

## Ten Lies of Socialism Exposed

**✗ LIE #1:** Socialism is a compassionate, benevolent ideology, and people are helped by its advantages and benefits.

**✓ TRUTH #1:** Every socialist regime confiscates and redistributes earnings according to the whims of dictators, government officials, and lobbyists. Corruption is the term most often used to describe socialist leaders. Socialism is not compassionate; it is inhumane and enslaves millions, both economically and spiritually.

**✗ LIE #2:** The Bible supports socialism, as evidenced by the early Christians who practiced it.

**✓ TRUTH #2:** Early Christians voluntarily donated to help the needy, not by government mandate. According to the Bible, if a man won't work, neither should he eat (2 Thess. 3:10). The compatibility of Christianity and socialism is disproved by facts, history, and the Bible.

**✗ LIE #3:** Socialism empowers citizens.

**✓ TRUTH #3:** This may be the darkest of all Socialism's lies. Socialism doesn't empower; it enslaves. Imagine being constrained to earning a limited sum of money. Imagine chronic, never-ending shortages of basic necessities, such as toilet paper, clothing, and food. Socialism crushes the human spirit. Is it worth working hard when you'll never own anything? How would it make you feel seeing people who won't work rewarded by your efforts?

**✗ LIE #4:** Socialism has never been attempted in the United States. If given a chance, people would come to appreciate and respect what it has to offer.

**✓ TRUTH #4:** By the year 1900, America had tried and abandoned socialist communes eighty times, leaving people destitute and starving in every case. People flee socialist nations for the freedom America offers. Don't be fooled into thinking that a system with a 100 percent failure rate would work here.

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**✗ LIE #5:** Socialism benefits the elderly, the sick, and those who are unable to care for themselves while simultaneously putting money in citizens' pockets.

**✓ TRUTH #5:** As former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher stated, "The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money." Printing money to create cash flow is absurd. Socialism promises security, but nobody benefits from having worthless paper in their pockets. In socialist countries during WWII, a man's coffee order could rise in price before it was delivered. Buying bread with a wheelbarrow of cash was common. In socialist countries that generated paper but not money, inflation was devastating.

**✗ LIE #6:** Socialism should be embraced by Christians because of the justice and equality it offers.

**✓ TRUTH #6:** Justice is only a priority in cultures that truly follow God and His Word. You can't correct injustice with further injustices. Suppressing people's rights, restricting their earning potential, denying their right to retain their earnings, and creating a dependent class forced to rely on the state rather than forge their own destiny is not justice. Christianity does not condone the exploitation and abuses that are inherent to welfare states. True justice exists only in a culture that values morality, honest work, and self-sufficiency.

**✗ LIE #7:** Other countries have found success with socialism.

**✓ TRUTH #7:** Wherever socialist policies are inflicted, economies collapse and people flee. In nations like Sweden and Venezuela, national bankruptcy exposed socialism as inherently unsustainable.

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**✗ LIE #8:** Socialism and Christianity can exist peacefully together.

**✓ TRUTH #8:** In a socialist state, man's laws override God's laws. Socialists argue that welfare systems are logical extensions of the Christian faith, citing the Christian model of charity. But if socialists are willing to enforce one of Christ's commands (Gal. 6:2), why do they neglect the rest? Love motivates biblical charity. Socialism is legalized thievery, and fear of the state motivates compliance.

**✗ LIE #9:** Socialism is affordable, and the U.S. economy is capable of supporting it.

**✓ TRUTH #9:** Money is a major hindrance to any socialist utopian society. Socialists want free college and free healthcare, but even a 100 percent tax on the wealthiest Americans wouldn't alleviate the over 1.7 trillion student loan debt. And healthcare? Every dollar produced by wealthy Americans (around 1 trillion) would take three years to collect, without a penny leftover for socialists' never-ending wish list of government programs.

**✗ LIE #10:** Socialism is necessary because the rich have created poverty by amassing all of the money for themselves.

**✓ TRUTH #10:** This fallacy assumes there's a limited quantity of money to be made and the wealthy have earned too much. Those pushing for a socialist America claim, "the rich don't pay their fair share of taxes," which is simply untrue. In recent years, the U.S. Congressional Budget Office documented that America's poorest—20 percent of the population—pay an average of 1 percent in federal taxes, while the richest—1 percent of the population—pay an average of 32 percent of total federal taxes.