

Matrix 1: Socialism v. Capitalism: Principles and Practices

Issues	Socialism	Capitalism
Civil Affairs		
Government	Promote the principles of liberty, unity, and social justice for all citizens	Preserve and increase the wealth and privileges of the owners of capital and their allies
The economy	Produce the goods and services necessary to support society at a sustainable level and provide an equitable distribution of wealth	Maximize the accumulation of capital without regard to the social, economic, or environmental consequences of production
Law enforcement and criminal justice	Guarantee public safety and ensure the equal administration of justice	Protect the owners of capital and other privileged social classes and suppress marginalized groups
Health services	Guarantee health care for all citizens	Sell like any other service or commodity
Education	Provide free public education through college	Sell like any other service or commodity
Welfare and social security	Guarantee a decent standard of living for all citizens	Privatize all social services including retirement and disability pensions in order to maximize capital accumulation
Immigration	Institute immigration policy that respects human rights and offers legal protections	Import cheap labor from poor countries (e.g. proposed guest worker programs)
Natural resources and environmental regulations	Socialize and conserve natural resources. Implement and enforce environmental regulations to protect the health of the environment and guarantee sustainable economic development	Privatize and consume all available natural resources for the accumulation of capital. Avoid environmental regulations as obstacles to profit maximization
Science and technology	Dedicate to the betterment of all citizens	Utilize in the service of the accumulation of capital
Foreign Affairs		
Trade	Establish fair trade practices with other nations	Maximize the accumulation of capital through inequitable trade agreements and practices under the banner of "free trade"
Diplomacy	Conduct foreign affairs in a spirit of internationalism that respects the sovereignty and right of self-determination of all people and nations	Expand the economic power of capitalism through gunboat diplomacy and military blackmail
Military	Provide for the defense of the nation	Secure corporate economic interests worldwide