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“In today's world no one is innocent, no one a neutral. A man is either with the oppressed or he is with the oppressors. He who takes no interest in politics gives his blessing to the prevailing order, that of the ruling classes and exploiting forces.”

[Socialism in the 21st Century reading list \(tons and tons of stuff here too\)](#)

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This document exists as a guide to help Communists cut through the propaganda spread by the ruling class in their ongoing attempt to shut down debate and provide legitimacy to capitalism by demonising the only viable alternative.

This resource was created for the purpose of helping Leftists educate people about all of the misinformation, lies and propaganda spread about Communists, and past experiments with Socialism and Communism. Its other main use is in helping Leftists themselves understand some of the controversies in the Communist movement, so that we are all better able to avoid the genuine mistakes and errors that have occurred. After all, how are we supposed to learn from the past if it is buried under a mountain of lies?

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Famines & food-related myths

“Holodomor” / Famine in Ukraine

Books and academic works

- Fraud, Famine and Fascism by Doug Tottle
<http://rationalrevolution.net/special/library/tottlefraud.pdf>
- The 1932 Harvest and the Famine of 1933 by Mark Tauger
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-eTgjCs2IzpQlIPVzQ2UFd3aWWM/view?usp=sharing>
- Natural Disaster and Human Actions in the Soviet Famine of 1931-1933 by Mark Tauger
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-eTgjCs2IzpNExnSEVhMjBLRIE/view?usp=sharing>
- The Years of Hunger: Soviet Agriculture, 1931-1933 by Davies and Wheatcroft
<http://gen.lib.rus.ec/book/index.php?md5=32DAA2871728468189A57E0233492A3A>
- Lies concerning the History of the Soviet Union by Mario Sousa
<http://www.mariosousa.se/LiesconcerningthehistoryoftheSovietUnion.html>
- The Soviet famine of 1932-1933 reconsidered
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/09668130801999912>
- Archive of writings of Professor Mark Tauger on the famine scourges of the early years of the Soviet Union
<https://www.newcoldwar.org/archive-of-writings-of-professor-mark-tauger-on-the-famine-scourges-of-the-early-years-of-the-soviet-union/>
- Blood Lies by Grover Furr
<http://www.readmarxeveryday.ml/bloodlies/index.html>
- Pages 95-111 of Another View of Stalin by Ludo Martens - Collectivization and the ‘Ukrainian Holocaust’
<https://stalinsocietypk.files.wordpress.com/2013/05/another-view-of-stalin1.pdf>

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Committee's perceptions of the success of Ukrainianization, led to the decree of 14 December." Boeck, "Complicating the National Interpretation," 31-48; Pyrih et al., *Holod*, 291-4 (Tsentral'nyi gos. Arkhiv obshchestvennykh obedeinenii Ukrainy, f. 39, op. 4, d. 1, l. 8-10); Trapeznikov, *Istoricheskii opyt KPSS*, 262. A related decree was issued for Belorussia: RGASPI, f. 17, op. 3, d. 917, l. 7 (Dec. 19, 1932).

481. "In the archives of Russia, in the archives of the republics of the former USSR, millions of documents have been preserved [of] the famine in the USSR at the beginning of the 1930s of the last century in various regions of the large country," wrote V. P. Kozlov, the head of the Russian archival service, in the preface to a collection of declassified materials. "Not a single document has been found confirming the conception of a 'Holodomor-genocide' in Ukraine or even a hint in the documents about ethnic motives of what occurred, including in Ukraine." Antipova, *Golod v SSSR*, 6-7 (the collection consists entirely of facsimiles of original documents). Klid and Motyl define the Holodomor (or Ukrainian Holocaust) as "the murder by hunger of millions in the 1932-33 famine in Soviet Ukraine and the Kuban region of the North Caucasus, where Ukrainians formed a large percentage of the population." This becomes "genocide" when the authors include the executions of Ukrainian intellectuals, writers, poets, musicians, artists, church officials. They offer no

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evidence of intentional starvation or of ethnic targeting. They do not dwell on the ethnic Ukrainian agency in the alleged genocide against Ukrainians (in regions where lots of Russians lived and died). They do not include the Volga Valley, Kazakhstan, the Urals, Western Siberia, and other famine-wracked regions where Ukrainians did not form a large percentage of the population. Klid and Motyl, *Holodomor Reader*, xxix–xxx.

482. Rudich, *Holod 1932–1933 rokiv*, 441–4 (at 443: March 15, 1933).

483. Davies and Wheatcroft, *Years of Hunger*, 238 (GARF, f. 5446, op. 82, d. 19, l. 66–8: Feigin, April 12, 1933).

484. RGASPI, f. 558, op. 11, d. 799, l. 24–5, 30–1; Kurliandskii, *Stalin, vlast', religiiia*, 88–9. Stalin did not refer to “enemies” or “wreckers” in his explanations to Robins. The conversation was severely edited when originally published: *Sochineniia*, XIII: 260–73. See also Salzman, *Reform and Revolution*, 355–6. See also Postyshev’s public comments about “teaching” the peasants: *Izvestiia*, June 22, 1933.

485. Davies et al., “Stalin, Grain Stocks, and the Famine of 1932–33,” 653.

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lutionary elements, to return the rest to their places of residence.

Fourth. The CC of the VCP and the Snovarkom require the director of the GPU service division Prokhorov to give appropriate directives throughout the system of the service division of the GPU.

Representative of the Sovnarkom V.M. Molotov

Secretary of the CC of the VCP(b) J. Stalin

(RGASPI f. 558. Op. 11. D. 45. L. 109-109ob.)

Graziosi continues:

In the following month, the decree led to the arrest of 220,000 people, predominantly hungry peasants in search of food; 190,000 of them were sent back to their villages to starve. (105)

This conclusion and these figures, which Snyder simply repeats verbatim, are not supported by any primary sources Graziosi cites.

Graziosi has no way of knowing how many of the persons stopped were "hungry peasants." In reality, very few of them, if any, could have been. Starving people do not travel long distances by train to seek food — they do not have the energy for long trips, much of which would have to be on foot. Nor do starving people spend their money on train tickets. They would remain at home and use their money to buy food.

As in previous famines, most of these travelers would have been speculators trying to purchase grain and foodstuffs in areas not as hard-hit by the famine in order to return to famine areas to resell them at a high profit. This "market" process benefitted the well-to-do and guaranteed that only the poor would starve. In fact, poor peasants starved even when harvests were good, since speculators could drive up the price by buying it for resale elsewhere.

Note too that the document in question makes it clear that peasants were moving from the North Caucasus and Kuban *into* the Ukraine as well as the other way around. This is consistent with the movements of people buying and selling grain, but not of people who were starving.

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Blood Lies

Why would Snyder mention only the Ukraine? Probably to please Ukrainian nationalists, who have indeed celebrated Snyder's book, invited him to give talks in Ukraine, and published a Ukrainian translation of *Bloodlands*.

Marochko, 188-189, summarizes Stalin's and Balitskii's outline of peasant movements in and out of the Ukraine and why they should not be permitted. Graziosi, "New Interpretation," 9 (really, p. 105, as already noted) briefly summarizes the document of January 22, 1933, reproduced in full above.

Conclusion to Snyder's Point Six: Snyder's claims are not supported by his documentation. There is no evidence that those who were travelling by train were "begging" or "starving," and of course few if any of them could have been.

Point Seven (pp. 45-6): Did Stalin Seize the Seed Grain in December 1932?

As his seventh point Snyder claims that in December 1932 Stalin decided that seed grain should be seized to meet the grain collection quota, while the USSR still had a reserve of three million tons of grain and continued to export grain. He further claims that "many" of the the 37,392 people recorded as having been arrested that month were "presumably trying to save their families from starvation." His evidence (n. 66, page 466):

* "On the 37,392 people arrested, see Marochko, *Holodomor*, 192."

* Davies, *Years*, 161-163.

Marochko, *Holodomor*, 192, gives the number of 37,797, not 37,392.

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Articles

- Mark Tauger reviews *The Years of Hunger* by Davies and Wheatcroft
https://eh.net/book_reviews/the-years-of-hunger-soviet-agriculture-1931-1933/

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<http://www.greenvillepost.com/2015/08/10/the-holodomor-noax-joseph-stalins-crime-that-never-took-place/>

- Real Stalin series: famine of 1932

<https://espressostalinist.com/the-real-stalin-series/famine-of-1932/>

- In search of a Soviet Holocaust: A 55 year old famine feeds the Right

<https://msuweb.montclair.edu/~furr/vv.html>

- The Ukrainian famine: only evidence can disclose the truth

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2017/03/31/the-ukrainian-famine-only-evidence-can-disclose-the-truth/>

- The "Holodomor" and the film "Bitter Harvest" are Fascist lies

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2017/03/03/the-holodomor-and-the-film-bitter-harvest-are-fascist-lies/>

- Holodomor Hoax: the anatomy of a lie invented by West's propaganda machine

<https://sputniknews.com/politics/201510191028730561-holodomor-hoax-invented-hitler-west>

- The famine of 1932-33 in Ukraine the eyes of historians, the language of documents

<http://www.archives.gov.ua/Sections/Famine/Publicat/Fam-Pyrig-1932.php>

- How many people did Joseph Stalin really kill?

<https://anti-imperialism.org/2016/02/16/how-many-people-did-joseph-stalin-really-kill/>

- Evidence that Stalin was unaware of conditions in the Ukraine and tried to relieve the situation when he was informed

<http://www.stalinsociety.org/2015/10/03/fighting-the-holodomor-myth-archival-evidence-that-stalin-was-unaware-of-conditions-in-the-ukraine-and-tried-to-relieve-the-situation-when-he-was-informed/>

YouTube videos

- Why the Holodomor narrative is wrong

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mUEi7v2TMpQ>

- Holodomor series - part 1 - fraudulent photos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QzXFXdOz_8Q

- Food shortages and problems in the USSR

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUO7_SiJCpw

- Did Stalin continue to export grain as Ukraine starved?

https://youtu.be/SMBJ_nQ4sTA

Misc

- "Recent evidence has indicated that part of the cause of the famine was an exceptionally low harvest in 1932, much lower than incorrect Soviet methods of calculation had suggested. The documents included here or published elsewhere do not yet support the claim that the famine was deliberately produced by confiscating the harvest, or that it was directed especially against the peasants of the Ukraine."

Koenker and Bachman, Eds. Revelations from the Russian Archives. Washington: Library of Congress, 1997, p. 401

- "In view of the importance of grain stocks to understanding the famine, we have searched Russian archives for evidence of Soviet planned and actual grain stocks in the early 1930s. Our main sources were the Politburo protocols, including the ("special files," the highest secrecy level), and the papers of the agricultural collections committee Komzag, of the committee on commodity funds, and of Sovnarkom. The Sovnarkom records include telegrams and correspondence of Kuibyshev, who was head of Gosplan, head of Komzag and the committee on reserves, and one of the deputy chairs of Komzag at that time.

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have under his control huge amounts of grain, which could easily have been used to eliminate the famine."

Stalin, Grain Stocks and the Famine of 1932-1933 by R. W. Davies, M. B. Tauger, S.G. Wheatcroft. *Slavic Review*, Volume 54, Issue 3 (Autumn, 1995), pp. 642-657.

- The Political Bureau believes that shortage of seed grain in Ukraine is many times worse than what was described in comrade Kosior's telegram; therefore, the Political Bureau recommends the Central Committee of the Communist party of Ukraine to take all measures within its reach to prevent the threat of failing to sow [field crops] in Ukraine.
Signed: Secretary of the Central Committee – J. STALIN

From the Archive of the President of the Russian Federation. Fond 3, Record Series 40, File 80, Page 58.

- It is a matter of some significance that Cardinal Innitzer's allegations of famine-genocide were widely promoted throughout the 1930s, not only by Hitler's chief propagandist Goebbels, but also by American Fascists as well.

It will be recalled that Hearst kicked off his famine campaign with a radio broadcast based mainly on material from Cardinal Innitzer's "aid committee." In *Organized Anti-Semitism in America*, the 1941 book exposing Nazi groups and activities in the pre-war United States, Donald Strong notes that American fascist leader Father Coughlin used Nazi propaganda material extensively. This included Nazi charges of "atrocities by Jew Communists" and verbatim portions of a Goebbels speech referring to Innitzer's "appeal of July 1934, that millions of people were dying of hunger throughout the Soviet Union."

Tottle, Douglas. *Fraud, Famine, and Fascism*. Toronto: Progress Books, 1987, p. 49-51

- QUESTION: Is it true that during 1932-33 several million people were allowed to starve to death in the Ukraine and North Caucasus because they were politically hostile to the Soviets?

ANSWER: Not true. I visited several places in those regions during that period. There was a serious grain shortage in the 1932 harvest due chiefly to inefficiencies of the organizational period of the new large-scale mechanized farming among peasants unaccustomed to machines. To this was added sabotage by dispossessed kulaks, the leaving of the farms by 11 million workers who went to new industries, the cumulative effect of the world crisis in depressing the value of Soviet farm exports, and a drought in five basic grain regions in 1931.

The harvest of 1932 was better than that of 1931 but was not all gathered; on account of overoptimistic promises from rural districts, Moscow discovered the actual situation only in December when a considerable amount of grain was under snow.

Strong, Anna Louise. *Searching Out the Soviets*. New Republic: August 7, 1935, p. 356

- "The conquest of bread was achieved that summer, a victory snatched from a great disaster. The 1933 harvest surpassed that of 1930, which till then had held the record. This time, the new record was made not by a burst of half-organized enthusiasm, but by growing efficiency and permanent organization ... This nationwide cooperation beat the 1934 drought, securing a total crop for the USSR equal to the all-time high of 1933."

Strong, Anna Louise. *The Stalin Era*. New York: Mainstream, 1956, p. 44-45

- in 1920 when the NEP was implemented and the Soviet Union moved from War-Communism, to a temporary stage where a free market existed, the much feared consequences of the market became evident. Despite the previous land reform nearly 3 million peasants, were quickly once again without land, because the kulaks had driven them bankrupt and then bought their land cheaply. This resulted in

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caused a shortage already in 1927 when the marketed share of grain was only one third of the pre-war years although production had exceeded pre-war figures. This ineffectiveness was what initiated the idea of collectivization, with Lenin writing down the basic idea before his death and Stalin putting down the plans and implementing it. Among the many actions of the collectivization program was the confiscation of farm land and the machinery and livestock that was on it (private property, NOT personal property). However there were some **problems**;

“Collectivization was not an orderly process following bureaucratic rules. It consisted of actions by the poor peasants, encouraged by the Party. The poor peasants were eager to expropriate the “kulaks,” but less eager to organize a cooperative economy. By 1930 the Party had already sent out cadres to stem and correct excesses... After having exercised restraint in 1930, the Party put on a drive again in 1932. As a result, in that year the kulak economy ceased to produce, and the new collective economy did not yet produce fully.”

Blumenfeld, Hans. *Life Begins at 65*. Montreal, Canada: Harvest House, c1987, p. 152

- “During the 1932 harvest season Soviet agriculture experienced a crisis. Natural disasters, especially plant diseases spread and intensified by wet weather in mid-1932, drastically reduced crop yields. OGPU reports, anecdotal as they are, indicate widespread peasant opposition to the kolkhoz system. These documents contain numerous reports of kolkhozniki, faced with starvation, mismanagement and abuse by kolkhoz officials and others, and desperate conditions: dying horses, idle tractors, infested crops, and incitement by itinerant people. Peasants’ responses varied: some applied to withdraw from their farms, some left for paid work outside, some worked sloppily, intentionally leaving grain on the fields while harvesting to glean later for themselves.”

Tauger, Mark. “Soviet Peasants and Collectivization, 1930-39: Resistance and Adaptation.” In *Rural Adaptation in Russia* by Stephen Wegren, Routledge, New York, NY, 2005, Chapter 3, p. 81.

- Some of the Kulaks, angered and resentful, rather than integrate into society as an average worker (who frankly lived in conditions 10x better than under Tsarist times), decided to take action.

They burnt crops and slaughtered livestock, those with machinery broke it if they could. In addition to their vandalism and arson they murdered government officials and peasants siding with them, there are even some (unconfirmed) accounts of them poisoning water supplies.

“Almost all the collective farms established in 1931 and 1932 were shockingly mismanaged. What else could be expected when every village in Russia had been the scene of bitter internal strife, when animals had been slaughtered or allowed to die through incompetence, and grain had been buried, and barns and houses burned? It has been estimated that livestock dropped by 50% during those tragic years and there were large areas, as I saw with my own eyes in the North Caucasus in 1933, where miles of weeds and desolation replaced the former grainfields...”

Duranty, Walter. *Stalin & Co*. New York: W. Sloane Associates, 1949, p. 77[10]

- During the thirties, the far-right, linked with the Hitlerites, had already fully exploited the propaganda theme of ‘deliberately provoked famine to exterminate the Ukrainian people’. But after the Second World War, this propaganda was ‘adjusted’ with the main goal of covering up the barbaric crimes committed by German and Ukrainian Nazis, to protect fascism and to mobilise Western forces against Communism.”

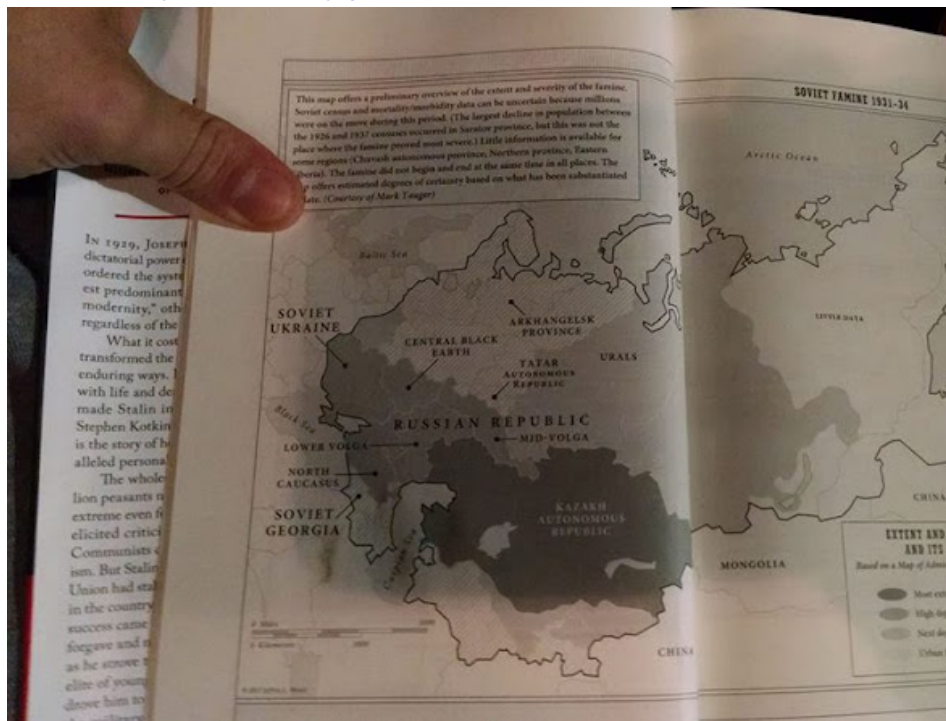
Martens, Ludo. *Another View of Stalin*. Antwerp, Belgium: EPO, Lange Pastoorstraat 25-27 2600, p. 113 (Pg 96 on the internet pdf) [11]

- “This destruction of the productive forces had, of course, disastrous consequences: in 1932, there was a great famine, caused in part by the sabotage and destruction done by the kulaks. But anti-Communists blame Stalin and the ‘forced collectivization’ for the deaths caused by the criminal actions of the kulaks.”

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- Famines are always because of Communism

<https://i.redd.it/j22mvokwzo1z.jpg>



Extent of the famine across the USSR

China food myths

- Did Mao really kill millions during the Great Leap Forward?

<https://monthlyreview.org/commentary/did-mao-really-kill-millions-in-the-great-leap-forward/>

Did Mao really kill millions in the Great Leap Forward? (YTube video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5e8CXWEAf-w&t=3s>

- Mao reconsidered

<https://mronline.org/2017/10/18/mao-reconsidered/>

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USSR food myths

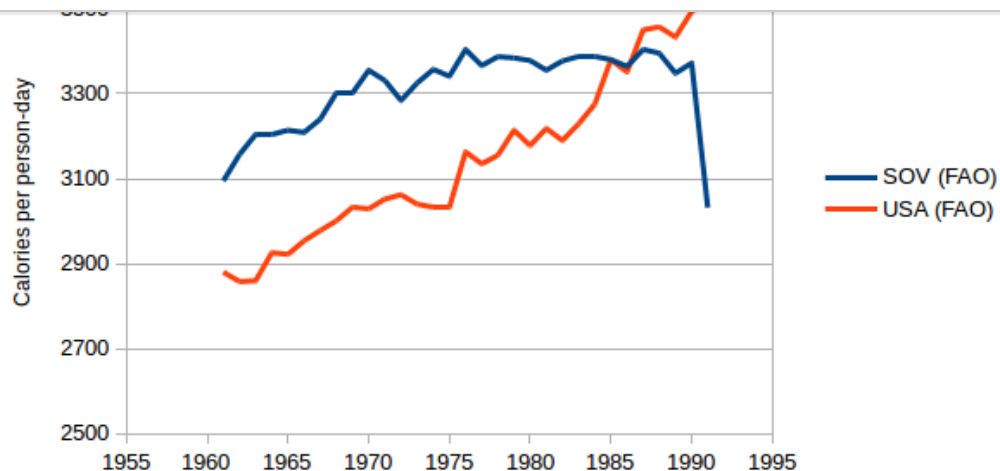
- Food shortages and problems in the USSR by Endymion

https://youtu.be/NUO7_SiJCpw

- Soviet Agriculture, 1977 (scanned book)

<https://archive.org/details/SovietAgricultureMorozov>

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DPRK food myths

- Nutrition and Health in North Korea: What's New, What's Changed and Why It Matters

https://www.academia.edu/25554321/Nutrition_and_Health_in_North_Korea_Whats_New_Whats_Changed_and_Why_It_Matters

- North Korea as the Wicked Witch of the East: Social Science as Fairy Tale

https://www.academia.edu/6130295/North_Korea_as_the_Wicked_Witch_of_the_East_Social_Science_as_Fairy_Tale

- World Food Programme webpage for the DPRK

<http://www1.wfp.org/countries/democratic-peoples-republic-korea>

- Mission East page on DPRK

<http://www.miseast.org/en/nkorea/food-insecurity-north-korea>

- Korea's food situation: stable and improving (From the Council on Foreign Relations!)

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/north-koreas-food-situation-stable-and-improving>

- The Food Situation In North Korea (and other dprk myths)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3fdp00Dgfl>

- Real DPRK economic data by Jason Unruhe

<https://youtu.be/AM0faLccYuQ>

- The Problematic Evidence Base of the UN Human Rights Council (excellent paper)

<http://criticalasianstudies.org/issues/vol46/no1/crimes-against-humanity.html>

https://www.academia.edu/6296645/Crimes_against_humanity_Unpacking_the_North_Korean_Human_Rights_Debate

“The problem is that the claims about food rights violations in the 2013 UNHCR report are not congruent with the statistical indicators given by UN agencies that have the most experience of working in North Korea. Despite emanating from within the UN system in which access to data on the DPRK is straightforward, the UNHRC reporting on food violations demonstrates a problematic securitization of evidence and analysis through a heavy reliance on prior assumptions and a filtering of information through those securitized assumptions. The UNHRC reporting, of which the February 2013 report is representative, is self-referential, factually inaccurate, and seems unaware of the reports from the UN agencies that have worked in the DPRK for many years. This is somewhat surprising, especially as the weight of the UN agency reporting contradicts the UNHCR claims on food violations.

The 2013 UNHRC report is self-referential in that it draws almost entirely from previous UNHCR reports and resolutions on North Korea and often uses the same wording, that is, the 2013 report cuts and pastes from previous UNHCR reports.²⁶ The practice of extracting from older reports is standard

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almost complete absence of reference to relevant data from other UN agencies, donor governments, and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), to the extent that the UNHRC reporting seems unaware of the existence of reports on the DPRK from within the UN system itself. 27 The 2013 UNHRC report references only one report from the specialist UN agencies: a March 2011 FAO/WFP/UNICEF report on food insecurity in the DPRK. Unfortunately, the citations are third-hand and the material quoted in the UNHCR report is taken so much out of context that it distorts the findings of the original report and misleads the reader.

The 2011 FAO/WFP/UNICEF report does not argue for the exceptional severity of a food and health crisis in the DPRK. It does not argue that there are famine-like conditions prevailing in the population. It does not argue that the government is solely responsible for food insecurity in the country. It does not mention or argue that international protection (i.e., human rights) mandates are being abjured by the DPRK government. This last point is important as UN agencies have an obligation under their protection of human rights mandates to report potential crimes against humanity. The UNHCR reporting does not mention that UN specialist agencies have never identified DPRK government food and health policy in these terms.

