everyone else.	The individual is considered meaningless; they must submit to the decisions of the leadership. Traditional gender roles are upheld and/or exaggerated.	Individuals dictate rules needed. People are involved in governing themselves.
Political movements	Leninism, Trotskyism, Marxism-Leninism, Maoism, Left-Communism, Stalinism.	National Socialism, Falangism, Nazism, Strasserism, Neo-Nazism, Neo-Fascism, National-Bolshevism	Right leaning, Conservatism, Libertarian, republican
Key elements	Centralized government, planned economy, dictatorship of the "proletariat", common ownership of the tools of production, no private property. equality between genders and all people, international focus. anti-democratic. One party system.	Actual idealism, centralized government, social Darwinism, planned economy, anti-democratic, meritocratic, extreme Nationalism, militarism, racism (Nazism). Traditional and/or exaggerated gender roles. One party system.	Local dictates to State who dictates to Federal
Discrimination	In theory, all members of the state are considered equal.	Belief in one superior race (Nazism). Belief in a superior nation (Fascism & Nazism). Gender (F & N). Mental or physical handicaps. Mental illness. Alcoholics. Homosexuals. Roma. Jews (Nazi). Ideological and political opposition, trade unions (F&N).	All people are created equal. Each has the equal opportunity to achieve the success they desire. NO PROTECTED CLASSES.
Way of Change	Government in a Communist-state is the agent of change rather than any market or desire on the part of consumers. Change by government can be swift or slow, depending on change in ideology or even whim.	Government in a Fascist state is the agent of change rather than any market or desire on the part of consumers. Change by government can be swift or slow, depending on a change in labor output or even at the whim of the Dictator.	The individual has the power to make changes. Changes must start in school, family and church.
Ownership structure	The means of production are commonly-owned, meaning no entity or individual owns productive property. Importance is ascribed to "usership" over "ownership".	The means of production are privately owned but directed by the state. Private ownership of business is contingent upon submission to the direction and interests of the State.	Individuals are encouraged to own themselves, land and its resources and businesses. Equity creates wealth.

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View of the world	Communism is an international movement; Communists in one country see themselves in solidarity with Communists in other countries. Communists distrust Nationalistic nations and leaders. Communists strongly distrust "big business."	Fascists are ultra-nationalists who identify strongly with other Nationalistic nations and leaders. Fascists distrust internationalism and rarely abide by international agreements. Fascists do not believe in the concept of international law	The American Constitution is the only document that grants individual rights freedom and liberty granted by GOD. Individuals have equal opportunity to create wealth.
Examples	Ideally, there is no leader; the people govern directly. This has never been actually practiced, and has just used a one-party system. Examples of Communist states are the erstwhile Soviet Union, Cuba and North Korea.	Fascist Governments are generally headed by one person. A dictator. This is not an aberration of doctrine, in fact it is an important component of it.	America has produced more success and has created more individual wealth than any other country due to its concept of free market and its middle class, the largest job creators in the world.
Earliest Remnants	Theorized by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels in the mid-19th century as an alternative to capitalism and feudalism, communism was not tried out until after the revolution in Russia in the early 1910s.	The Roman Empire which could be argued was a Fascist entity. The earliest Fascist theories were based on examples left behind by the Roman Empire.	Israel was the closest to a Republic before a king was selected. Each tribe governed themselves while they enjoyed a free life following the 10 Commandments.
Means of control	Rallies, force, propaganda etc.	Force, propaganda, rallies etc.	Self control, common sense, respect, consequences for actions, the rule of law