The 2013 report to the Human Rights Council referred to “the severity of the food situation” in support of the report’s claims that the government should be considered as violating the right to food. These claims contrast with those of the humanitarian agencies that reported in 2011—in the same and only report from the humanitarian agencies that the 2013 UNHCR report appears to cherry-pick quotes from—that the “nutrition situation...appears to be relatively stable.”²⁸ In 2012 WFP and UNICEF concurred with an assessment that improvements in acute malnutrition show that the “situation is not critical and does not suggest emergency operations” and that the “Global Chronic Malnutrition or Stunting... is considered as of ‘medium’ public health significance according to WHO Standards.” “

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walls of the dam. The subsequent flash flood scooped clean 27 miles of valley below, and the plunging flood waters wiped out large segments of a main north-south communication and supply route to the front lines. The Toksan strike and similar attacks on the Chasan, Kuwonga, Kusong, and Toksang dams accounted for five of the more than twenty irrigation dams targeted for possible attack—dams up-stream from all the important enemy supply routes and furnishing 75 percent of the controlled water supply for North Korea's rice production. These strikes, largely passed over by the press, the military observers, and news commentators in favor of attention-arresting but less meaningful operations events, constituted one of the most significant air operations of the Korean war. They sent the Communist military leaders and political commissars scurrying to their press and radio centers to blare to the world the most severe, hate-filled harangues to come from the Communist propaganda mill in the three years of warfare.

In striking one target system, the USAF had hit hard at two sensitive links in the enemy's armor—his capability to supply his front-line troops and his capability to produce food for his armies. To the U.N. Command the breaking of the irrigation dams meant disruption of the enemy's lines of communication and supply. But to the Communists the smashing of the dams meant primarily the destruction of their chief sustenance—rice. The Westerner can little conceive the awesome meaning

which the loss of this staple food commodity has for the Asian—starvation and slow death. "Rice famine," for centuries the chronic scourge of the Orient, is more feared than the deadliest plague. Hence the show of rage, the flare of violent tempers, and the avowed threats of reprisals when bombs fell on five irrigation dams.⁵⁸

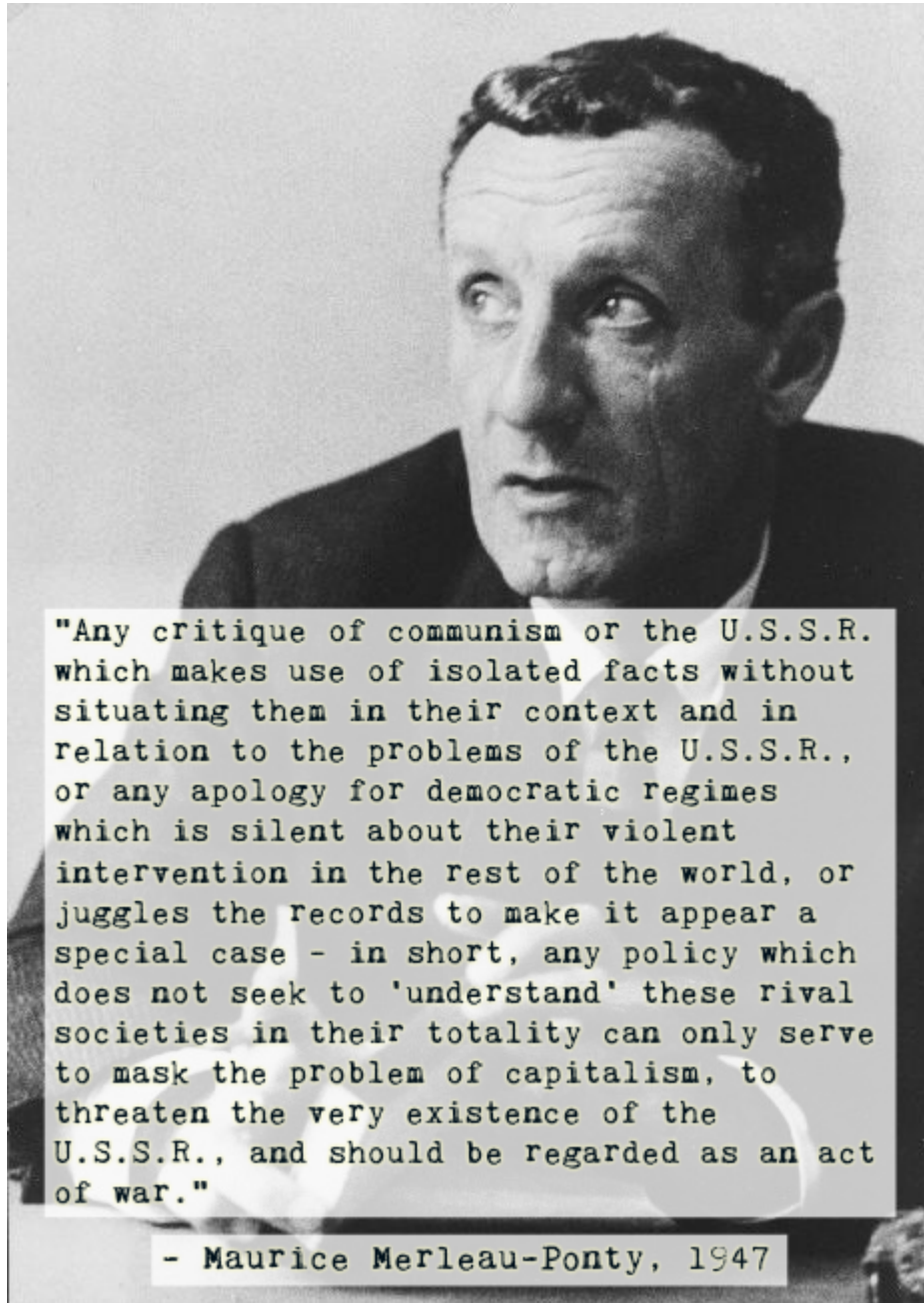
Other

- The paradox of Cuban agriculture

<https://monthlyreview.org/2012/01/01/the-paradox-of-cuban-agriculture/>

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General



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Europe can be more attributed to the economic failure of the system in existence there prior to communism than to the mistakes and problems of communism itself.

In particular, prior to communism, Eastern Europe had had substantially lower economic output per capita than Western Europe and the USA (Mead, 1994). For instance, the gross national product (GNP) per capita of Russia was about 10% of that of the USA during peacetime before communism in 1913 (Gregory, 1982), and GNP per capita was even lower by the time of the communist revolution there in 1917 (Hutchings, 1982). Thereafter, real GNP per capita in the Soviet Union under communism caught up significantly, rising to 31% of USA GNP per capita by 1991 (UN, 1994).¹ That performance occurred despite the very destructive Foreign Interventionist Civil War of 1918-22 (Krivoshchev, 1997), which reduced Soviet output by about half (Hutchings, 1982), and despite the almost as destructive Nazi invasion of 1941-44, which reduced Soviet GNP by over 20% (Maddison, 1969).² After growing faster than the USA in all peaceful decades up to the political collapse of Eastern Europe in 1990,³ Russia's economy deteriorated enormously following the capitalist takeover by Yeltsin, with real GNP falling by about 50% between 1991 and 1996 (IMF, 1997a). A comparison of real economic growth rates in the Soviet Union and the USA shortly before and after the collapse of Eastern European communism in 1990 is provided in Table 2:

From the book Triumph of Evil by Austin Murphy

- Stalin's economics: the secret to Soviet success in World War 2?
<https://stalinsmoustache.org/2012/05/13/stalins-economics-the-secret-to-soviet-success-in-world-war-ii/>
- Was the Russian Revolution a success?
<https://stalinsmoustache.org/2011/08/17/was-the-russian-revolution-a-success/>
- In Defense of the Hammer and Sickle
<http://www.hamptoninstitution.org/in-defense-of-the-hammer-and-sickle.html#.WgERP4-0Pcv>
- Domenico Losurdo: the new Colonial counter-revolution
<https://konkret.la/the-new-colonial-counter-revolution/>
- 101 years since the October Revolution (fantastic article by FRSO)
<http://www.fightbacknews.org/2018/11/7/101-years-october-revolution>
- Walter Rodney and the Russian Revolution
https://medium.com/@marko_v_kobak/walter-rodney-and-the-russian-revolution-aef74f238c81
- Lies concerning the history of the Soviet Union
<http://www.northstarcompass.org/nsc9912/lies.htm>
- Anti-racism in the USSR (really good article)
<http://www.hamptoninstitution.org/anti-racism-ussr.html>
- Was the USSR socialist?
<https://youtu.be/CKggZ22izDs>
- Seven myths about the USSR by Stephen Gowans
<https://gowans.wordpress.com/2013/12/23/seven-myths-about-the-ussr/>

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<https://gowans.wordpress.com/2013/11/09/the-revolution-will-not-be-televised-not-will-it-be-brought-to-you-by-russell-brand-oliver-stone-or-noam-chomsky/>

- Achievements of socialism in the Soviet Union

<https://youtu.be/s5axVunzQSA>

- Reconstructing JV Stalin - exposing the myths, lies & fraud

<https://thesanghakommune.org/2017/07/12/reconstructing-jv-stalin-exposing-the-myths-lies-fraud/amp/>

- Was the USSR socialist? By Comrade Hakim

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKggZ22izDs>

- Authoritarianism in Socialist countries by Michael Parenti

<https://youtu.be/6gtUaGV6mNI>

- The fight against bureaucracy in the Soviet Union

<https://adiotos.wordpress.com/2010/11/11/the-fight-against-bureaucracy-in-the-soviet-union/>

- Kotkin talking about Stalin and collectivization

<https://www.facebook.com/TankistaLeninista/posts/1845758695663269>

- Account of a woman from the USSR currently living in New Zealand (very good)

<https://www.facebook.com/JLeftistArchive/photos/a.1922050888117037.1073741828.1921706061484853/1936840316638094/?type=3&theater>

- How many people did Joseph Stalin really kill?

<https://anti-imperialism.org/2016/02/16/how-many-people-did-joseph-stalin-really-kill/>

- Human Rights in the Soviet Union (excellent book rich in facts about the USSR, highly recommended)

<https://ia800300.us.archive.org/6/items/HumanRightsInTheSovietUnion/Human%20Rights%20in%20the%20Soviet%20Union.pdf>

- Legacy of the world's first Communist state

<https://www.telesurtv.net/english/news/Fall-of-the-USSR-20160905-0023.html#>

- The great October Socialist revolution marked a new era for Humanity

<http://en.cubadebate.cu/news/2017/11/09/great-october-socialist-revolution-marked-new-era-for-humanity/>

- We Can Be Friends: Origins of the Cold War by Carl Marzani (scanned book)

<https://archive.org/details/WeCanBeFriends>

- The Great Conspiracy: The Secret War against Soviet Russia

<http://www.shunpiking.org/books/GC/>

- History of the USSR: The Era of Socialism 1974 (scanned book)

<https://ia801201.us.archive.org/28/items/HistoryUSSREraSocialism/History%20USSR%20Era%20Socialism.pdf>

- The Soviet Union Through The Eyes of an American. 1976 (scanned book)

<https://archive.org/details/SovietUnionEyesAmerican>

- The nature of the Soviet Union - state capitalism?

<https://youtu.be/kQoEqBx70ts>

- Revisiting the October Revolution of 1917

<https://sputniknews.com/columnists/201710261058554269-october-revolution-1917/>

- Human Rights in Soviet Society (1981 scanned book)

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<http://prolespod.libsyn.com/prt-episode-5-fall-of-the-ussr>

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[the-soviet-union/ ?](#)

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUC41PuR_10

- Why doesn't the Soviet Union exist anymore? (brilliant series of articles, read them all)

<http://www.invent-the-future.org/2018/06/why-doesnt-the-soviet-union-exist-any-more/>

- Blackshirts & Reds by Michael Parenti

<https://cartiparenti.files.wordpress.com/2016/08/blackshirts-and-reds-by-michael-parenti.pdf>

- Reflection on the overthrow of Communism by Michael Parenti

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BYVes44hcJg>

- Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltsin: When the White House fixed a Russian election

<https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2017/06/14/yelt-j14.html>

Jews in the USSR

- Chapter 3: The European Nationalities of the USSR of Human Rights in the Soviet Union (excellent resource)

<https://archive.org/details/HumanRightsInTheSovietUnion>

<https://www.facebook.com/JLeftistArchive/posts/1923951144593678> (easy reading link)

- Russia helped 1,750,000 Jews to escape Nazis

<https://www.jta.org/1943/07/02/archive/russia-helped-1750000-jews-to-escape-nazis-says-james-n-rosenberg>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0ljxQsgUM4>

- Text of Lenin speech

<https://www.marxists.org/archive/lenin/works/1919/mar/x10.htm>

- Stalin's "Anti-Semitism" debunked

<https://stalinsmoustache.org/2015/04/04/stalins-anti-semitism/>

- The Formation of the Soviet Jewish Homeland – Birobidzhan

<https://espressostalinist.com/2014/08/19/the-formation-of-the-soviet-jewish-homeland-birobidzhan/>

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National and racial chauvinism is a vestige of the misanthropic customs characteristic of the period of cannibalism. Anti-semitism, as an extreme form of racial chauvinism, is the most dangerous vestige of cannibalism.

Anti-semitism is of advantage to the exploiters as a lightning conductor that deflects the blows aimed by the working people at capitalism. Anti-semitism is dangerous for the working people as being a false path that leads them off the right road and lands them in the jungle. Hence Communists, as consistent internationalists, cannot but be irreconcilable, sworn enemies of anti-semitism.

In the U.S.S.R. anti-semitism is punishable with the utmost severity of the law as a phenomenon deeply hostile to the Soviet system. Under U.S.S.R. law active anti-semites are liable to the death penalty.

J. Stalin

January 12, 1931

First published in the newspaper *Pravda*, No. 329, November 30, 1936

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taken by the powers that be in vengeance on the border regions for their love of freedom, evoked an answering wave of nationalism below, which at times took the form of crude chauvinism. The spread of Zionism among the Jews, Pan-Islamism among the Tatars, the spread of nationalism among the Armenians, Georgians and Ukrainians, the general swing of the philistine towards anti-Semitism – all these are generally known facts."
 -- Yusef Stalin (1913) "Marxism and the National Question"



Stalin denounced Zionism as "crude chauvinism"

Purges, Moscow Trials etc

(reminder to add relevant section from Losurdo's book)

- The Moscow Trials and the "Great Terror" of 1937-1938: what the evidence shows
https://msuweb.montclair.edu/~furrq/research/trials_ezhovshchina_update0710.html
- Yezhov vs Stalin: the causes of the mass repressions of 1937-1938 in the USSR
<http://www.greenvillepost.com/2017/11/12/yezhov-vs-stalin-the-causes-of-the-mass-repressions-of-1937-1938-in-the-ussr-2/>
- The notion that Stalin was a monster who killed everyone
<https://youtu.be/yQkTcmfy2QM>
- Moscow Trials part 1 (investigation)
https://youtu.be/TBY_aDd5knE
- Moscow Trials part 2 (court proceedings)
<https://youtu.be/NHI5nU5WYn8>
- Moscow Trials part 3 (the great purge)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NrrDMYAz1SU>
- The purges and repressions in the USSR
<https://youtu.be/RbEmfzJeY48>
- Yezhov vs. Stalin: the causes of the mass repressions of 1937-1938
https://msuweb.montclair.edu/~furrq/research/furr_yezhov_jls17.pdf
- Lies concerning the history of the Soviet Union
<http://www.mariosousa.se/LiesconcerningthehistoryoftheSovietUnion.html>
- "Excesses are not permitted": Mass Terror and Stalinist Governance in the Late 1930s by Getty
<http://home.ku.edu.tr/~mbaker/cshs522/GettyMassRepressions.pdf>
- The Moscow Trials
<https://espressostalinist.com/the-real-stalin-series/moscow-trials/>
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JsLPtEN62Fg>

- The Kirov Murder

<https://esspressostalinist.com/2013/10/23/marxist-leninist-research-bureau-the-kirov-murder/>

- The Ryutin Case

<https://esspressostalinist.com/2015/03/14/marxist-leninist-research-bureau-the-ryutin-case-1930-37/>

- The Syrtsov/Lominadze affair

<https://esspressostalinist.com/2015/03/15/marxist-leninist-research-bureau-the-syrtsovlominadze-affair/>

- Interrogations of Nikolai Ezhov, former People's Commissar for Internal Affairs.

<https://msuweb.montclair.edu/~furgg/research/ezhovinterrogs.html>

Stalin

Totalitarianism, Stalin/Hitler (etc)

- Domenico Losurdo: Towards a Critique of Totalitarianism

https://mirror.explodie.org/Losurdo__Critique_of_Totalitarianism_%282004%29.pdf

- Stalin and Hitler: Twin Brothers or Mortal Enemies? (fantastic read)

<http://crisiscritique.org/ccmarch/losurdo.pdf>

General

- Stalin: History and Criticism of a Black Legend by Domenico Losurdo (incredible book)

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Dg1i8cmld3a-p_Ydz46p1jvPP6Hwc3bm

- A review of Losurdo's book by scholar Roland Boer

<https://stalinsmoustache.org/2014/08/29/losurdo-on-stalin-a-review/>

- Khrushchev Lied by Grover Furr

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- The Real Stalin series by Dennis McKinsey (book length)
<https://espressostalinist.com/the-real-stalin-series/>
- The Truth About Stalin by Wilf Dixon
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- Stalin's place in history - Mao
https://www.marxists.org/reference/archive/mao/selected-works/volume-7/mswv7_467.htm
- History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolsheviks)
<https://www.marxists.org/reference/archive/stalin/works/1939/x01/index.htm>
- Stalin and the USSR - Myth and Reality
https://youtu.be/v6GO_GxdtZQ
- Stalin and the myth of the "Old Bolsheviks"
<https://mltheory.wordpress.com/2016/12/20/stalin-the-myth-of-the-old-bolsheviks/>
- Socialism in one country - what it really means
<https://mltheory.wordpress.com/2017/05/25/socialism-in-one-country-what-it-really-means/>
- On The Question of Stalin (By Mao Tse-tung)
<https://www.marxists.org/subject/china/documents/polemic/qstalin.htm>
- Che Guevara: "I came to Communism because of Stalin"
<http://houstoncommunistparty.com/che-guevara-i-came-to-communism-because-of-stalin/>
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- On Stalin by W.E.B. Du Bois
<https://www.marxists.org/reference/archive/stalin/biographies/1953/03/16.htm>
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- On Stalin's cult of personality by Comrade Hakim
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<https://espressostalinist.com/2015/02/15/bill-bland-the-cult-of-the-individual-1934-52/>

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Sidney and Beatrice Webb: Is Stalin a dictator:

<http://www.mltranslations.org/Russia/webb1.htm>

- Stalin attempted to resign, was denied.

<https://socialistmlmusings.wordpress.com/2017/02/23/stalins-four-attempts-at-resignation/>

- Stalin tries to resign - unpublished speech

<http://www.stalinsociety.org/2016/04/05/stalin-tries-to-resign-unpublished-speech-by-stalin-at-the-plenum-of-the-central-committee-of-the-cpsu-1952/>

- The British Fabians Sidney and Beatrice Webb (Sidney Webb, British economist (1859-1947); Beatrice Webb, British economist and sociologist (1858-1943), in their monumental work "Soviet Communism: A New Civilisation," emphatically reject the notion that Stalin exercised dictatorial power:

"Sometimes it is asserted that the whole state is governed by the will of a single person, Josef Stalin . . . First let it be noted that, unlike Mussolini, Hitler and other modern dictators, Stalin is not invested by law with any authority over his fellow-citizens. He has not even the extensive power which the American Constitution entrusts for four years to every successive president. . . . Stalin is not, and never has been, the President of the USSR. . . . He is not even a People's Commissar, or member of the Cabinet.

He is . . . the General Secretary of the Party.

We do not think that the Party is governed by the will of a single person, or that Stalin is the sort of person to claim or desire such a position. He has himself very explicitly denied any such personal dictatorship in terms which certainly accord with our own impression of the facts.

The Communist Party in the USSR has adopted for its own organisation the pattern which we have described. . . . In this pattern individual dictatorship has no place. Personal decisions are distrusted, and elaborately guarded against. In order to avoid the mistakes due to bias, anger, jealousy, vanity and other distempers . . . it is desirable that the individual will should always be controlled by the necessity of gaining the assent of colleagues of equal grade, who have candidly discussed the matter and who have to make themselves jointly responsible for the decision. . . . Stalin . . . has . . . frequently pointed out that he does no more than carry out the decisions of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. . . The plain truth is that, surveying the administration of the USSR during the past decade under the alleged dictatorship of Stalin, principal decisions have manifested neither the promptitude nor the timeliness, nor yet the fearless obstinacy that have often been claimed as the merits of a dictatorship. On the contrary, the action of the Party has frequently been taken after consideration-so prolonged, and as the outcome of discussion sometimes so heated and embittered, as to bear upon their formulation the marks of hesitancy and lack of assurance. . . . These policies have borne . . . the stigmata of committee control."

(S. & B. Webb: 'Soviet Communism: A New Civilisation'; London; p.. 431, 432, 433, 435).

- "I have never met a man more candid, fair and honest, and to these qualities it is, and to nothing occult and sinister, that he owes his tremendous undisputed ascendancy in Russia. I had thought before I saw him that he might be where he was because men were afraid of him, but I realize that he owes his position to the fact that no one is afraid of him and everybody trusts him."

~H.G. Wells on Stalin

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● “Like the myths of millions of executions, the fairy tales that Stalin had tens of millions of people arrested and permanently thrown into prison or labor camps to die in the 1930-1953 interval (Conquest, 1990) appear to be untrue. In particular, the Soviet archives indicate that the number of people in Soviet prisons, gulags, and labor camps in the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s averaged about 2 million, of whom 20-40% were released each year, (Getty, Rittersporn, and Zemskov, 1993). This average, which includes desperate World War II years, is similar to the number imprisoned in the USA in the 1990s (Catalinotto, 1998a) and is only slightly higher as a percentage of the population. It should also be noted that the annual death rate for the Soviet interned population was about 4%, which incorporates the effect of prisoner executions (Getty, Rittersporn, and Zemskov, 1993). Excluding the desperate World War II years, the death rate in the Soviet prisons, gulags, and labor camps was only 2.5% (Getty, Ritterspom, and Zemskov, 1993), which is even below that of the average "free" citizen in capitalist Russia under the czar in peacetime in 1913 (Wheatcroft, 1993). This finding is not very surprising, given that about 1/3 of the confined people were not even required to work (Bacon, 1994), and given that the maximum work week was 84 hours in even the harshest Soviet labor camps during the most desperate wartime years (Rummel, 1990). The latter maximum (and unusual) work week actually compares favorably to the 100-hour work weeks that existed even for "free" 6-year old children during peacetime in the capitalist industrial revolution (Marx and Engels, 1988b), although it may seem high compared to the 7-hour day worked by the typical Soviet citizen under Stalin (Davies, 1997). In addition, it should also be mentioned that most of the arrests under Stalin were motivated by an attempt to stamp out civil crimes such as banditry, theft, misuse of public office for personal gain, smuggling, and swindles, with less than 10% of the arrests during Stalin's rule being for political reasons or secret police matters (Getty, Ritterspom, and Zemskov, 1993). The Soviet archives reveal a great deal more political dissent permitted in Stalin's Soviet Union (including a widespread amount of criticism of individual government policies and local leaders) than is normally perceived in the West (Davies, 1997). Given that the regular police, the political or secret police, prison guards, some national guard troops, and firefighters (who were in the same ministry as the police) comprised scarcely 0.2% of the Soviet population under Stalin (Thurston, 1996), severe repression would have been impossible even if the Soviet Union had wanted to exercise it. In comparison, the USA today has many times more police as a percentage of the population (about 1%, not to mention prison guards, national guard troops, and firefighters included in the numbers used to compute the far smaller 0.2% ratio for the Soviet Union).

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<http://www.northstarcompass.org/nsc0901/gulag.htm>

• (From Leftbook) Let us start with the question of the nature of the Soviet penal system. After 1930 the Soviet penal system included prisons, labour camps, the labour colonies of the gulag, special open zones and obligation to pay fines. Whoever was remanded into custody was generally sent to a normal prison while investigations took place to establish whether he might be innocent, and could thus be set free, or whether he should go on trial. An accused person on trial could either be found innocent (and set free) or guilty. If found guilty he could be sentenced to pay a fine, to a term of imprisonment or, more unusually, to face execution. A fine could be a given percentage of his wages for a given period of time. Those sentenced to prison terms could be put in different kinds of prison depending on the type of offence involved.

To the gulag labour camps were sent those who had committed serious offences (homicide, robbery, rape, economic crimes, etc.) as well as a large proportion of those convicted of counterrevolutionary activities. Other criminals sentenced to terms longer than 3 years could also be sent to labour camps. After spending some time in a labour camp, a prisoner might be moved to a labour colony or to a special open zone.

The labour camps were very large areas where the prisoners lived and worked under close supervision. For them to work and not to be a burden on society was obviously necessary. No healthy person got by without working. It is possible that these days people may think this was a terrible thing, but this is the way it was. The number of labour camps in existence in 1940 was 53.

There were 425 gulag labour colonies. These were much smaller units than the labour camps, with a freer regime and less supervision. To these were sent prisoners with shorter prison terms - people who had committed less serious criminal or political offences. They worked in freedom in factories or on the land and formed part of civil society. In most cases the whole of the wages he earned from his labour belonged to the prisoner, who in this respect was treated the same as any other worker.

The special open zones were generally agricultural areas for those who had been exiled, such as the kulaks who had been expropriated during collectivisation. Other people found guilty of minor criminal or political offences might also serve their terms in these areas.

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World War 2 & Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact

The Molotov Ribbentrop Pact was a treaty of non-aggression but not necessarily mutual respect, as the rest of the war, past and future, had shown.

And of course, the implication of this discussion here is that the USSR carved up and invaded Poland with the Nazis. The USSR did *not* invade Poland. In 1939, the USSR occupied land that was already occupied by Poland previously - bits of Ukraine, Belarus, and Lithuania, for the record.

The Poles and Soviets fought in a battle known as 'the Battle of Vilno'. 'Vilno' is the Polish name for Vilnius, the name of the Lithuanian capital, which had existed since the middle ages.

And the Poles aren't trying to get them back, because they know it would be a ridiculous thing to ask; there's no chance they would succeed. Lithuania is not going to turn over their ancient capital city to Poland. And if you look back, when the Russian Empire was broken up, there was a conflict between the USSR and Poland over the USSR's western border. There was a war there that Poland actually won, and as a result, they occupied a bunch of territory which wasn't theirs. And during this war, France and Britain stepped in to make a settlement, one based actually on the ethnicity of the people in the region. This was the Curzon Line. It was a border between the Polish people and Ukrainian, and Belarussian peoples.

This boundary was not accepted by Poland, and they occupied even more territory, on the east of the Curzon Line - a chunk of Lithuania, Vilnius, Lithuania's capital, as previously mentioned. As a result, Lithuania would not enter into normal diplomatic relations during the interwar period. How did they get their capital back? The Soviets handed it over to them, during their independence.

So the Soviets only moved up to the Curzon Line, the modern, eastern border of Poland as proposed by France and Britain around 1922.

And what of the annexation of the Sudetenland in Czechoslovakia by the Germans through the help of the French and British? Poland happened to carve themselves a piece too - something very seldom talked about, but granted, no historian will necessarily deny it.

So you can look at it this way: The Soviet Union actually gave Lithuania its historic land back to it after Poland claimed it for itself. The presence of the Soviets also was a general buffer against the Nazis, and intentionally or not, made sure that the Nazis didn't expand its territory, which would no doubt complicate issues of sovieraign national borders and economic concerns otherwise.

- Interview of Geoffrey Roberts (Author of Stalin's Wars). Interviewer is obnoxious fucking trash and Roberts is a disgusting liberal, but it's still a great interview (Roberts mentions signing the Euston Manifesto, see here

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Euston_Manifesto)

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/35305>

- Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact - the untold story

<https://sputniknews.com/politics/201508231026098760-molotov-ribbentrop-pact-untold-story/>

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Abortion, LGBTQ+ rights, etc

USSR and abortion:

To understand the causes of the legislative changes of 1936 it must first be clarified the rationale of the legislation of 1920 and the soviet experience between those periods. The rationale of 1920 was seeing abortion as a necessary evil that would be made unnecessary with the establishment of socialism, this reflects in works by Lenin such as "The Working Class and NeoMalthusianism".

From the 1920 decree

"During the last decade the number of women who terminate their pregnancy prematurely increased both with us and abroad. The legislation of all countries struggles against this evil by punishing both the woman who is guilty of abortion and the operating physician. The workers' and peasants' Government realizing the dangers of such a situation has undertaken a campaign against secret abortions among working women. It foresees that this phenomenon will gradually disappear with the building of socialism." <https://www.marxists.org/.../cpl-abortion/section5.htm>

The implementation of the 1920 decree faced several troubles with two important factors: insufficient facilities and opposition by doctors. In 1924 the medical profession secured a regulation that permitted abortions only when the pregnancy endangered the mother's life or health, but it was repealed because the number of abortions outside hospitals immediately increased. The same year the Commissariat for the Protection of Health established commissions to judge the difficulty of women to having the child, eventually these commissions would judge the ability to pay for the abortions and subsidized the cost of those who couldn't afford it accordingly.

During this times there was widespread concern about the effects of abortion on the population "The number of abortions increased in the twenties at an alarming rate. In Moscow, from 1921 to 1929, births decreased from 30.6 per 1,000 inhabitants to 21.7, while abortions increased from 5.7 to 35.2."

<https://digitalcommons.law.yale.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi...>

It must be noted that during this period the Party line reflected the same rationale of the 1920 decree and saw abortion as an evil that must be abolished and thus abortion was publicly disincentived and contraception was not easily accesible, making abortion the primary mean of birth control. From the onset of Soviet legislature there was always pro-natalist ideology, this was reflected even in the woman's journal Rabotnitsa published by the Zhenotdel

"The women's journals tended to impose a rather simplistic portrayal of the effects of abortion, possibly so as to frighten their readerships against the practice, should they not be convinced by arguments which emphasized the necessity for and ability of women to have as many children as possible. It was declared in 1935, for example, that the majority of women undergoing abortions in Moscow gynaecological clinics later suffered serious complications."

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"In general, it appears that there were elements of support for the decree, particularly for the suggestions contained in the 'alimony' section. It was persistently alleged in letters to the press that it was men's reluctance to shoulder any responsibilities which repeatedly compelled women to have abortions against their will, and it therefore seems likely that this decree which aimed at 'strengthening the family' was fairly popular among women."

" Other factors which could have had some influence in securing a certain amount of support for the measure in the towns were the influx of peasants into urban areas in the 1930s and the Orthodox Church which had traditionally ruled that: 'Women who furnish drugs for the purpose of procuring an abortion and those who take foetus killing poisons, they are made subject to the penalty prescribed for murderers."

<https://sci-hub.tw/10.1177/002200948101600407>

When the 1936 decree was passed it was justified on the basis of the successes of the USSR in introducing women to the labour force and alleviating the burden of housework. Krupskaya wrote about it: "Our country has become rich, mighty, and prosperous. Our people are better educated and more enlightened. Women have become a force in the collective farm. They have become active in social work. Many of the women are Stakhanovites. They are studying hard. The Party and the government surround the children with public care. They make their childhood a happy one. It is with good cause that millions of working women are so devoted to Stalin – they see his solicitude for the working women. Under these new conditions the questions of the family and of abortions appear in a new light. The new decree will play an extremely important part in remoulding people's modes of life."

<https://www.marxists.org/.../cpl-abortion/section6.htm>

Conclusion: The 1936 decree was consequence of overstimulation of the successes of the USSR, influence of the Orthodox Church, influence of the preparation for the war, concerns of depopulation, ideological prejudices carried from tsarist period and specially prevalent among the peasantry and the rationale of 1920 pressupposing that there would be a period where abortion would be made illegal again.

"Those such as Trotsky and Eastman, who were convinced that the new policy constituted a discarding of all pretensions by the Party to liberate women, ignored two important points. The Communists' earlier policy had not been as radical as Trotsky wished to believe; merely reducing the burden of household chores would not eliminate inequalities within the home as long as housework (some of which would still exist) was regarded as women's work. In addition, they were refusing to acknowledge the more positive aspects of the government's treatment of the 'women's question', for, in a limited sense there was a clear attempt to promote female interests. In 1936, the new constitution talked of the complete equality of women in all areas of life and there was debate on the measures which should be taken to ameliorate the material position of women and improve their educational and cultural level. In the pages of Rabotnitsa could be read articles about women who had been successful - at work and in political life. The new Soviet woman was perceived as being much more than a mother and a housewife. The Party frequently condemned Nazi Germany's aim of consigning married women to the home."

I quoted heavily from "The Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Women's Question: The Case of the 1936 Decree 'In Defence of Mother and Child'" by Janet Evans which is a very interesting read about the discussions and positions of women's collectives and party members about the situation of soviet women prior the 1936 decree on abortion

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Table 3. Employed women as a percentage of working-age women, 1939–1985^a

Year ^b	FRG	GDR
1939 ^c	49.7	49.7
1950, 1955	43.8	61.2
1960, 1965	47.5	76.2
1970, 1975	47.4	86.5
1982, 1985	51.0	91.0

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	reduction per child born	
Maternity leave	Six weeks before and 20 weeks after birth. Full pay	Six weeks before and eight weeks after birth. Full pay
Maternity grant	1,000 Marks	DM 100
Educational leave	Since 1976: one year; up to three years if no child care accessible. Pay between 90% and 65% (mothers only)	Since 1985 up to 18 months; max. DM 600 pay per month. Mothers or fathers can alternate once.
Paid leave to care for sick child	Four weeks per child (mothers only)	Five days per child (mothers or fathers)
Working hours	Entitlement for mothers with several children to a 3-hour reduction from 43.75 to 40 hours per week	No provision
Crèches	80% of all children under three, full-time	4% of children under three, full-time
Kindergarten	94% of 3-6 year olds, full-time	About 70% of 3-6 year olds, up to 3 hours per day
Care after school	81% of 6-10 year olds	3.6% of 6-10 year olds
Housework day	One day per month for all working mothers	No provision
Contraception	Free provision of contraceptives, including abortion	No free provision

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Cuba and Philadelphia



Literacy

Literacy in Cuba is nearly universal, with a rate of **99.8%**; in Philly, it's only **78%**. 24 public schools in were closed in Philadelphia in 2013 alone.



Life Expectancy

While the life expectancy in Cuba is **79 years**, the life expectancy in Philly is just **71 years**. It tends to be even lower in majority Black & Latinx neighborhoods.



Infant Mortality

While the infant mortality rate in Cuba is **4.83/1,000** births, in Philly it's **9.3/1000** for the general population, and **14/1000** for Black Philadelphians.



HIV Rate

Cuba's HIV rate is one of the lowest in the world at **0.2%**; the rate in Philadelphia is **1.28%**. Cuba is a world leader in HIV/AIDS research.



Police Brutality

At least 13 people were killed by Philly police in 2013 alone; socialist Cuba has no white supremacist police force, so brutality is unheard of.



Homelessness

While Cuba's subsidized housing program has resulted in a **0%** homelessness rate, there are **thousands** of homeless youth in Philadelphia every year.

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LEGACY OF FIDEL CASTRO AND THE CUBAN REVOLUTION

- 1. Only country in the Americas without child malnourishment**
- 2. Declared "international paradise" for infants by UNICEF**
- 3. Lowest child death rate in the Americas**
- 4. 130,000 medical school graduates since 1961**
- 5. Student:Teacher ratio of 10:1**
- 6. Eliminated homelessness**
- 7. Developed 4 vaccines against cancer**
- 8. 54% of the national budget is used for social services**
- 9. Sent 796 doctors and nurses to Liberia and Guinea.**
- 10. Best education system in Latin America**
- 11. One of the best human development indexes**
- 12. First country to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV**

AND ALL OF THIS UNDER AN EMBARGO BY THE MOST POWERFUL COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

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Where does the idea that a party is ever composed of one element, with the same unchanging interests rather than contradictory aspects come from? As marxists we should look at which element is dominant in the CCP and how this dominance is expressed.

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socialised elements of the state to allow private ownership such as was seen in the USSR?

- "In a country as big and as poor as ours, if we don't try to increase production, how can we survive? How is socialism superior, when our people have so many difficulties in their lives? The Gang of Four clamoured for "poor socialism" and "poor communism", declaring that communism was mainly a spiritual thing. That is sheer nonsense! We say that socialism is the first stage of communism. When a backward country is trying to build socialism, it is natural that during the long initial period its productive forces will not be up to the level of those in developed capitalist countries and that it will not be able to eliminate poverty completely. Accordingly, in building socialism we must do all we can to develop the productive forces and gradually eliminate poverty, constantly raising the people's living standards. Otherwise, how will socialism be able to triumph over capitalism? In the second stage, or the advanced stage of communism, when the economy is highly developed and there is overwhelming material abundance, we shall be able to apply the principle of from each according to his ability, to each according to his needs. If we don't do everything possible to increase production, how can we expand the economy? How can we demonstrate the superiority of socialism and communism? We have been making revolution for several decades and have been building socialism for more than three. Nevertheless, by 1978 the average monthly salary for our workers was still only 45 yuan, and most of our rural areas were still mired in poverty. Can this be called the superiority of socialism? That is why I insisted that the focus of our work should be rapidly shifted to economic development. A decision to this effect was made at the Third Plenary Session of the Eleventh Central Committee, and it represented an important turning point. Our practice since then has shown that this line is correct, as the whole country has taken on an entirely new look." - Deng Xiaoping

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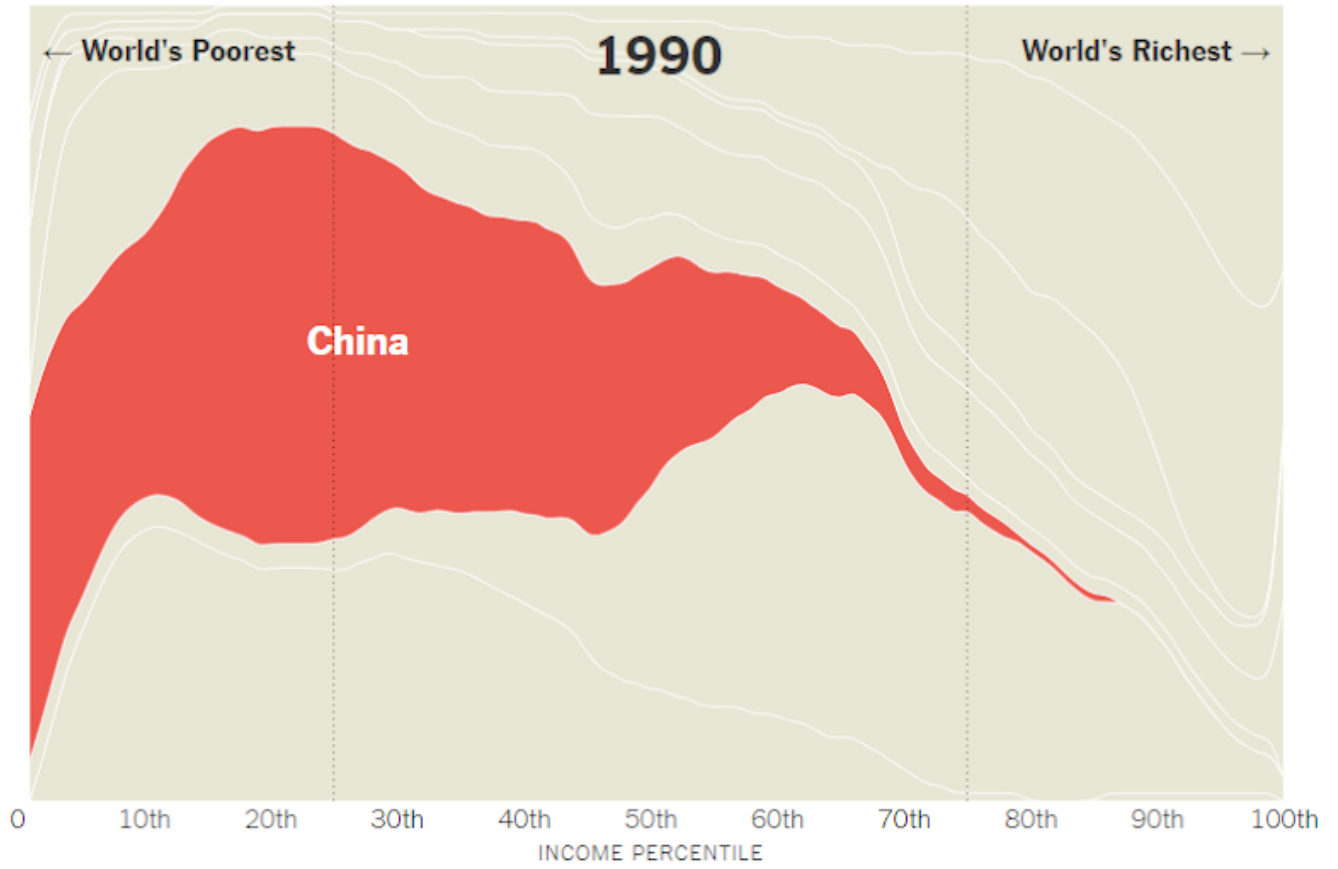
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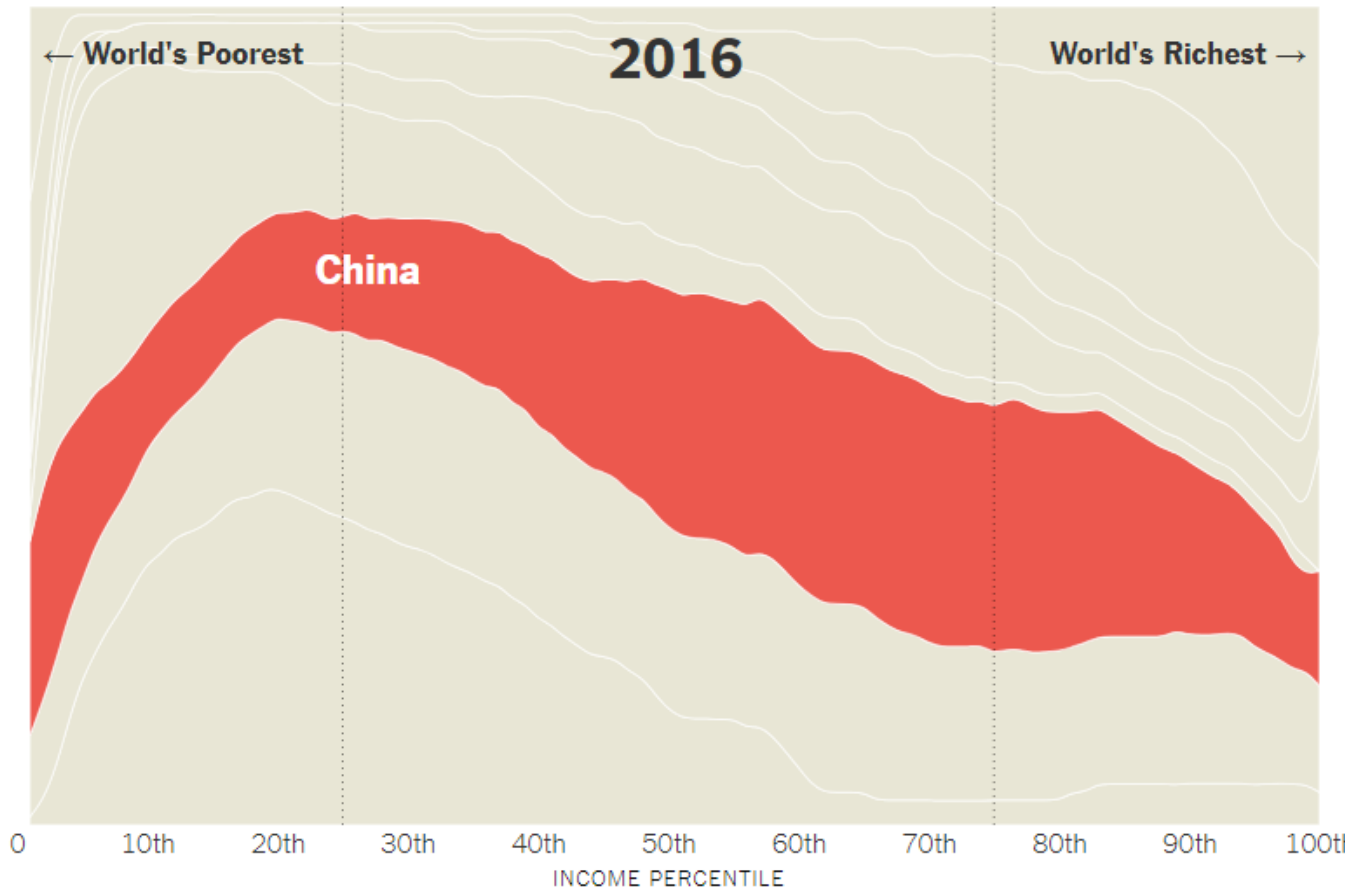
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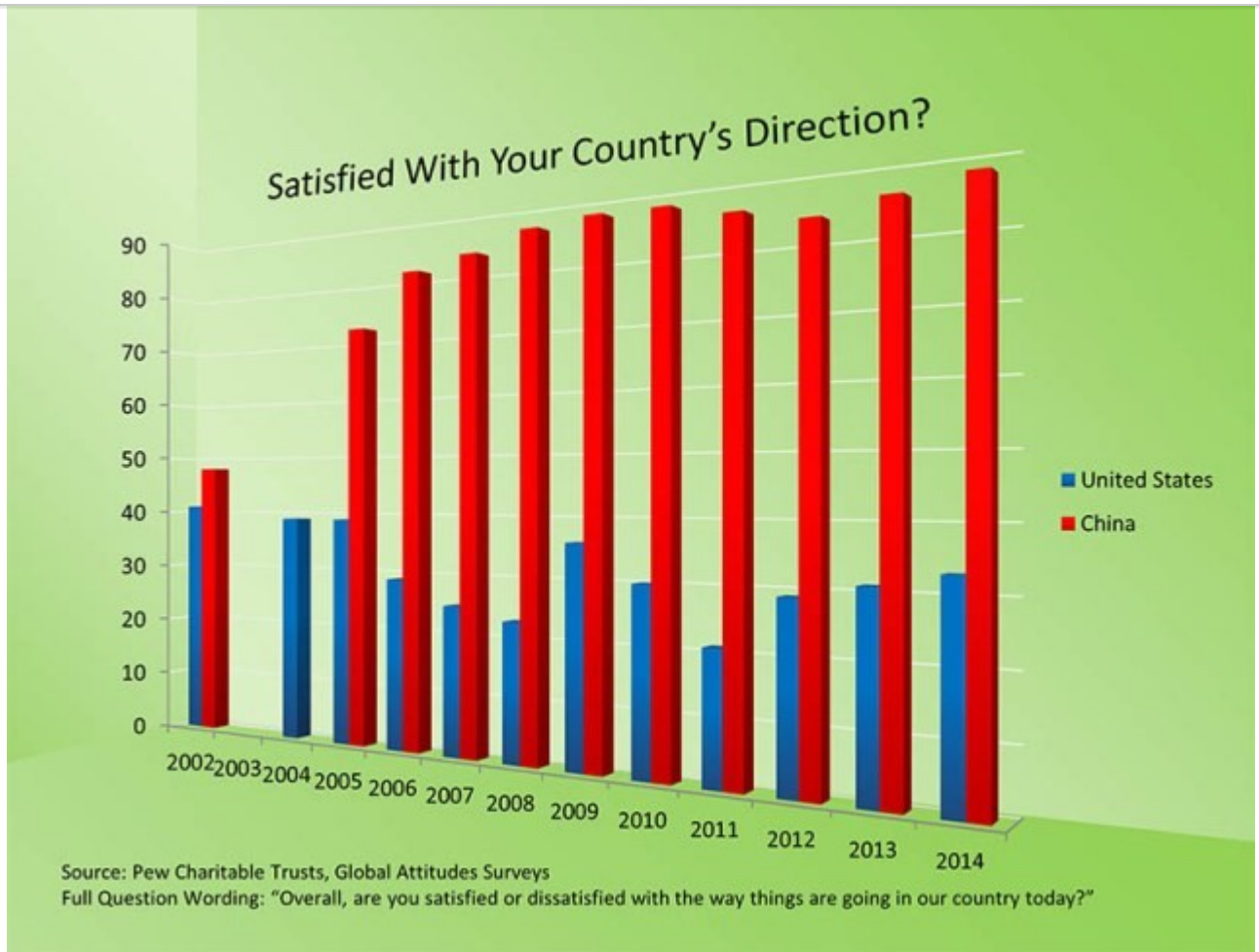


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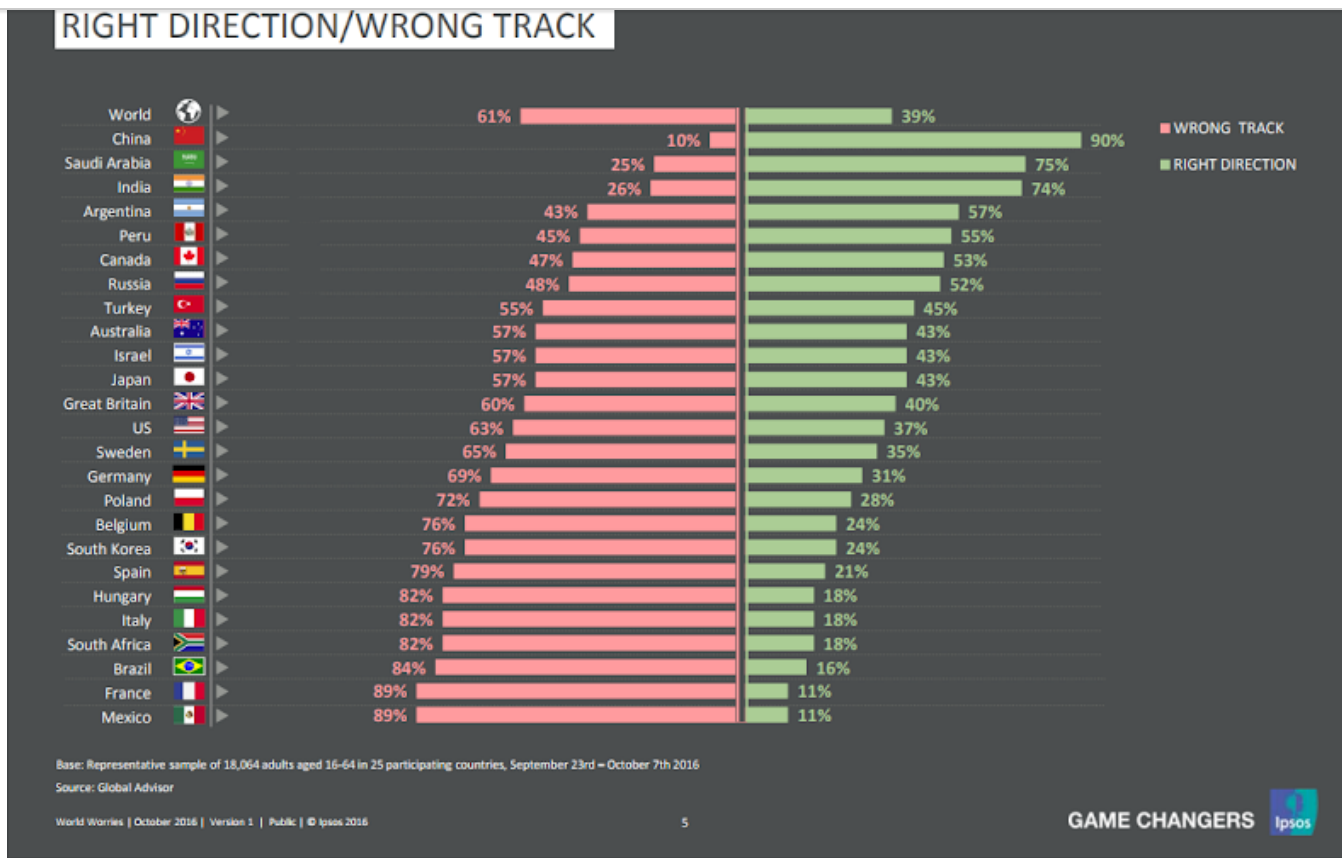
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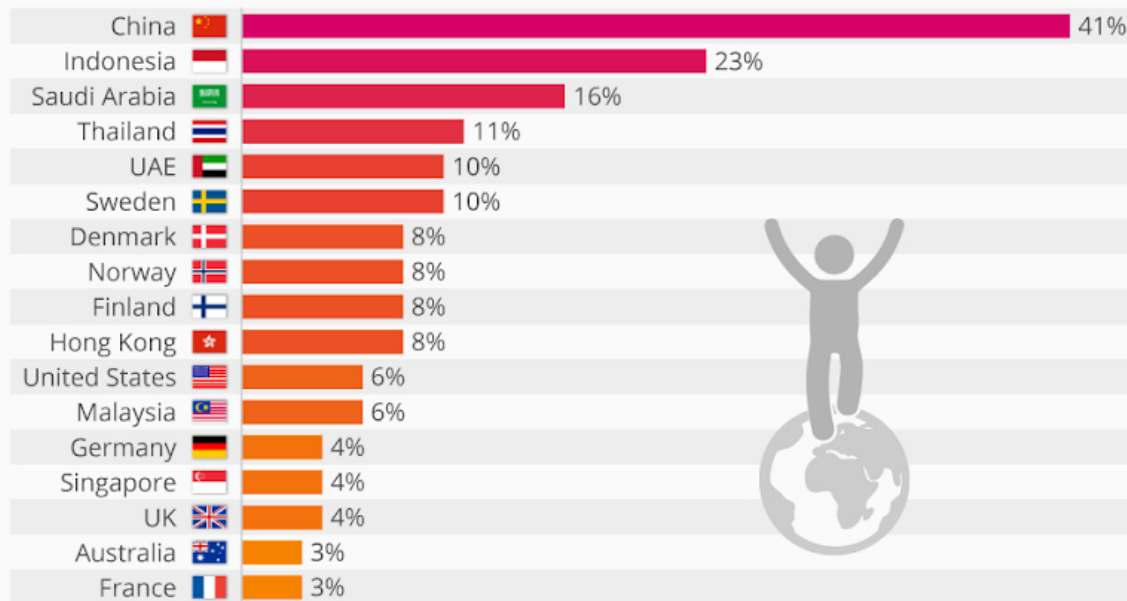


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The World's Most Optimistic Countries

% of people who think the world is getting better*



*November - December 2015; n = 18,235
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- The world's top economy: the US vs China in five charts

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2016/12/the-world-s-top-economy-the-us-vs-china-in-five-charts/>

- China's Global 500 companies are bigger than ever, and mostly state owned

<http://fortune.com/2015/07/22/china-global-500-government-owned/>

- Years of Trial, Turmoil and Triumph: China from 1949 to 1988, 1989 (scanned book)

<https://archive.org/details/YearsOfTrialTurmoilTriumph>

- Quality of life: India vs. China

<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/2011/05/12/quality-life-india-vs-china/>

- China and India - 13 charts that show how the countries compare

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/datablog/2014/sep/16/china-and-india-13-charts-that-show-how-the-countries-compare>

- The surprising rise of China as IP powerhouse

<https://techcrunch.com/2017/04/11/the-surprising-rise-of-china-as-ip-powerhouse/>

- China sends its top actors and directors back to Socialism school

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/12/01/china-sends-its-top-actors-and-directors-sent-back-to-socialism-school/?utm_term=.37db6f345c52

- Who has the world's No.1 economy? Not the U.S.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2017-10-18/who-has-the-world-s-no-1-economy-not-the-u-s>

- China upgrades reforms and opening up in new era

https://news.cgtn.com/news/3551544f33677a6333566d54/share_p.html

- **China reading list**

https://docs.google.com/document/d/16iw83noTdWvDiECaITX83rGhP_Iros8QdBTrNnCoe6c/edit?usp=sharing

Mao

- Can China ever move on from Mao Zedong? (read critically)

<https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/politics/article/2018050/can-china-ever-move-mao-zedong>

- Some points on Stalin and Mao

<https://marxistleninist.wordpress.com/2008/09/25/some-points-on-stalin-and-mao/>

- How did Mao and the Communists change China?

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- Monster or liberator? On the legacy of Mao Zedong
<http://www.invent-the-future.org/2013/12/monster-liberator-legacy-mao-zedong/>
- Quora: what are Mao Zedong's achievements?
<https://www.quora.com/What-were-Mao-Zedong-s-achievements>
- Mao reconsidered
<https://mronline.org/2017/10/18/mao-reconsidered/>
- Revolutionary leaders are not gods but human beings: on Mao's deviation
<https://stalinsmoustache.org/2017/11/13/revolutionary-leaders-are-not-gods-but-human-beings-on-maos-deviation/>
- Did Mao really kill millions during the Great Leap Forward?
<https://monthlyreview.org/commentary/did-mao-really-kill-millions-in-the-great-leap-forward/>
- The Battle for China's Past - a book about the Mao era
<https://esspressostalinist.files.wordpress.com/2010/12/battle-for-chinas-past.pdf>
- Chinese Socialism and the legacy of Maoism
<https://lonelyhourreflections.wordpress.com/2017/07/31/chinese-socialism-and-the-legacy-of-maoism/>
- Revisiting alleged 30 million famine deaths during China's Great Leap
<https://mronline.org/2011/06/26/revisiting-alleged-30-million-famine-deaths-during-chinas-great-leap/>
- Mao reconsidered
<https://mronline.org/2017/10/18/mao-reconsidered/>

Ghost cities?

- China's most famous "Ghost City" is rising from the desert
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/wadeshepard/2017/06/30/ordos-chinas-most-infamous-ex-ghost-city-continues-rising/#3f5852046877>
- Chinese Ghost Town's explained by Jeff J brown
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_FzuCjt8xYw

Hong Kong

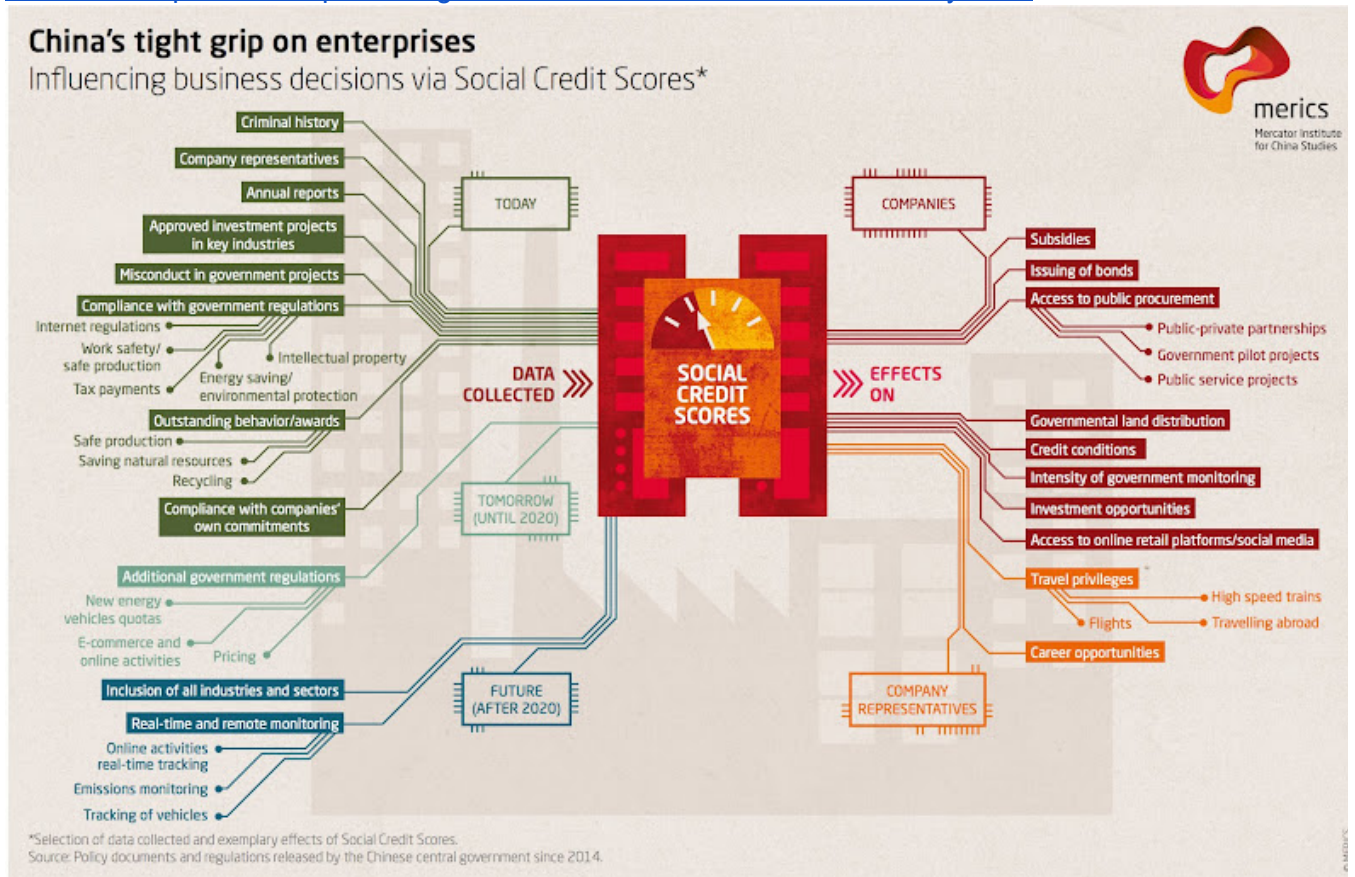
- Wikileaks: HK protests linked to US government
<https://www.telesur.tv/english/news/Wikileaks-HK-Protests-Linked-to-US-Government-20141002-0011.html>
- The horror of Hong Kong's coffin homes
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/aug/29/hong-kong-coffin-homes-horror-my-week>
- Hong Kong: 20% of residents live in poverty
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/nov/20/hong-kong-20-of-residents-live-in-poverty>
- Poverty in Hong Kong hits record high
<http://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/community/article/2120366/poverty-hong-kong-hits-7-year-high-one-five-people>
- What does it mean to be poor?
<http://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/community/article/2114946/explain-what-does-it-mean-be-poor-hong-kong-and-how-many>

Social Credit System

- China's Social Credit System
<https://poseidon01.ssrn.com/delivery.php?ID=8741211150730650030001161160>
- Podcast on Social Credit
<https://www.chinalawtranslate.com/social-credit-overview-podcast/>
- Thread by Ian Goodrum: "One source, infinite stories. A thread on Social Credit"

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- China's social credit system (focusing on transportation)
<https://twitter.com/isgoodrum/status/975536363364696064>
- Translated original social credit policy documents, detailing what punishments apply to what kind of offenses
<https://chinacopyrightandmedia.wordpress.com/2016/09/25/opinions-concerning-accelerating-the-construction-of-credit-supervision-warning-and-punishment-mechanisms-for-persons-subject-to-enforcement-for-trust-breaking/>
<https://chinacopyrightandmedia.wordpress.com/2018/03/17/opinions-concerning-appropriately-limiting-specific-gravely-untrustworthy-persons-from-riding-trains-for-a-certain-period-and-promoting-the-construction-of-the-social-credit-system/>
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- The People's Republic of China is refining a new method for auto-regulation of capitalist companies through Social Credit scoring.

While still under debate and an issue of controversy; this system is denounced in the West as an "orwellian machination" also because it is planned to be implemented foremost for capitalist companies.

This form of regulation of labour practices could reveal itself as dangerous as useful for the interests of the owners' class; rewarding good behavior by companies and their representatives all while punishing misconduct and unruliness.

This system of control is intended to provide important incentives for companies to respect the law and their employees, all while preventing corruption and mismanagement in SOEs

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A couple of points that I'd like to make:

1. The people being restricted are primarily business people who have broken the law, are refusing to pay fines, etc. Please check out the following articles:

<https://www.nytimes.com/.../china-blacklist-jia-yueting...>

<https://www.marketplace.org/.../social-credit-score-china...>

If you would like to read the list of people blacklisted, the chinese government posts it publicly (they intend to socially shame these people into complying with the law):

<http://shixin.court.gov.cn>

2. Restrictions are specifically on luxuries, not on anything essential for everyday life.

"Restrict persons subject to enforcement for trust-breaking and the legal representative, main responsible persons, actual controlling persons, as well as directly responsible persons influencing the performance of debt in persons subject to enforcement for trust-breaking from riding soft sleepers in trains, all seats in G-classed train sets, and all first-class seats in other train sets, civil aircraft and other such consumption that is not necessary for life or work."

<https://chinacopyrightandmedia.wordpress.com/.../opinion.../>

Articles above also list hotels 3 stars and above, first class seating on high-speed trains, etc. Just think for a second which class is being affected by this restriction, who are the people using these services?

Hopefully this will assist in some understanding of what is going on in China.

- 1. There is no "single score" that applies to individuals. The western media confuses the ID numbers used in the system with a score.
- 2. The system is mainly focused on businesses and corp. which cheat people or skirt corruption, consumer protection or environmental laws.
- 3. Where the law applies to individual people, they are only applied to people who have already been convicted of crimes like fraud, making bomb threats, defamation, tax evasion and corruption.
- 4. Punishments include not being able to purchase plane tickets or 1st class train tickets for up to one year and these punishments can only be applied after convictions and after appeals are exhausted and the court proves that the guilty party can pay the fine but refuses. The punishment is lifted once the guilty party makes an attempt to pay the fine.
- 5. Social Credit System is totally different from the "Sesame credit" system. The western media conflates these two all the time.

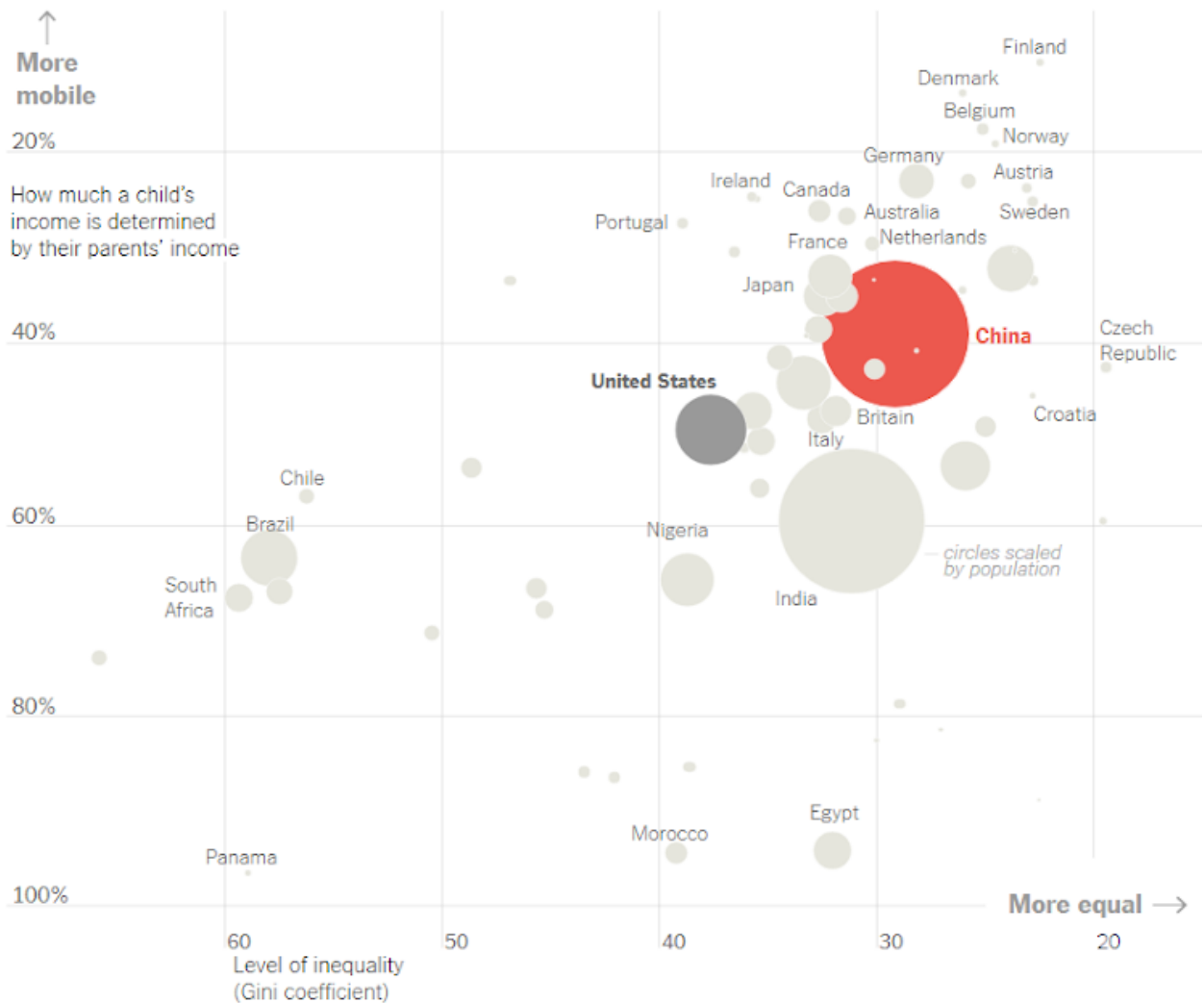
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Inequality

- The American Dream is alive..in China

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/11/18/world/asia/china-social-mobility.html>

But by some measures Chinese society is now the more equal of the two countries. Here are the world's major countries ordered by inequality and income mobility:



Source: The World Bank, [Fair Progress, Economic Mobility Across Generations Around the World](#)

- Information on the rural/urban divide (the largest driver of inequality in China, now being addressed)

<https://www.ft.com/content/fe86f76c-1215-11e8-8cb6-b9ccc4c4dbbb>

- Bourgeois sources often tell us that the People's Republic of China is a capitalist polity and economy. As main driver for the explanation, they tend to show us that inequality in the PRC is very high.

While both of these things (a partially capitalist economy and high inequality) might be partially true; it is important to note that the explanation provided is not good enough to

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the egregious increase in inequality is fundamentally due to geographic, inter-regional economic inequality, based upon divergent and chronologically ordered development strategies and hence different development levels at a given time.

Indeed, the PRC is a highly inegalitarian country if analysed overall, in economic terms. But this mainly across regions.

Intra-regional inequality is - if compared to western countries - relatively very low.

Furthermore, the main explanation for the total inter-regional inequality and inequality between Urban and Rural areas; is mainly due to the following reasons:

The People's Republic of China has followed, since the first implementation of Deng's reforms in the 1970s; a multiple developmental strategy axed around different economic regions.

First, there was the Coastal Development Strategy, a direct consequence of the Open Door Policy in the 1970s, that accelerated and focused reform and economic growth in the regional, coastal provinces.

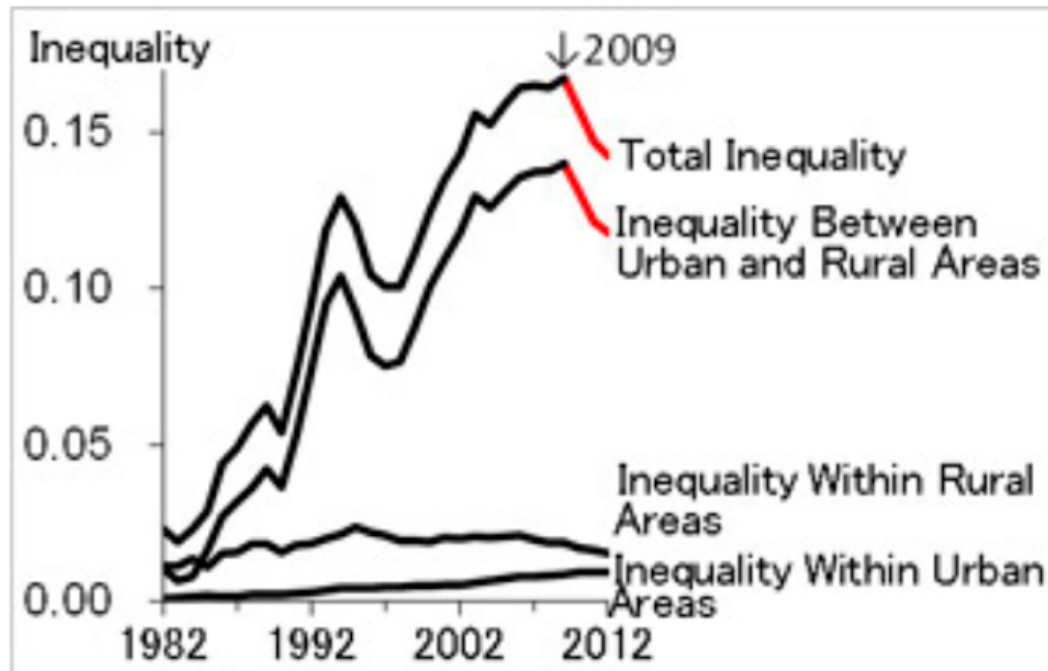
Second, the Rise of Central China plan announced by Wen Jiabao in 2004 focuses in the development of the central inland provinces such as Shanxi, Henan, Anhui, Hubei, Hunan and Jiangxi.

Third, the North East Area Revitalization Plan also began in the 2000s, under the direction of Wen Jiabao. It focuses on the provinces of Heilongjiang, Jilin, Liaoning, as much as five eastern prefectures of Inner Mongolia.

Fourth, the Great Western Development Strategy had been conceptualized already in the 1970s but is starting to be implemented in the 2010s; and includes the development of all the remaining western provinces (Gansu, Guizhou, Qinghai, Shaanxi, Sichuan and Yunnan) and prefectures and autonomous regions (Guangxi, Inner Mongolia, Ningxia, Tibet and Xinjiang) and Chongqing.

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Urban and Rural Areas



Source) Estimates by author based on Department of Urban Society and Economic Statistics, National Bureau of Statistics of China, *the China Urban Life and Price Yearbook* (each year's edition), China Statistics Press, etc.

Note) Estimates by the mean logarithmic deviation (weighted by population)

- China's GINI coefficient peaked in 2008, dropping since

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2018/0206/c90000-9424307.html>

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China has seen great progress in the past five years, becoming the world's second-largest economy and with per capita GDP increasing to \$7,800. Agricultural production has risen continually and the proportion of permanent residents in urban areas reached 55 percent.



Various systems to be improved in the next five years. National governance ability to be further enhanced through modernization, and basic systems to be set up in each industry. Nation to be more democratic and rule of law and judicial credibility to be implemented and boosted. Human rights and property rights to be protected effectively.



Competition to be further improved in national monopoly sectors, including electricity, telecommunications, transportation, petroleum, natural gas and public services.



Cyber-economy to be further expanded and Internet Plus plan implemented. Network speed to be increased and fees lowered, along with support for innovation in cyberspace of related industries, business methods, supply chains and logistics chains.



Increased autonomy for universities and research institutes. Project leaders to have more freedom to make strategic decisions, including on financial and personnel administration.



New-style professional farmers to be nurtured. Reform of the rural land system to deepen and the orderly transition of land operational rights promoted.



Most-stringent policies to be adhered to for protection of cultivated land to boost capacity and ensure grain security.



Fiscal reform to be strengthened. Responsibilities of the central government and other authorities to be moderately strengthened to approve allocation of their income.



Financial reform to be accelerated. The issuance and trading system for stocks and bonds to be improved.



A new urbanization method will be pushed, focusing on improving livelihoods and deepening reform of the household registration system.

Reform of security commission to be speeded up.



Online cultural building to be enhanced, positive culture in cyberspace encouraged and the online environment cleaned up. Mixed development of traditional media and new media to be promoted and digitalization accelerated.



Reform of the military to be speeded up, with the goal of establishing a modern military system with Chinese characteristics by 2020.



Clean production to be promoted and green and low-carbon industry systems set up. Green finance to be promoted and a green development fund established.



Audit system proposed for officials who leave their current posts, taking environmental protection into consideration. Officials' efforts to protect natural resources to form part of their performance appraisal.



Use of new energy vehicles to be promoted and the industrialization level of electric cars improved.



The strictest management system for water resources to be implemented and a national monitoring system established for groundwater.



A nationwide real-time online environmental monitoring system to be set up and an emission permit system will cover all companies with stationary pollution sources.



Forest protection plan to be improved, with commercial deforestation banned and forested areas increased. The amount of land returned to farmland and forest areas to be expanded and pasture protection improved.



Financial markets to be opened further. RMB's inclusion in the IMF's special drawing rights basket to be promoted to achieve convertible capital account.



International coordination of macro-economic policy to be strengthened. An active role to be played in rule-making in new fields such as the internet, deep-sea and polar areas, and outer space.



Increased invest-

ment channels to be explored to combat poverty.



Innovative teaching abilities to be raised to ensure some universities meet world standards. Modern vocational school system to be set up and universities encouraged to transform into vocational schools.



Cooperation encouraged between schools and enterprises to train skilled workers. Skilled workers' salaries to be increased.



Social insurance system to be improved to cover all residents living in China legally. Insurance rates to be lowered to a reasonable level.



Reasonable adjustments to the pension fund. Investment channels for this fund to be increased and investment returns raised.



Policies to be issued on raising the retirement age progressively. Progress to be made on commercial old-age care insurance and occupational or corporate pension plans.



Full implementation of the supplementary health insurance program proposed for jobless rural and urban residents suffering from major diseases. Retirees who live at places other than their workplaces to have hospitalization fees reimbursed under basic health insurance.



Advancing comprehensive reform of public hospitals proposed, ending the system used to seek profits. A personnel and remuneration system to be set up that is appropriate for the health industry. This calls for optimized distribution of health resources, an improved basic health service, and for health resources to be promoted at rural and grassroots level.



Full implementation of fertility policy advocated, allowing all couples to have two children. Improvements to reproductive health services, women's and children's healthcare and nursing services also proposed.



Leadership's knowledge structure to become more professional. Reform of human resources to be further deepened.



National population basic information database proposed, along with improvements to

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Anti-Corruption drive

- Anbang chairman Wu Xiaohui jailed for 18 years
<http://money.cnn.com/2018/05/09/news/companies/anbang-chairman-wu-xiaohui-prison/index.html>
- China's new anti-corruption body
<https://www.facebook.com/trendinginchina/videos/1175989245837890/>
- It's open season on corrupt officials in China
<https://news.vice.com/article/its-open-season-on-corrupt-officials-in-china>
- China State-Owned Enterprises' chiefs face 50% salary cuts as Xi Jinping launches reform
<http://www.ibtimes.com/china-state-owned-enterprises-chiefs-face-50-salary-cuts-xi-jinping-launches-reform-1664810>
- Senior officials role 'crucial' - Xi
<http://www.ecns.cn/2018/01-06/287205.shtml>
- China Telecom boss sentenced to six years
<http://www.scmp.com/tech/enterprises/article/2096382/former-china-telecom-boss-chang-xiaobing-sentenced-six-years>
- China jails former Iron and Steel boss for 17 years
<http://www.scmp.com/news/china/policies-politics/article/2091533/china-jails-former-baoshan-iron-steel-official-17-years>
- China is cracking down on foreign companies, British pharma exec latest target
<https://qz.com/209329/china-is-cracking-down-on-foreign-companies-and-a-british-pharma-exec-is-its-latest-target/>
- Land of less pay: China combats corruption through pay cap
<https://www.worldfinance.com/strategy/china-the-land-of-less-pay>

Billionaires, private companies, regulation (etc)

- Ian Goodrum: There is no such thing as a private sector independent of politics. Communist Party committees and the Chinese enterprise
<https://threadreaderapp.com/thread/1026976507007135744.html>
- China's big conglomerates are no longer buying up the world
<http://money.cnn.com/2018/02/23/investing/wanda-hna-anbang-buyers-turned-sellers/index.html?iid=EL>
- Anbang arrest demonstrates Beijing's hostility to business
<https://www.ft.com/content/11718ee8-1bab-11e8-aaca-4574d7dabfb6>
- China's battle plan against tycoons prompts Xiao Jianhua firm to sell US\$23 billion of assets
<http://www.scmp.com/news/china/economy/article/2136378/chinas-battle-plan-against-tycoons-prompts-xiao-jianhua-firm-sell>
- China sends its billionaires a chilling message
<https://www.ft.com/content/4335d364-e7d4-11e6-893c-082c54a7f539>
- Why do Chinese billionaires keep ending up in prison?
<https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2013/01/why-do-chinese-billionaires-keep-ending-up-in-prison/272633/>
- China economy - Grey Rhino's
<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/23/business/china-economy-gray-rhinos.html>
- Exile Billionaire Guo Wengui wants regime change in Beijing

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<http://www.scmp.com/news/china/economy/article/2136644/commercial-bank-shareholders-targeted-china-steps-scrutiny>

- China vows tighter rules to clip wings of big finance firms

<http://www.scmp.com/news/china/economy/article/2136541/china-vows-tighter-rules-clip-wings-big-finance-firms>

Xi, Governance, Political education, etc

- Fidel Castro: Xi Jinping is one of the strongest and most capable revolutionary leaders I have met in my life

<https://stalinsmoustache.org/2018/09/05/fidel-castro-xi-jinping-is-one-of-the-strongest-and-most-capable-revolutionary-leaders-i-have-met-in-my-life/>

- Xi asks labor unions to protect workers' rights

<http://en.acftu.org/28623/201405/12/140512173707181.shtml>

- Thread by Ian Goodrum - on changes to China's constitution (excellent thread)

<https://twitter.com/isgoodrum/status/968678705760382976>

- Most of what we hear about China is Red Scare, Yellow Peril propaganda

<http://armedwithapen.com/anti-china-propaganda/>

- Xi Jinping's Speech on the Bicentennial of Marx's Birth

<https://www.facebook.com/PresidentXiDeleteThis/posts/201906490421749>

- The benefits of lifting the presidential and vice-presidential term limits in China

<https://stalinsmoustache.org/2018/04/07/the-benefits-of-lifting-the-presidential-and-vice-presidential-term-limits-in-china/>

- Why Xi's lifting of presidential term limits is a good thing

<http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1096416.shtml>

- Behind Xi Jinpings' call for a return to Marxism

<https://www.workers.org/2013/07/20/behind-xi-jinpings-call-for-a-return-to-marxism/>

- Xi calls for profound understanding of Marxism

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/29/c_136649342.htm

- China will re-educate government officials in Marxist theory and ideology

<https://news.vice.com/article/china-will-re-educate-government-officials-to-remind-them-that-communism-is-awesome>

- Chinese journalists required to receive education in Marxism

<http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/832671.shtml#.UrE5HvQW1HV>

- China orders nations journalists to take Marxism classes

<http://www.scmp.com/news/china-insider/article/1299795/china-orders-nations-journalists-take-marxism-classes>

- China steps up ideology drive on college campuses

<http://archive.is/6a1lf>

- China says political education for students now back on track

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-parliament-education/china-says-political-education-for-students-now-back-on-track-idUSKCN1GS0DI>

- Marxism matters in China, even in schools

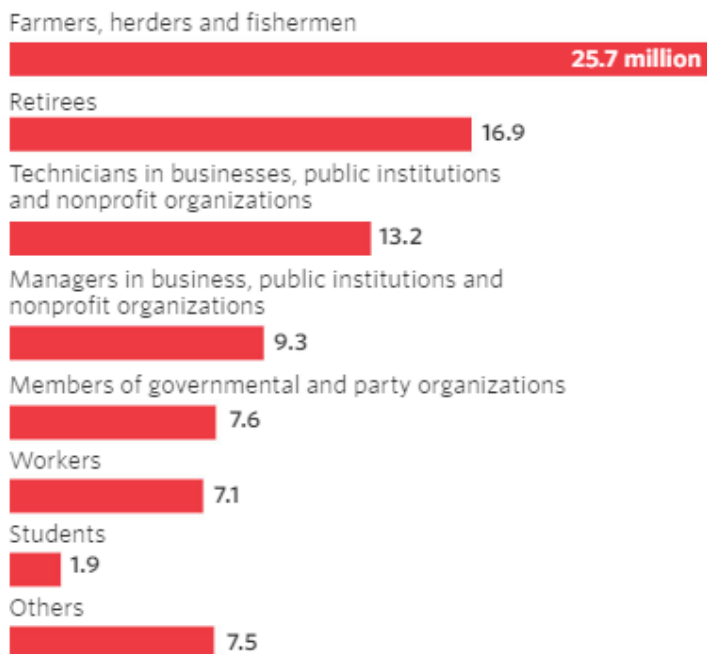
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Mixing Business and Politics

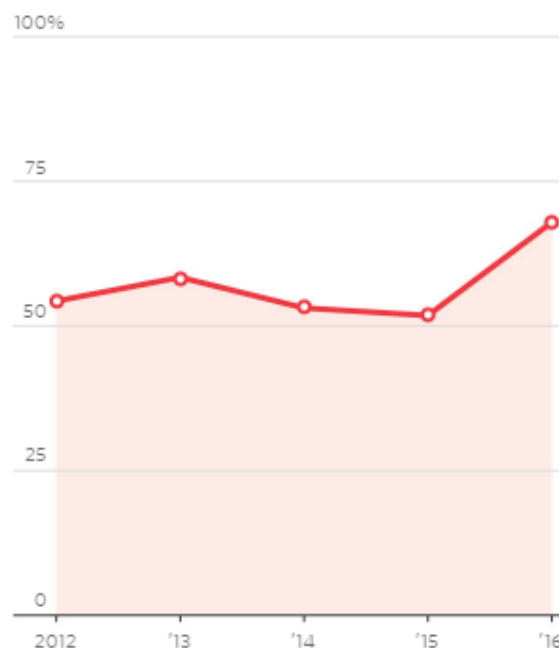
China's President Xi Jinping is pushing to expand Communist Party influence over privately owned businesses.

Chinese Communist Party composition, 2016



Source: Organization Department of the Communist Party of China

Percentage of privately owned enterprises with party branches



- China's Communist Party extends reach into foreign companies
<http://www.straitstimes.com/asia/east-asia/chinas-communist-party-extends-reach-into-foreign-companies>
- How Communist Party controls China's state owned industrial titans
<http://www.scmp.com/news/china/economy/article/2098755/how-communist-party-controls-chinas-state-owned-industrial-titans>
- Martin Jacques on China: how will the CPC continue to innovate?
https://news.cgtn.com/news/3363444f34637a6333566d54/share_p.html
- Chinese enterprises write Communist Party's role into charters
<https://asia.nikkei.com/print/article/287096>
- China's super-rich lose political clout - standing falls under Xi Jinping
<https://www.ft.com/content/6e012f42-1dae-11e8-aaca-4574d7dabfb6>
- New CPC rules to expel members who express support for bourgeois liberalization online
<http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1120889.shtml>

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- China's robot uprising
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- Land of less pay: China combats corruption through pay cap
<https://www.worldfinance.com/strategy/china-the-land-of-less-pay>

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[raises-doubts-about-future](#)

- As trade war escalates, China intensifies role of state-owned enterprises
<https://www.scmp.com/economy/china-economy/article/2163927/trade-war-escalates-china-intensifies-role-state-owned>
- China's factory crackdown masks a sweeping takeover by the state
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-23/china-s-factory-crackdown-masks-a-sweeping-takeover-by-the-state>
- China spent an estimated \$279 billion on R&D last year
https://www.cnbc.com/2018/02/26/china-spent-an-estimated-279-billion-on-rd-last-year.html?_source=sharebar|facebook&par=sharebar
- Progress in China (very good video)
[Progress in China video](#)
- Road-building rage to leave U.S. in the dust
<https://blogs.wsj.com/chinarealtime/2011/01/18/road-building-rage-to-leave-us-in-dust/>
- China says it created a France-sized pile of new jobs since 2012
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-12-29/china-says-it-created-a-france-sized-pile-of-new-jobs-since-2012>
- China's future megaprojects (2016-2050's) (ignore the painful anti-communist tropes)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNE7VPtvfbl>
- Can China eliminate poverty by 2020?
<https://www.facebook.com/ChinaGlobalTVNetwork/videos/2148619665178842/>
- Chinas subway boom slows down (ignore headline)
https://www.citylab.com/transportation/2018/02/chinas-subway-boom-slows-down/552935/?utm_source=fb
- 40 Chinese third-tier cities plan to build subway systems
<https://www.yicai.com/news/over-40-chinese-third-tier-cities-plan-build-subway-systems>

Chinese foreign relations

- The Long Game and its contradictions
<https://medium.com/@leohezhaio/the-long-game-and-its-contradictions-8ff92823cf68>
- Russia and China are not imperialist
<http://www.greenvillepost.com/2015/05/06/russia-and-china-are-not-imperialist/>
- Why China is suddenly seeking Filipino English teachers
<http://www.scmp.com/week-asia/business/article/2145796/why-china-suddenly-seeking-filipino-english-teachers>
- Why China develops relations with countries like the Phillipines:

Jude Woodward, a regular visitor and lecturer in China, shows the desperate measures that the US is taking to try to isolate China, block its economic progress and surround it militarily. But she also shows this policy is failing. China is not accepting control by foreign multi-nationals; it is continually developing trade and investment links with the rest of Asia; and, with the exception of Abe's Japan, it is succeeding in keeping the Asian capitalist states ambivalent between China's 'butter' and America's 'arms'. As a result, China has been able to maintain its independence from US imperialism and global capitalism like no other state.

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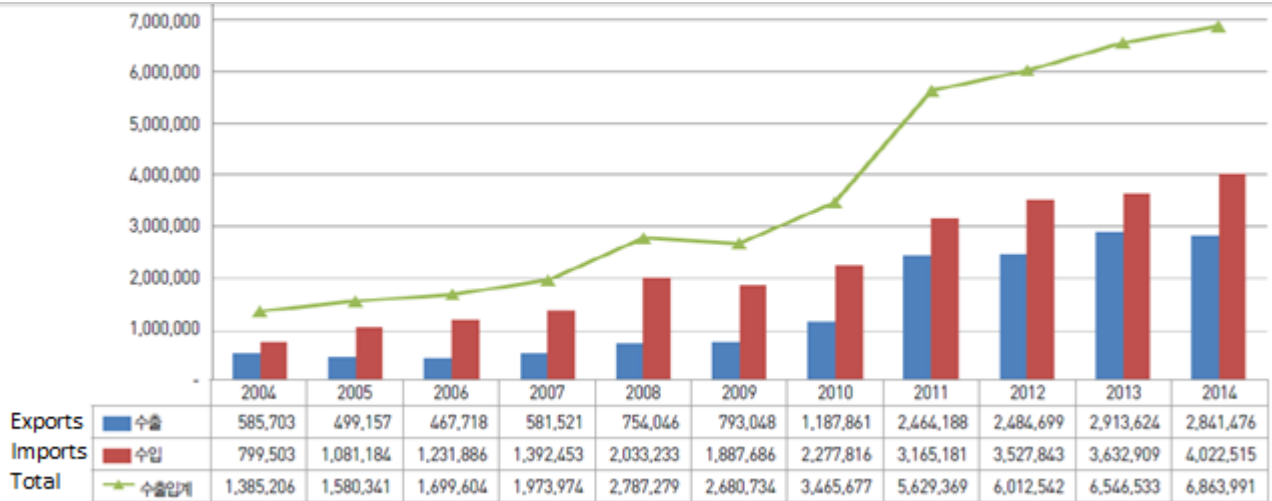
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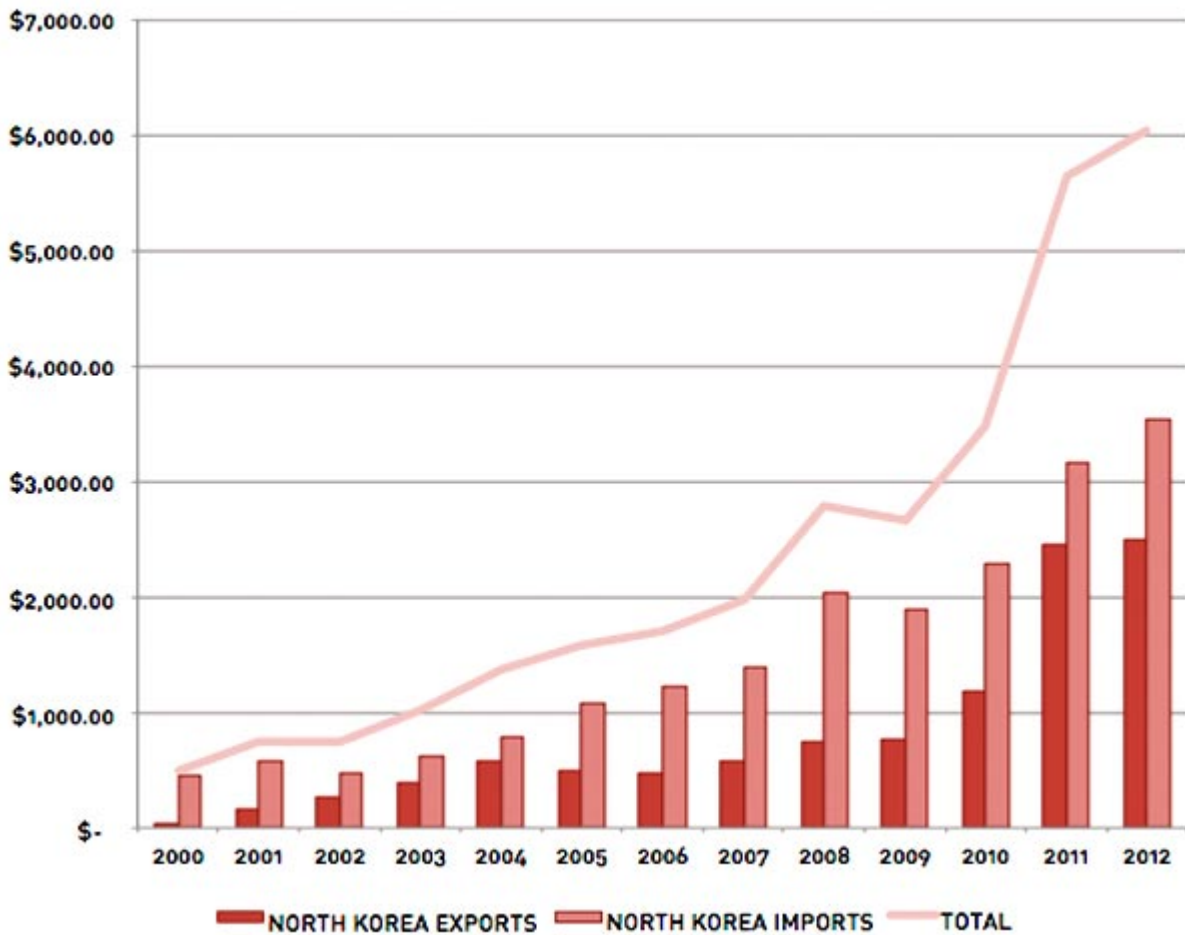
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자료원: GTA

CHINA - DPRK TRADE (IN MILLIONS)



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In the South China Sea, Vietnam has 25 installations, the Philippines 10, Malaysia 7, Taiwan 2 – a total of 44 versus China's eight! (Image by scmp.com)

- Quid Pro Quo: Operation Pacific Eagle-Philippines in exchange for support for Duterte's corrupt regime

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Percent Local Employees, Key Chinese enterprises and projects in Africa



Chinese enterprises in Africa (2013)



Chinese projects in Africa (2010)



Chinese companies in Ethiopia (2011)



Middle-East and North Africa Chinese companies in Zambia (2012)



Survey of 36 Chinese state-owned companies in Namibia (2013)



Survey of 75 Chinese companies in Kenya (2014)

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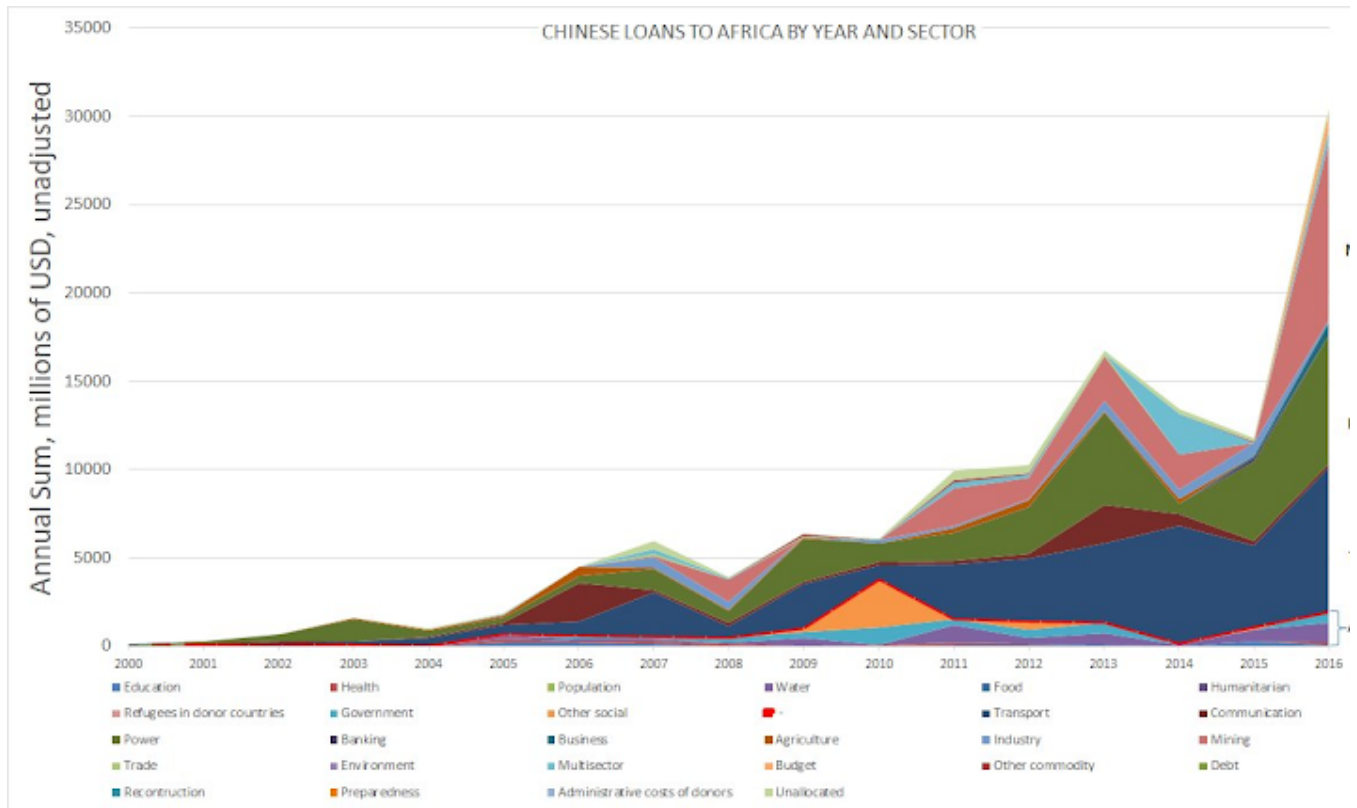


63% of Africans surveyed says China has a somewhat or very **positive** influence on their country.

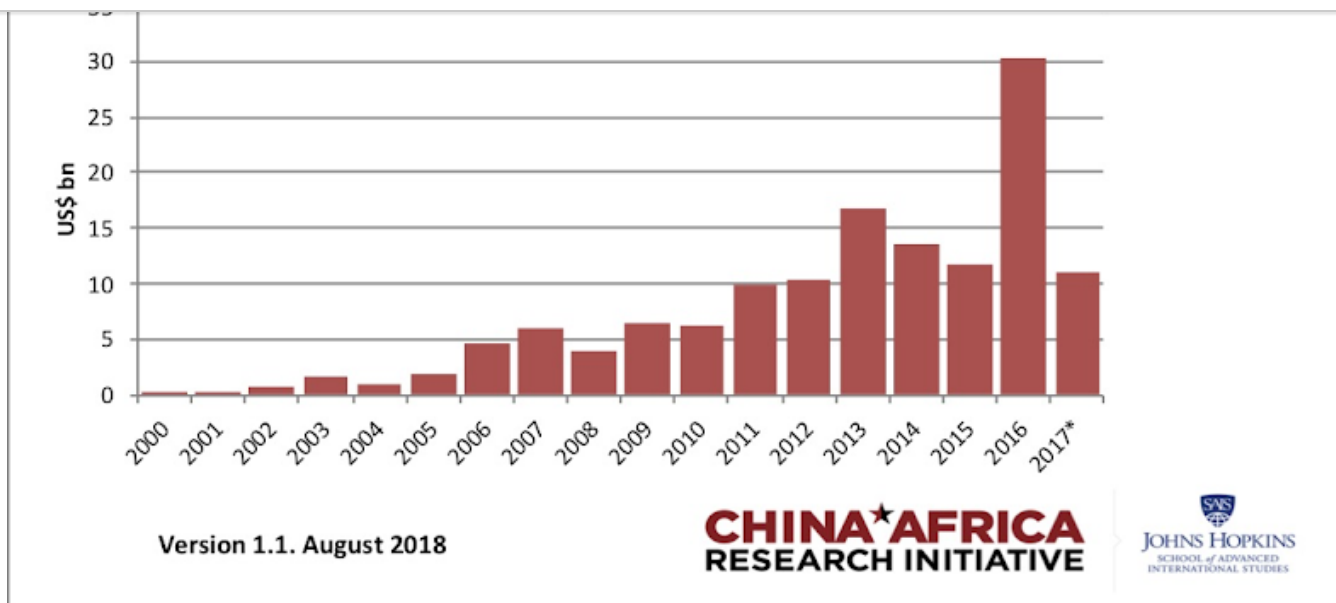


15% says China's influence is somewhat or **very negative**.

CNN Source: Afrobarometer



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- China and Africa - Abayomi Azikiwe

"As anti-imperialists and socialists, even if we don't totally agree with the political and economic process going on in China, we have to work to refute these imperialist attacks and propaganda against China as a means of our solidarity with Africa. Because Africa has a right, just like any other formerly colonized and oppressed region of the world, to choose their own economic partners, their own political relationships, and this should be defended by the anti-war and anti-imperialist movement"

"With specific reference to Africa, a report issued by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in 2010 it noted 'that trade between Africa and China had increased by 1,000 percent during the period 2000-2008. Today (2010) China accounts for 11 percent of the continent's external trade, with the bulk of transactions taking place in the sectors of primary products, including fuel and minerals.' (Africa and Imperialism, Abayomi Azikiwe, 2011)

In the same above-mentioned article by this writer, it states that 'In contrast to the legacy of trade between Africa and the Western imperialist states, trade with China has been important in fostering economic and social development. UNCTAD economist Janvier Nkurunziza refutes allegations by Western-based media sources that China's increasing role in Africa is not benefitting the continent.'

Nkurunziza says, 'The challenge is for Africa to find ways to harness and manage this relationship for better development outcomes.' Nkurunziza does not perceive China's growing relationship with Africa as a 'new form of colonialism,' arguing that this emerging economic cooperation was based on the principles of 'mutual respect, reciprocal benefits, respect for sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs' of the continent. (Engineering News, June 18, 2010)

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With the development of China-Africa relations in the most recent period, the U.S. and its agents are attempting to distort the character of these joint projects. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton visited Africa during 2012 and stated indirectly that China represented a colonial threat to the continent.

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Africa and therefore has no moral basis for any criticism or condemnation of China's role on the continent.

The recent wave of militarism on the continent of Africa is in part based on efforts by U.S. imperialism to stifle and reverse China's partnership with the continent. These military threats and campaigns by the U.S. are also being replicated in Asia and the South Pacific as well.

The deployment of U.S. naval forces in the South China Sea, the escalation of hostilities against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the dispatching of military troops to Australia are all aimed at attempts to 'contain China.' The provocative claims of the Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel charging China with 'cyber espionage' against the U.S. is following the same hostile line of confrontation against Beijing.

Anti-imperialist and anti-war forces inside the U.S. must defend China against these unwarranted claims and provocations. Genuine left organizations inside the U.S. and other imperialist states must push for a principled stand by progressive forces towards China."

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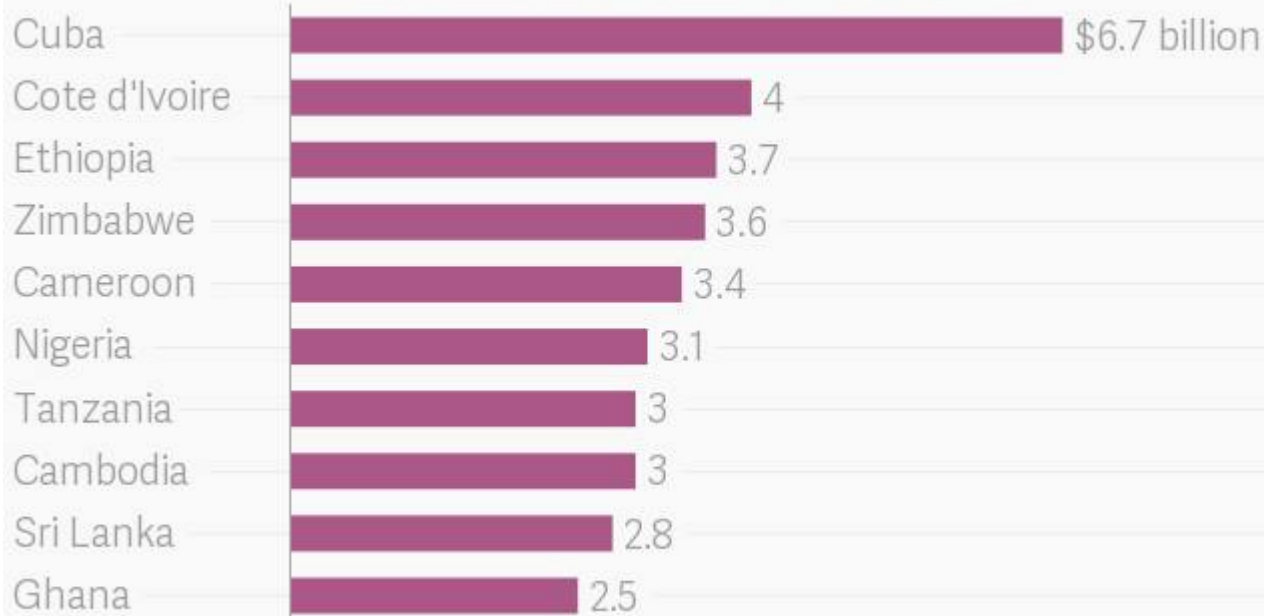
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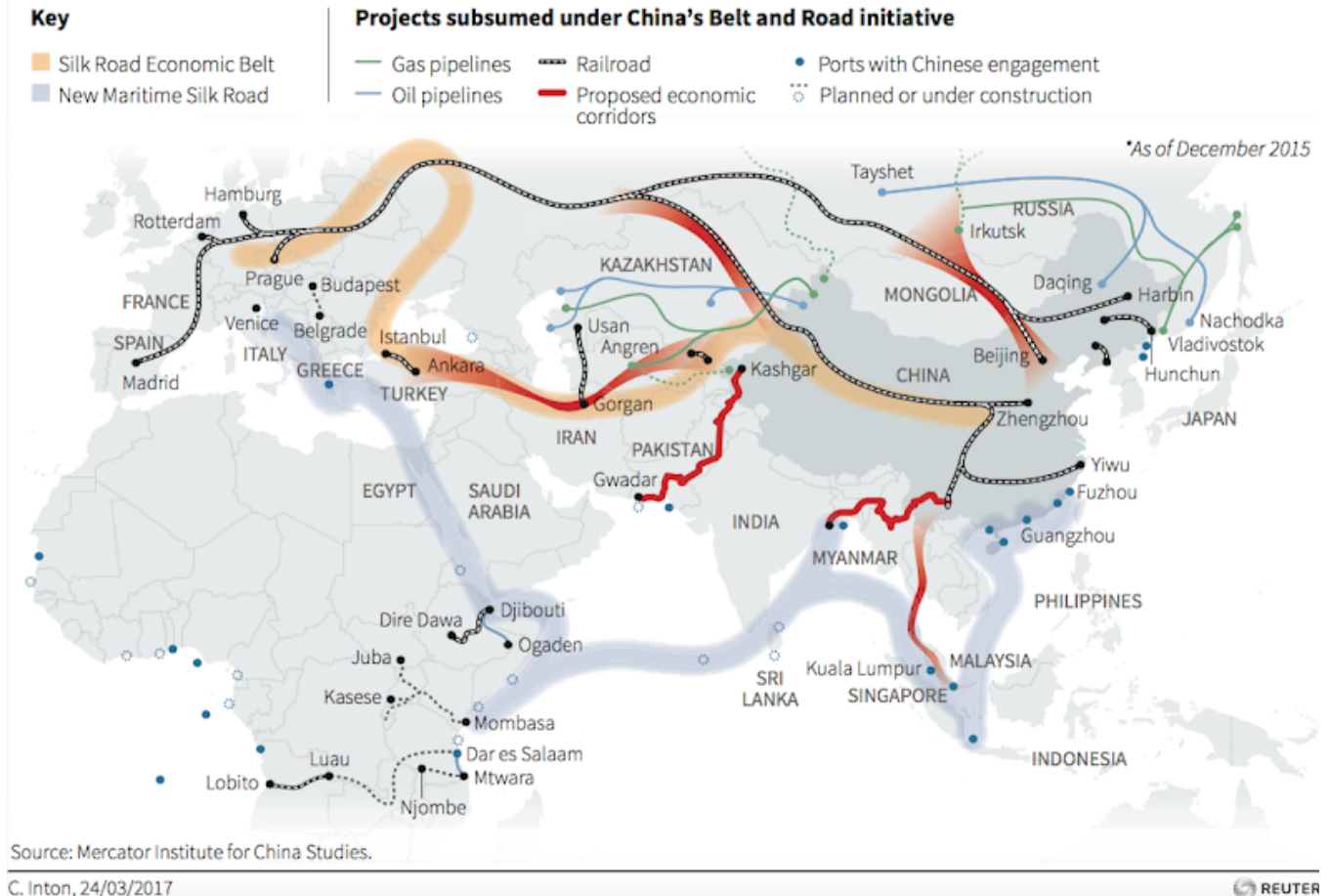
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Announced by Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2013, the Silk Road initiative, also known as China's Belt and Road initiative, aims to invest in infrastructure projects including railways and power grids in central, west and southern Asia, as well as Africa and Europe.



- Ok, what is the Hambantota Port?

It's a port in Sri Lanka constructed between 2008 and 2010, with Chinese and Sri Lankan capital, built by China Harbour Engineering Company and Sinohydro Corporation, with a majority of Chinese capital (85%). The port was conceived in 2003 by the Sri Lankan government as part of a project to develop the area of Hambantota and China was chosen as a partner in this project. [1]

The port turned out less profitable than expected and, as a result, the Sri Lankan government started to have problems in paying off the debt that was contracted with China to build the facilities. So, in a visit to China, the Sri Lankan prime minister negotiated the debt by leasing the port, with 70% of the shares being controlled by CMPort, a Chinese company, and the remaining 30% being controlled by Sri Lanka's firm SLPA[2]. For this lease, China paid approx 1 billion dollars to Sri Lanka, and has agreed to invest 1.1 billion dollars in the PPP with Sri Lankan government. [3][4]

It is obvious that this isn't a "predatory move" from China nor a "handout" from Sri Lanka. This was a negotiated deal between two nations (the USA and its allies absolutely hate this kind of thing) where the best outcome for both parties was agreed upon.

Oh, and the lease was signed in 2017. Why is this appearing on the news now? It's because the USA government sanctions against China aren't working and they are

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Addressing a press conference in Colombo recently Deputy Economic Development Minister Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena said, "While the HSBC, for example, was offering loans with 9% interest rates, China has been offering loans for very low rates, such as 1% or even 0.5%,".

However according to Finance Ministry sources, multilateral donor agencies such as the World Bank, and the Asian Development Bank provide soft loans at a very low interest rates ranging from 0.25 %, 2% or 3%. But these agencies stipulate strict conditions.

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Quality of life under Socialism

General

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Stalinist era is discussed. To say that “socialism doesn’t work” is to overlook the fact that it did. In Eastern Europe, Russia, China, Mongolia, North Korea, and Cuba, revolutionary communism created a life for the mass of people that was far better than the wretched existence they had endured under feudal lords, military bosses, foreign colonizers, and Western capitalists. The end result was a dramatic improvement in living conditions for hundreds of millions of people on a scale never before or since witnessed in history.

State socialism transformed desperately poor countries into modernized societies in which everyone had enough food, clothing, and shelter; where elderly people had secure pensions; and where all children (and many adults) went to school and no one was denied medical attention. Some of us from poor families who carry around the hidden injuries of class are much impressed by these achievements and are unwilling to dismiss them as merely “economistic.”

- Michael Parenti

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Europe can be more attributed to the economic failure of the system in existence there prior to communism than to the mistakes and problems of communism itself.

In particular, prior to communism, Eastern Europe had had substantially lower economic output per capita than Western Europe and the USA (Mead, 1994). For instance, the gross national product (GNP) per capita of Russia was about 10% of that of the USA during peacetime before communism in 1913 (Gregory, 1982), and GNP per capita was even lower by the time of the communist revolution there in 1917 (Hutchings, 1982). Thereafter, real GNP per capita in the Soviet Union under communism caught up significantly, rising to 31% of USA GNP per capita by 1991 (UN, 1994).¹ That performance occurred despite the very destructive Foreign Interventionist Civil War of 1918-22 (Krivoshchev, 1997), which reduced Soviet output by about half (Hutchings, 1982), and despite the almost as destructive Nazi invasion of 1941-44, which reduced Soviet GNP by over 20% (Maddison, 1969).² After growing faster than the USA in all peaceful decades up to the political collapse of Eastern Europe in 1990,³ Russia's economy deteriorated enormously following the capitalist takeover by Yeltsin, with real GNP falling by about 50% between 1991 and 1996 (IMF, 1997a). A comparison of real economic growth rates in the Soviet Union and the USA shortly before and after the collapse of Eastern European communism in 1990 is provided in Table 2:

(from Triumph of Evil by Austin Murphy)

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130 countries ranked, with the 130th the most developed (in this case Japan with 0.996). An index of 1 would be perfect.

The GDR ranks 110th with 0.953

Czechoslovakia ranks 106th with 0.931

The USSR is 105th with 0.920

Bulgaria is 104th with 0.918

Hungary is 101st with 0.915

Yugoslavia is 100th with 0.913

Poland is 98th with 0.910

Romania is 90th with 0.863

For some comparison:

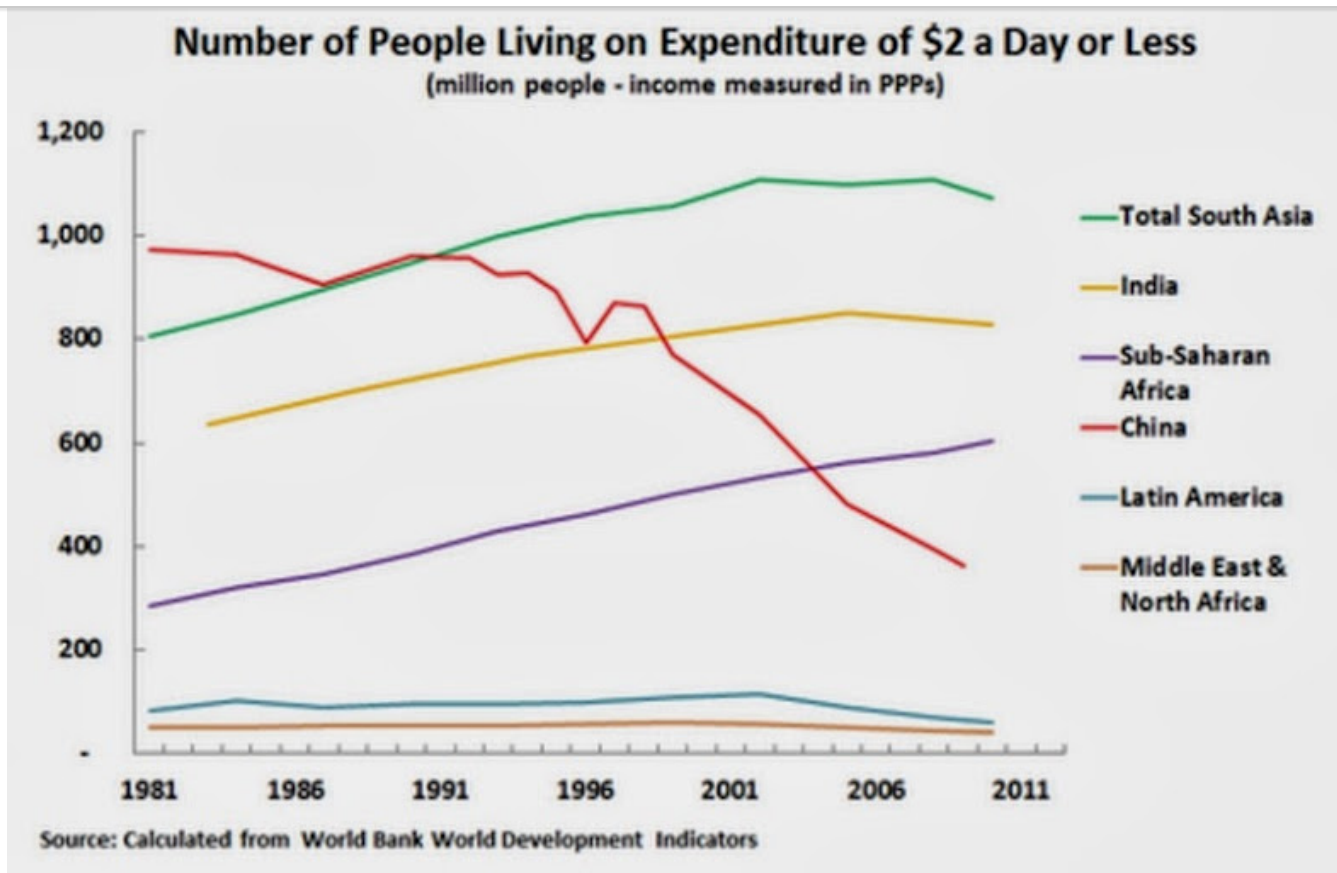
Canada is 126th with 0.983

The Federal Republic of Germany is 119th with 0.967

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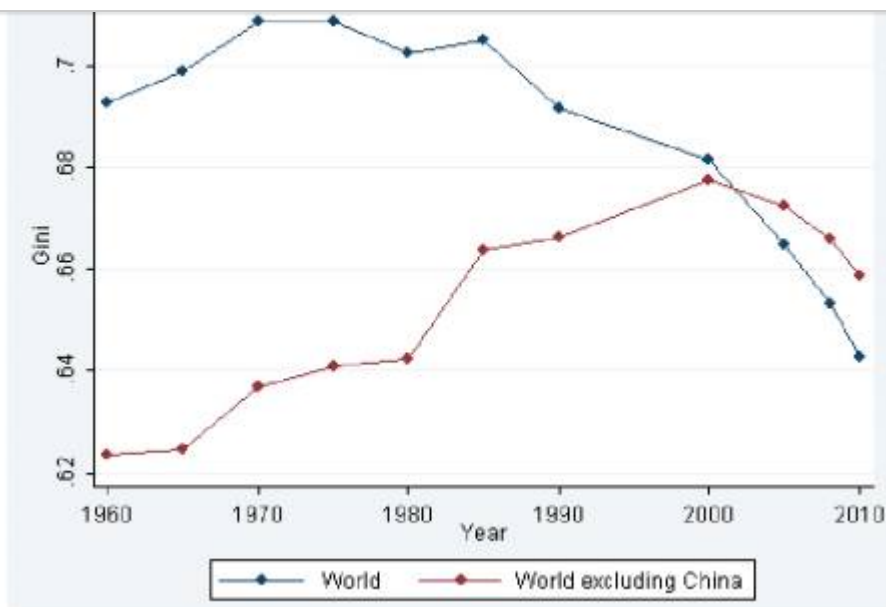
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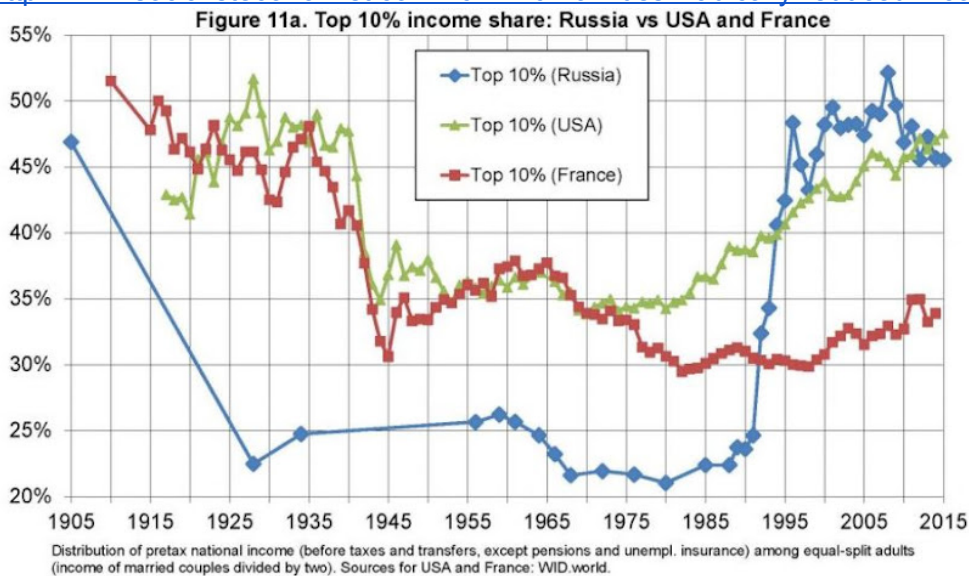
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After being razed to the ground by a World War and a foreign-backed Civil War, and under constant economic and diplomatic assault, the Soviet Union...

Raised life expectancy by 65%.¹

Increased real income by 370%. Housing, medicine, transport and insurance accounted for 15% of family income, compared to 50% in US.²

Eliminated homelessness. Housing was provided based on need and rent averaged 2-3% of family income, compared to 25-30% in the US.³

Eliminated unemployment. A job was considered a right, firing was rare and had to be cleared by the employee's union, and employers were required to find redundant workers new employment and pay for retraining and cost of living.⁴

Provided healthcare as a right. The USSR had the highest ratio of doctors to population in the world and one of the highest quality healthcare systems, including preventative care and house visits.⁵

Achieved full literacy from a starting point of 38% for men and 12% for women.⁶

Raised school enrollment by 460%.⁷

Provided secondary education as a right as well as a cost of living stipend to students maintaining a 'B' average.⁸

Heavily subsidized early childcare. Fees for pre-schools didn't exceed 2-3% of family income and 50% of urban and 33% of rural children attended day-care, compared to 10% in the US overall.⁹

and **Eliminated the gender pay gap.**¹⁰

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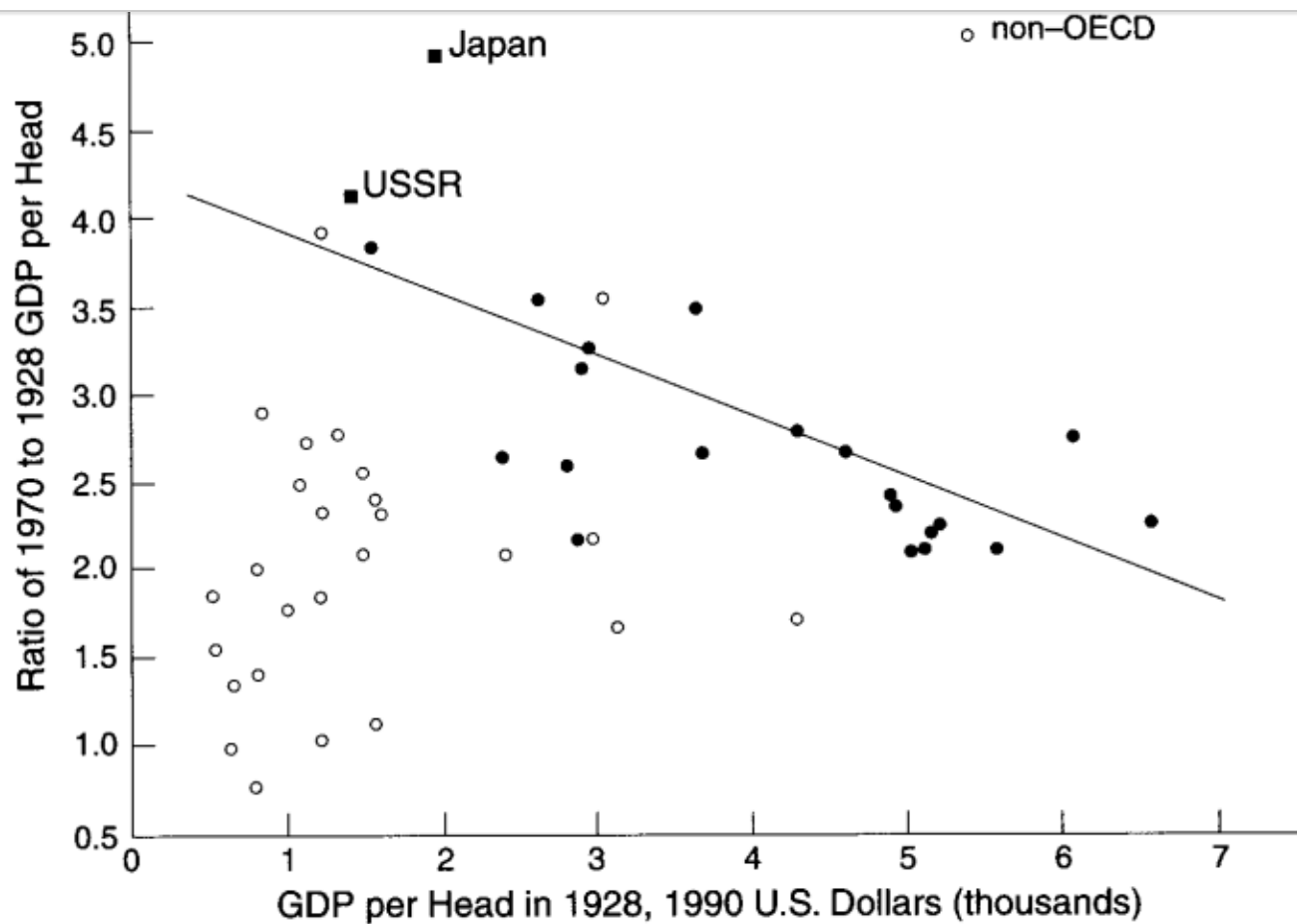
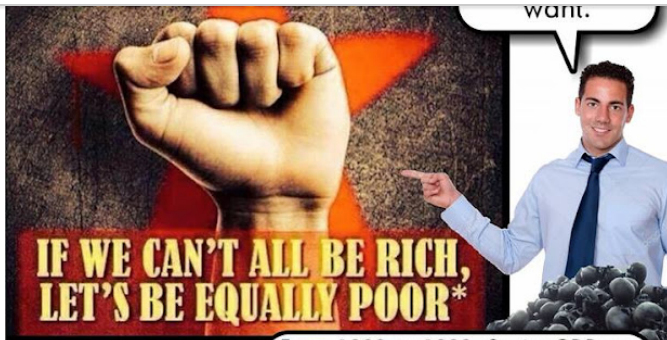


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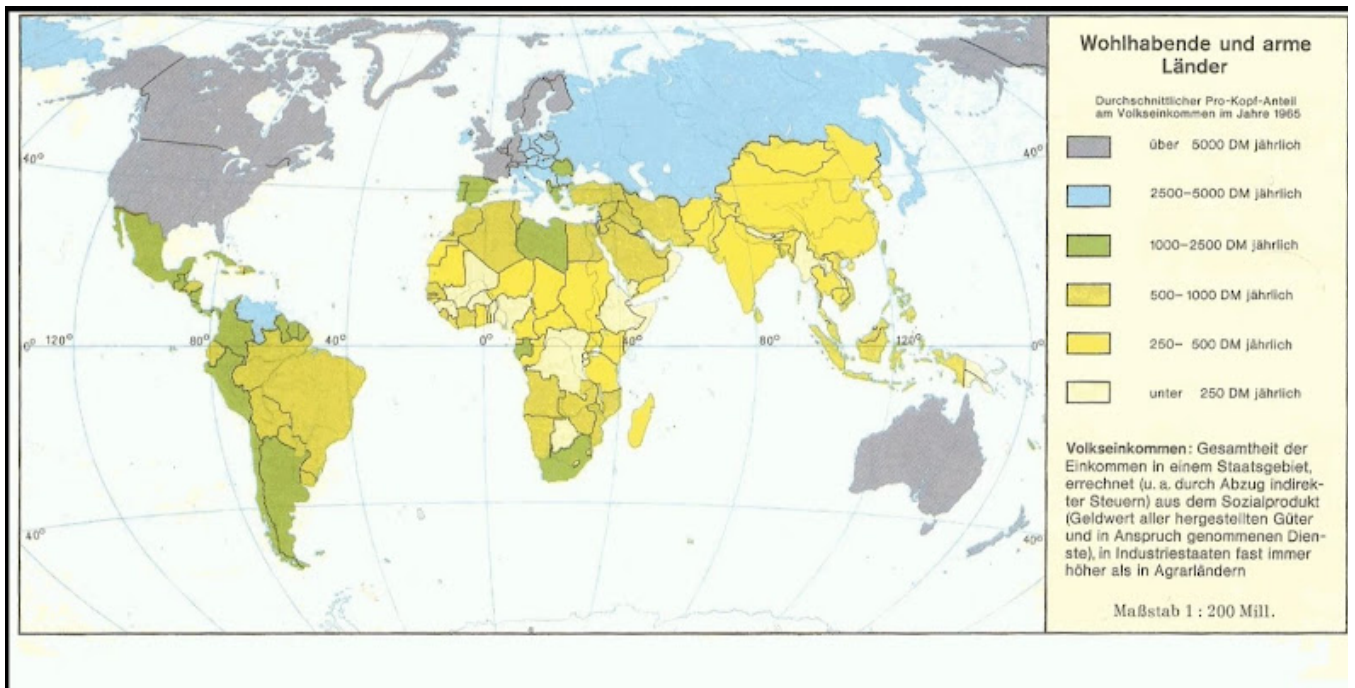
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From 1928 to 1989, Soviet GDP per capita not only exceeded growth in the rich countries but exceeded growth in all other regions of the world combined, and to a greater degree.



Hence, not only did the publicly owned, planned economy of the Soviet Union outpace the economies of richer capitalist economies, it grew even faster than the economies of countries that were most like the USSR in 1928.



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in human rights protection

A white paper issued by China's State Council Information Office on Friday lauded "remarkable progress" in the law-based protection of human rights over the past five years.

The white paper titled "New Progress in the Legal Protection of Human Rights in China" expounded on the progress in human rights protection in six parts:



- Improving the legal framework to ensure human rights
- Promoting law-based administration
- Enhancing judicial protection of human rights
- Consolidating social mechanisms
- Strengthening the Party leadership over legal protection of human rights
- Promoting the development of global human rights

Xinhua/Meng Lijing

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Is health care a "human right"? Well, what are "human rights "and what is their historical origin?

When the medieval serfs or the slaves of the ancient republics revolted, they didn't wage their revolts based on any conceptions of "human rights." Their struggles were based on concepts of equality and fairness, not universal rights. Human rights are relatively new

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conceptions started falling apart and everything that was developed by bourgeois philosophers was declared as the ultimate form of government and morality. We know now that these ultimate truths were nothing but the truths corresponding to the class interests of the bourgeoisie. That equality and justice found themselves realized as bourgeois conceptions of equality and justice. The right to property was therefore declared as one of the natural rights of Man and the government of Reason could only come into existence as a bourgeois democratic republic and nothing more.

Moral theories or conceptions of rights have always been the products of the economic developments of society at the time and as society has always moved in class antagonisms, these theories have been the products of the dominant class in each era. Class morality is nothing more than the justifications given for the existence of the dominant class and its subjugation of the oppressed classes. This was true of the ancient Greek Republics, it was true of the feudal kingdoms, and it is true of the bourgeois states.

We now find ourselves at a time when bourgeois morality finds itself challenged by proletarian morality and by extension, proletarian conceptions of human rights. The demands to include "positive freedoms" such as the right to food, shelter, health care are nothing but the class interests of the proletariat expressed as "ultimate" rights. These are in contradictions with bourgeois conceptions of rights and in direct contradiction with the ultimate right bourgeois morality grants humanity: the right to property. This is why the reformist liberals cannot justify how health care can be a human right when it violates the right to property. They're trying to resolve a contradiction that can only be resolved by the introduction of a socialist system, by openly proclaiming that these demands for equality and "positive rights" are nothing but the demands of the proletariat's class interests and if the right to property is in contradiction to them, that is because it has outlived its time and finds itself against a society that nurtures a revolution in its womb for a more developed society. But liberals being interested not in class struggle but in class unity where unity can't be found, are hostile to any outright declarations of class interests. They therefore try to give these proletarian demands a universal character in bourgeois societies and find themselves stuck in the maze of bourgeois conceptions of rights.

As socialists with a historical and materialist understanding of rights, we understand that rights are nothing but the formalized class interests of the dominant class in society and demands for health care, housing, food are human rights insofar as they are the class interests of the proletariat — not derived from Nature or some universal truths but from the material needs of the proletariat as a class. And finally, that these rights could be fully realized only in a socialist society due to their proletarian character (as evidenced by the existence of these as human rights in the Soviet Union, Cuba etc.) but we must still struggle for them in bourgeois societies for better living conditions for the proletariat.

- Stalin, Foundations of Leninism, on Rights:

The dictatorship of the proletariat cannot be "complete" democracy, democracy for all, for the rich as well as for the poor; the dictatorship of the proletariat "must be a state that is democratic in a new way (for the proletarians and the non-propertied in general) and dictatorial in a new way (against the bourgeoisie)." The talk about universal equality, about "pure" democracy, about "perfect" democracy, and the like, is a bourgeois disguise of the indubitable fact that equality between the exploited and exploiters is impossible. The theory of "pure" democracy is the theory of the upper stratum of the working class, which has been broken in and is being fed by the imperialist robbers. It was brought into being for the purpose of concealing the ulcers of capitalism, of embellishing imperialism and lending it moral strength in the struggle against the exploited masses. Under capitalism there are no real "liberties" for the exploited, nor can there be, if for no other reason than that the premises, printing plants, paper supplies, etc., indispensable for the enjoyment of "liberties" are the

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are not set up by the people but by the Gates, Rothschilds and Stinneses, the Rockefellers and Morgans, etc, etc. Democracy under capitalism is capitalist democracy, the democracy of the exploiting minority, based on the restriction of the rights of the exploited majority and directed against this majority. Only under the proletarian dictatorship are real liberties for the exploited and real participation of the proletarians and peasants in governing the country possible. Under the dictatorship of the proletariat, democracy is proletarian democracy, the democracy of the exploited majority, based on the restriction of the rights of the exploiting minority and directed against this minority.

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probability of survival, it also handed Washington a propaganda victory. The threatened states could be portrayed as inherently repressive. Just as the comparative openness of the United States could be misattributed to ideology rather than to a comparatively strong security environment, so too could the strong police state powers of countries which were the targets of U.S. hostility be misattributed to the ideology of the countries' leadership, rather than to the precarious security environments which Washington had a hand in creating. This had two benefits for Washington.

First, by misattributing strong police state powers to the ideological orientation of a target country's leadership the challenging ideology could be discredited as inherently authoritarian and repressive, as against U.S. ideology, which could be presented as valuing openness.

Second, by labeling a targeted country's leadership as authoritarian, headed by a "strongman" who was declared to be contemptuous of human rights and guided by an inherently repressive ideology, Washington could establish a humanitarian pretext to escalate the level of threat it could bring to bear on the target country. Sanctions could be made more onerous, ostensibly to punish the target country's leadership for its "bad" behavior, while funding to opponents of the government could be increased, to do the same. At the same time, Washington might let it be known that in its deliberations on how to deal with the new "strongman" it was leaving all options on the table. These actions simply escalated the level of threat, making the target country's security environment even more precarious, and making strong police state powers even more exigent. The more the United States threatened its target, the more the target reacted by strengthening its police state powers, and the more strongly Washington issued threats.

There is a rhetoric and a reality of police states. The reality is that every state is a police state; the rhetoric is that we

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“human nature” ?

- Scientists probe human nature: discover we are good after all

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/scientists-probe-human-nature-and-discover-we-are-good-after-all/>

- “Mankind is mankind, and no matter what system you have, socialism or capitalism, mankind is flawed, and there are people who wanna steal and take advantage and get ahead.”

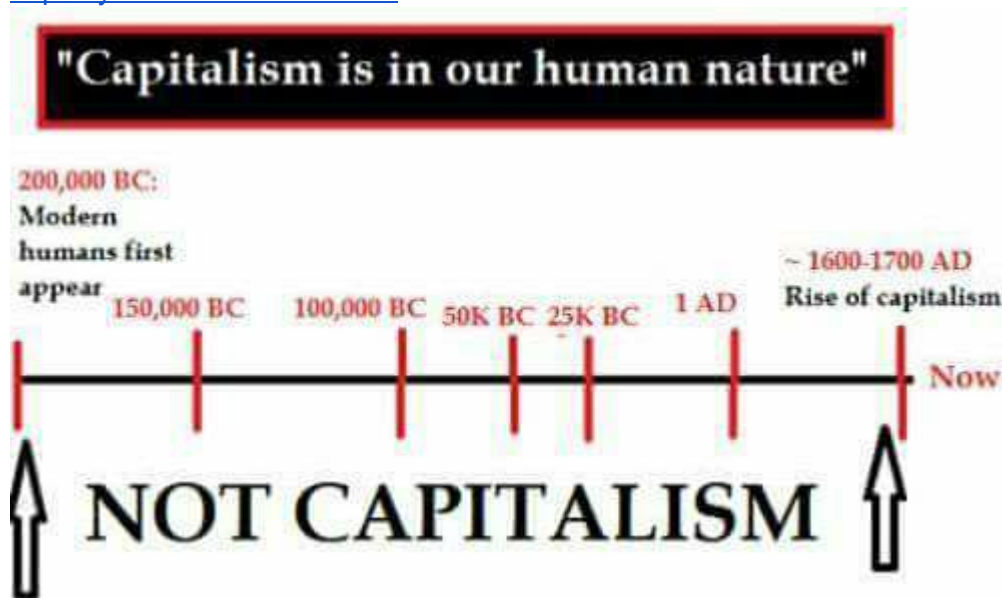
Parenti: “It is because people are imperfect that you don’t build a system that feeds their imperfections and harms their perfections. People who want to help... often get punished, whereas the people who pursue money in the most treacherous and amoral ways, they get benefitted. And you’re telling me about them; you’re saying, ‘We can’t do without them!’ You’ve got it in your brain that we can’t do without people who steal and deceive and plunder... You need a government that is going to help parse out things fair and square.”

- Debunking the “human nature” argument by Finnish Bolshevik

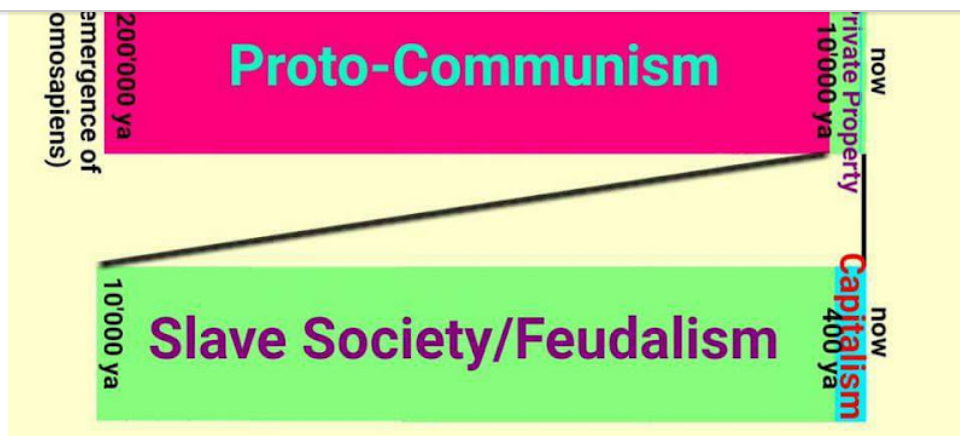
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See section on “Holodomor”, “Great Leap Forward / Cultural Revolution” “USSR / Stalin”, “Gulags”, “Purges”

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The Royal Society in London reports that China's share of scientific research papers published in recognized international journals went from 4.4 percent in the period between 1999-2003 to 10.2 percent in the period between 2004-2008, now just behind the United States. In 2008, China overtook France as the world's number three in contemporary art auction revenues. Fifteen out of 35 living artists worldwide who command seven-digit sales for their work are Chinese. If these facts do not demonstrate innovation, what does?

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<https://theredphoenixapl.org/2009/10/18/gandhi-was-wrong-nonviolence-doesnt-work/>

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<http://moufawad-paul.blogspot.co.uk/2015/02/more-reflections-on-pacifism.html>

Communism = White people?



- Most of these were marxist-leninists and upholders of what is called "authoritarian communism" (forgetting that all class society is authoritarian to the extent it needs to be to secure its continued reproduction, forgetting that the authority of the working class is a good thing)

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imperialist bourgeoisie. Lines which get us called "tankie" like it's an insult. These were/are all inspiring, amazing revolutionaries who have helped educate hundreds of millions of workers throughout the globe. To deny the success of marxism-leninism is to deny the success of hundreds of millions of colonized workers in achieving their own liberation and building socialism as best they could under their given material conditions.

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- The war continues - lesser known active armed communist groups by Finnish Bolshevik
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- According to the UN Human Development Index—which measures levels of life expectancy, education, adult literacy and income in the poorest nations—twenty-one states have experienced a decline. These included 14 African countries as well as Russia and six former Soviet Republics.
Commenting on the situation in the former Soviet Union after capitalist restoration, Fabre stated, “We have catastrophic falls in several countries, which often are republics of the former Soviet Union, where poverty is actually increasing. In fact poverty has tripled in the whole region.”
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— William Blum, “Killing Hope: US Military And CIA Interventions Since World War II.”

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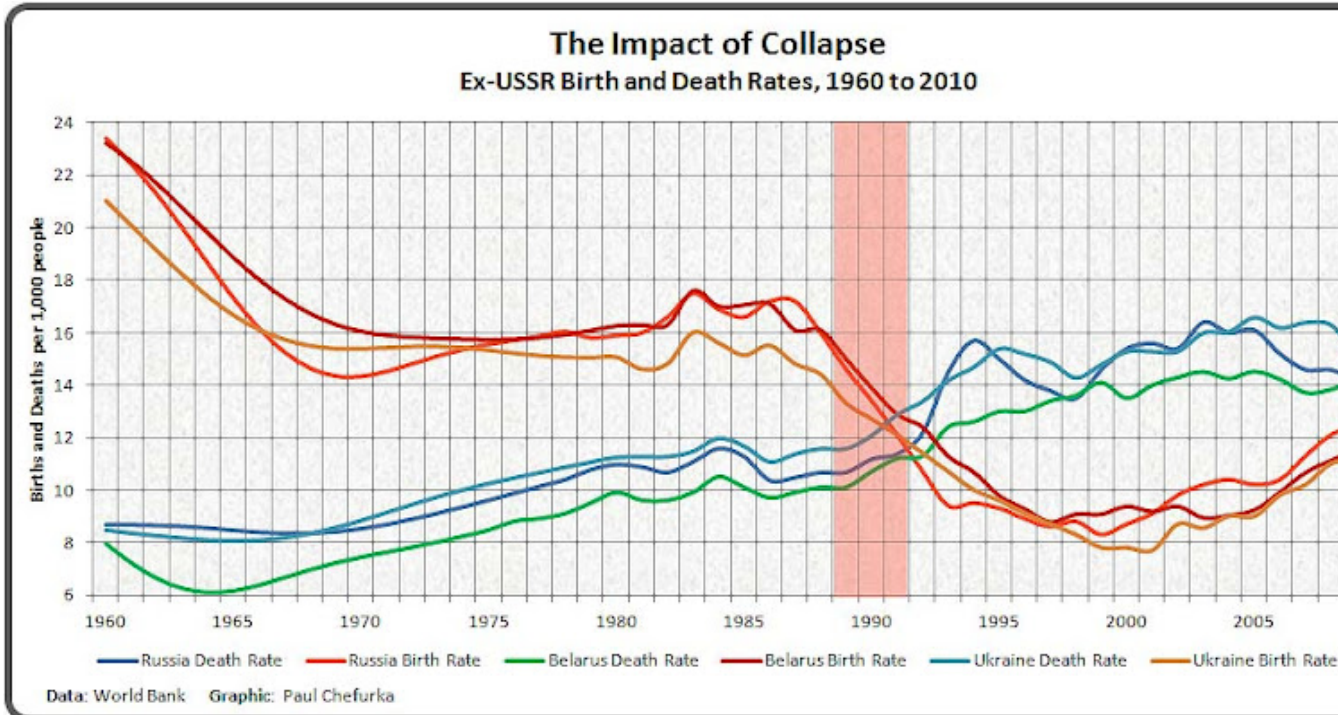
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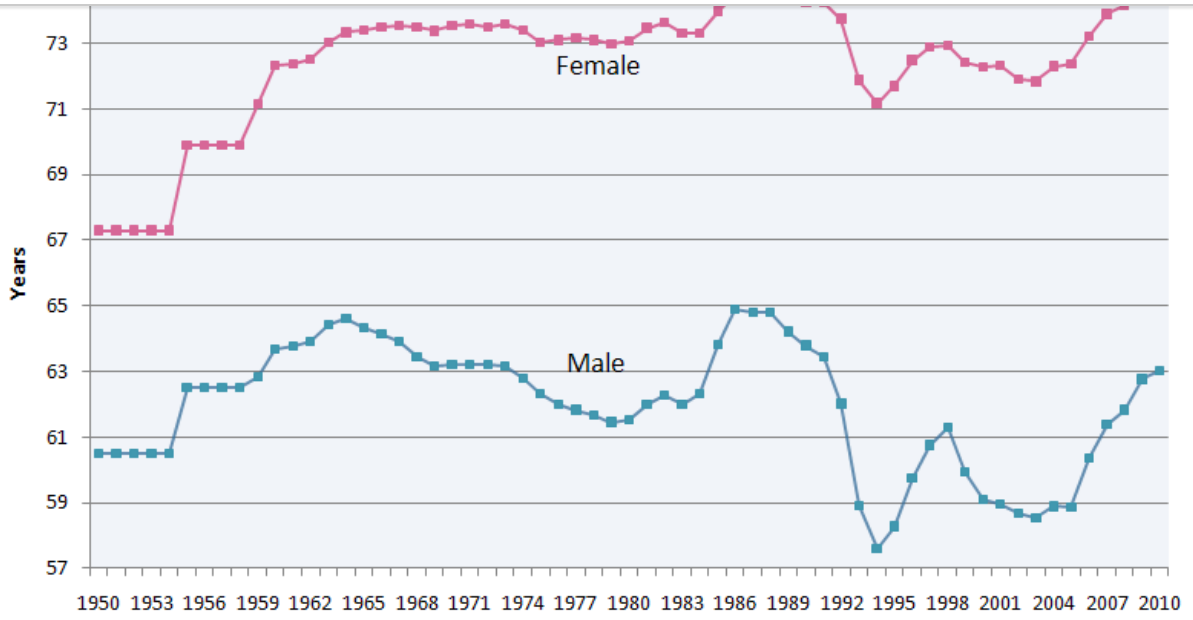
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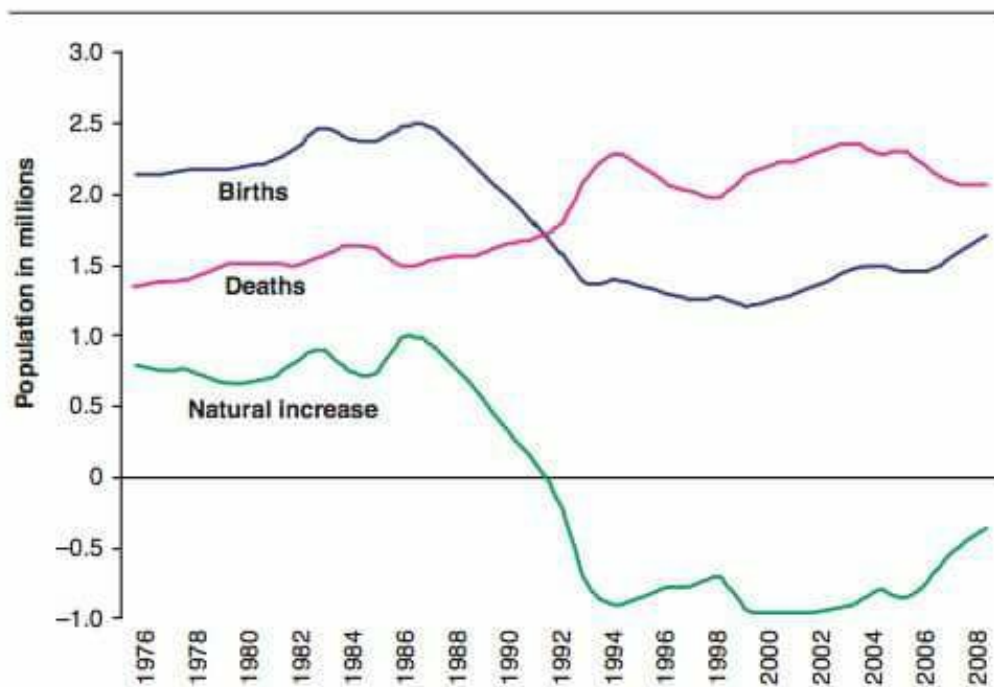


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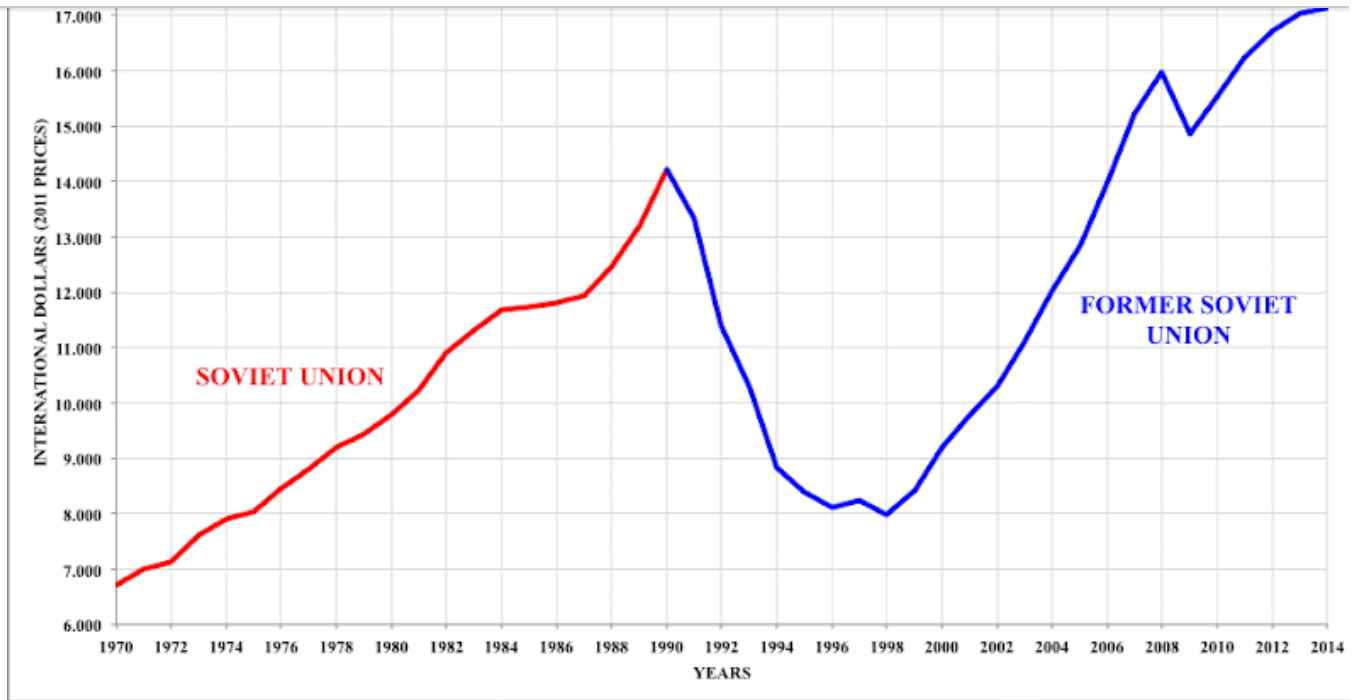
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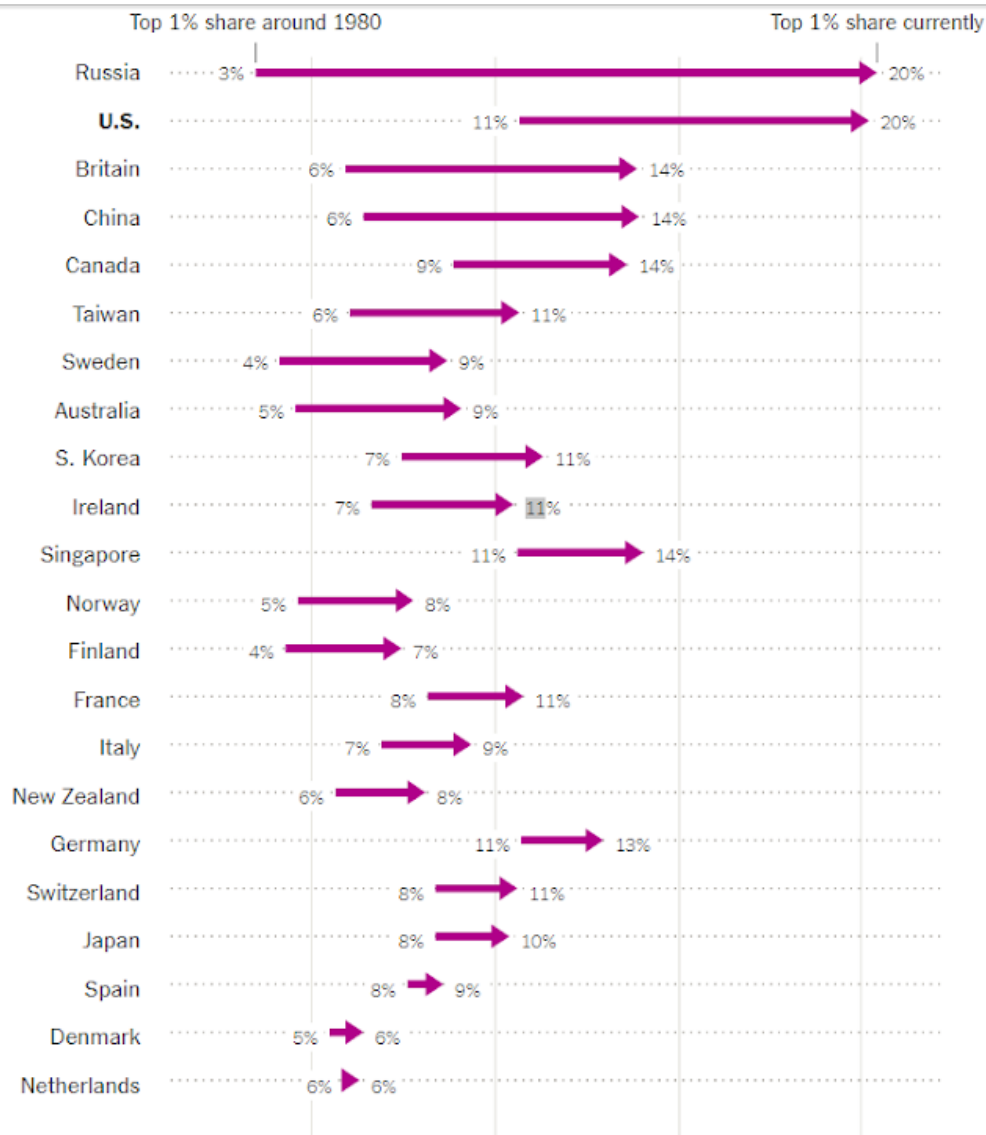
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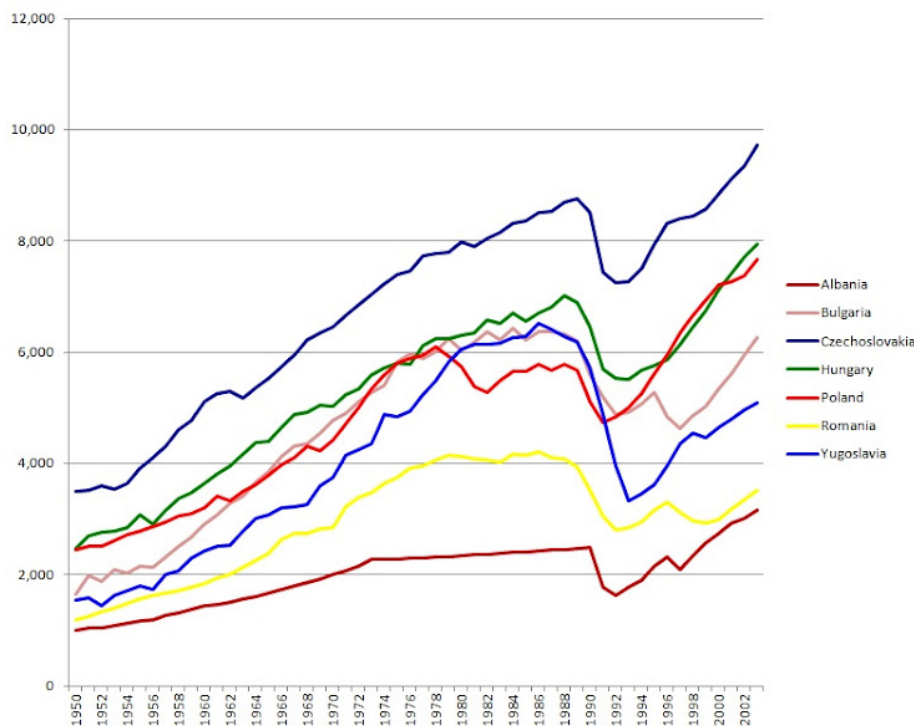
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<https://youtu.be/GEzOgpMWnVs>
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- Socialism is the transitional society from capitalism to communism characterised by the dictatorship of the proletariat and socialisation of the economy, and a step

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The example of Yugoslavia is the most compelling evidence of this retrograde tendency on the left. It is also living proof of what is at stake. During the last four decades of the existence of the Soviet Union, U.S. imperialism acted in a more or less friendly way toward Yugoslavia. Although it was led by a Communist Party, Yugoslavia maintained “neutrality” in the U.S.-Soviet conflict. Yugoslavia’s leadership introduced market reforms, largely abandoned the monopoly of foreign trade, integrated the country into the world capitalist economy, became heavily indebted to western banks, allowed large-scale unemployment to develop in accordance with the principle of the “market” and its need for a flexible labor pool, and began following the dictates of the International Monetary Fund. By the late 1980s, Yugoslavia was characterized by most of the left as a “capitalist country” with the clear implication that there was nothing remaining for the left to defend.

But because the League of Communists continued to hold onto power in Yugoslavia, it emerged as a force of resistance when German imperialism initiated a full-scale effort to dismember the country in 1990 and 1991. The overthrow of the East German socialist government in 1989 and its reincorporation into West Germany triggered an intense drive by German imperialism to enlarge its sphere of influence. It financed and secretly organized the secession of Slovenia and Croatia, the westernmost republics within multinational Yugoslavia. This in turn set off a predictable and classic imperialist scramble between Germany, France, England and finally the United States to carve up Yugoslavia into spheres of influence for neo-colonial penetration.

In the face of this imperialist-inspired counterrevolutionary campaign, the League of Communists, led by Slobodan Milosevic, abruptly changed course. Privatization of industry was slowed and in some cases reversed. Cooperation with the IMF was slowed or halted. Imperialism demonized the Yugoslav leadership, imposed economic sanctions and set on a course of regime change. Yugoslavia fought back against the forces of disintegration. It had to rely more on its working-class base. This would have been an impossible turn by a fully capitalist regime, a regime that did not have its roots in social revolution and socialized property.

The only way for imperialism to succeed in Yugoslavia was to wage an all-out bombing war. From March 24 to June 4, 1999, NATO’s collective imperialist air force dropped 23,000 bombs and missiles on Serbia until the Yugoslav government decided to let Kosovo go into the arms of the imperialists. Without pause, imperialist pressure intensified after the conclusion of the 1999 war to carry out the final counterrevolutionary ouster of the Yugoslav government and its replacement by a servile, proxy force.

59) Having long abandoned a political defense of Yugoslavia on the basis that there was nothing remaining, in the social and economic sense, from the initial Yugoslav revolution, big sections of the international left remained on the sidelines in 1999 watching the carnage. Others actually supported NATO’s war or gave support to some variant form of imperialist-sponsored dismemberment, mouthing vulgarized proclamations about “self-determination” for Kosovo. Real self-determination, under those circumstances, meant only one thing: militantly defending the Yugoslav government as it resisted the imperialist aggression and the counterrevolution.

The Yugoslav example proves that there is an organic connection between imperialism and counterrevolution in all the societies with governments created by a socialist overturn.

Despite the emergence of conservative and non-revolutionary leaderships in the socialist-oriented governments, there has never been a long-term, stable partnership between any of these regimes and imperialism or any single imperialist government.

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inherently unstable. The reason for the instability is that the mere hold on power by the communist parties constitutes an obstacle to the full and complete takeover and neo-colonial re-enslavement of the country by imperialism.

In its systematic and inherent quest for super profits, imperialism is driven towards counterrevolution with the principal objective of overthrowing the political rule of the communist party. The thrust toward counterrevolution is in the very nature of the beast.

While Yugoslavia is one example of this counterrevolutionary phenomenon, one can look at recent Chinese history to observe a nearly identical process, most notably the events leading to the suppression of the Tiananmen Square counterrevolutionary movement in 1989. It was the leadership of the Communist Party of China, and in particular the leadership of Deng Xiaoping, who took steps to suppress a mass movement that occupied Tiananmen Square for seven weeks in 1989, the same year that most of the socialist bloc governments in Eastern Europe were overthrown.

“Why don’t you ask people who lived under communism?” and “people aren’t happy under socialist systems”

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- Opinion poll conducted in China, compared to the USA:
85% satisfied with direction of country (31% satisfied in U.S.)
88% think current economic situation is good (33% in U.S.)
82% say children will be better off than parents (33% in U.S.)

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- East Berlin woman interviewed

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- Why don’t you ask people who lived under communism

https://youtu.be/_1d3Kxx36gY

- Account of a woman from the USSR currently living in New Zealand (very good)

<https://www.facebook.com/JLeftistArchive/photos/a.1922050888117037.1073741828.1921706061484853/1936840316638094/?type=3&theater>

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While there were numerous factors that contributed to a desire among some to turn away from communism, it is especially important to point out that the majority of the Eastern European people did not want to eliminate their system (although they may have wanted to reform aspects of it). Communism was actually dismantled by various Eastern European leaders who acted against the will of the people.

For instance, the Soviet people (including a majority in the subsequently independent Caucasus and South Asia) had voted overwhelmingly (over 70%) in favor of preserving the system in early 1991 in a free plebiscite on the issue (Becker, 1999a). However, despite this vote, the “free-market” advocate Yeltsin led the dissolution of the Soviet Union later in 1991 in a major power grab (Wayland, 2000a). Somewhat later, in 1996, the dissolution of the Soviet Union was voted to have been unconstitutional by a Russian parliament elected under Yeltsin’s new constitution (*Wall Street Journal*, 1996), but it was too late because the continuing, hostile capitalist President Yeltsin had already created dictatorial powers for himself (Wayland, 2000a). Nevertheless, despite heavy marketing and positive media coverage of capitalist politicians in Russia in the 1990s (and virtually no effective marketing by communists there), one survey indicated that 58% of the Russian population believed in 1999 that “it would have been better if the country had stayed as it was before 1985,” and only 27% of the Russians disagreed with that opinion (*Economist*, 1999c).

Similarly, the majority of the people in East Germany (the country that had led the 1989-90 revolution in Eastern Europe) wanted to preserve a reformed version of their communist country. In particular, an unbiased survey conducted by East and West Germans in December 1989 (shortly after the opening of the Berlin Wall) indicated that over 71% of East Germans were in favor of keeping their socialist system and 73% were in favor of maintaining a separate country (Bahrmann and Links, 1994). However, as will be explained in Chapters 2-4, various East German leaders gave in to Western pressure to open up their economy and political system, thereby enabling an overwhelming com-

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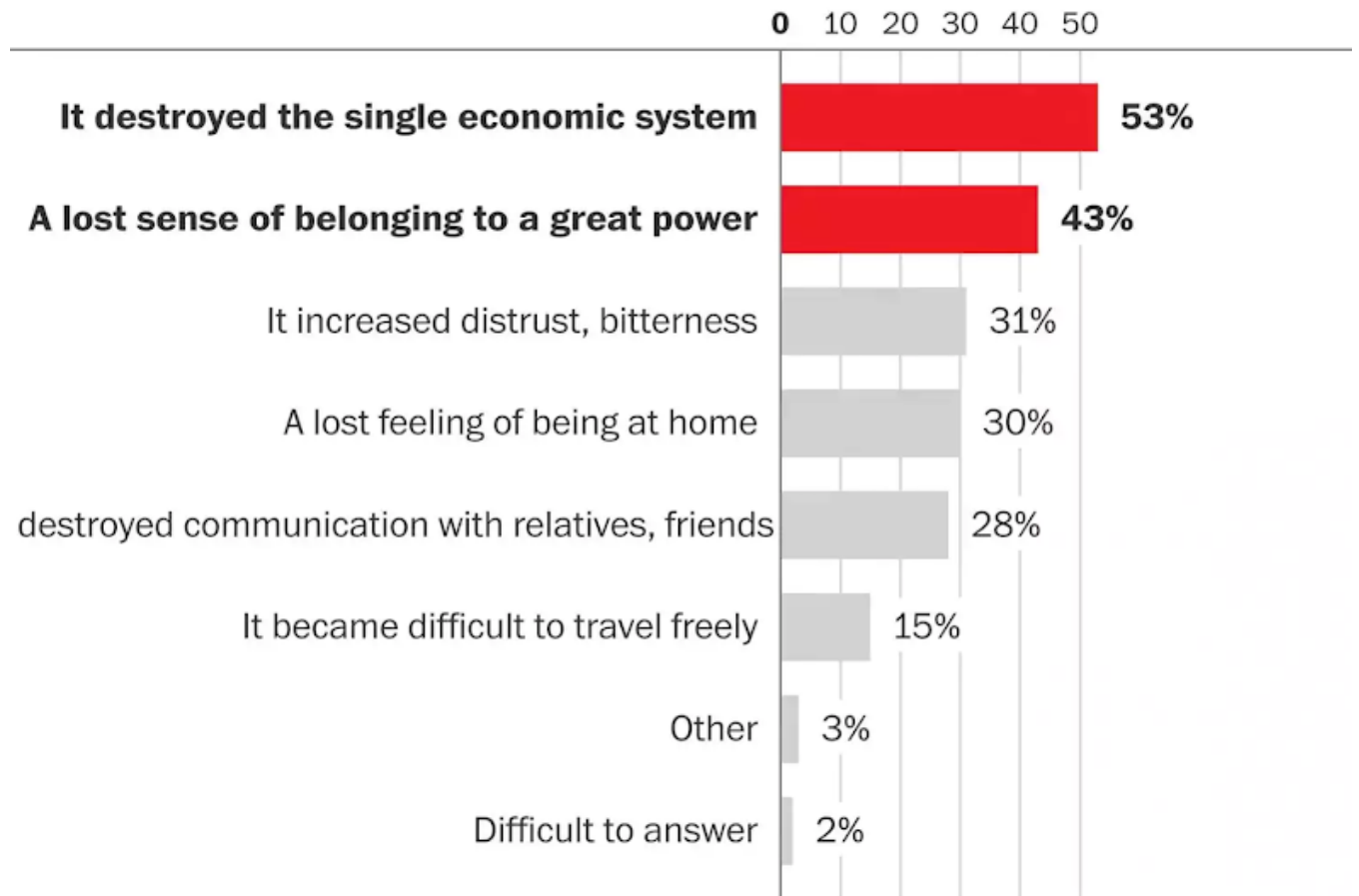
combination of West German bribes, extortion, and marketing to destroy the East German economy and the people's will to preserve their system and independence.

It should also be noted that the people in some Eastern European countries, such as Serbia (*Economist*, 1993) and Bulgaria (*Economist*, 1990), actually voted to maintain rule by reformed versions of their communist parties even after opening up their political system to Western-style elections that permitted manipulation by Western media and economic extortion (IAC, 1998a). Despite the fact that anticommunist capitalists exercise a virtual monopoly over the media in some countries like Russia (Associated Press, 1996a) and threaten to “resist” (implying economic boycotts and even civil war or other “upheavals”) if the people vote communism back into power (Associated Press, 1996b), many Eastern Europeans continue to vote for left-wing political parties that are reformed versions of the communist parties which previously ruled Eastern Europe (Murphy, 1995). Such parties have been elected into power in Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria, and Lithuania in the mid-1990s (*Economist*, 1995), as well as in Yugoslavia (*Economist*, 1997) and Mongolia (Associated Press, 2000).

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Why people regret the collapse of the Soviet Union

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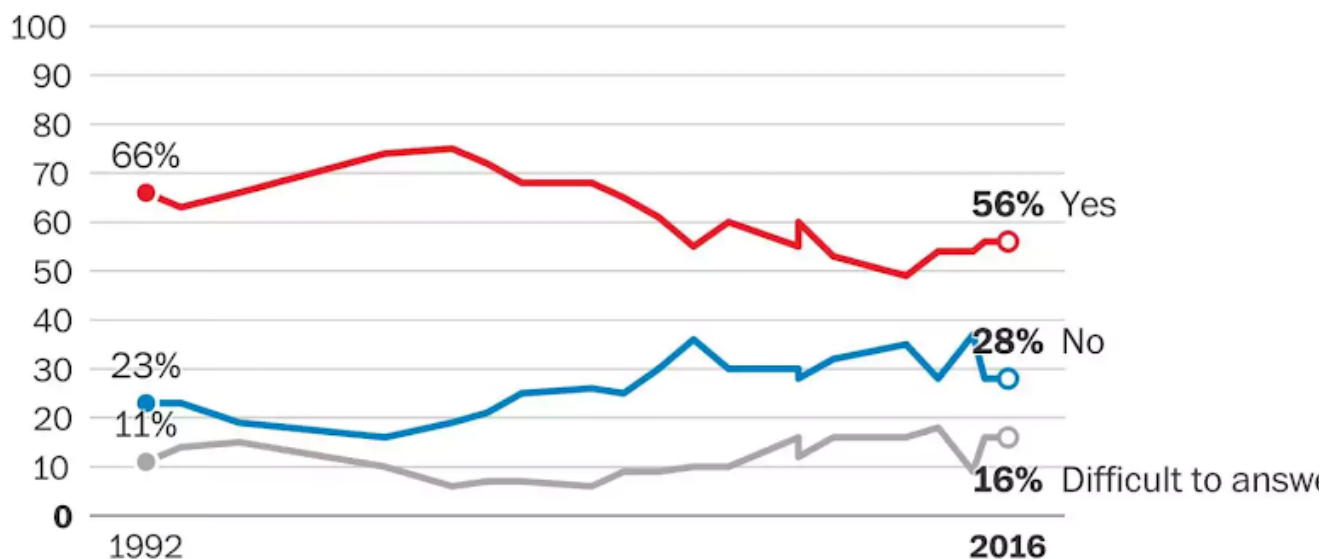


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Source: Levada Center

WORLDVIEWS

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- Some thoughts on Identity Politics by Finnish Bolshevik
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The changes that have taken place in the countryside are still more striking. Only 28 per cent of the women entitled to vote took part in the elections to the village Soviets in 1926, while in 1934-35 the number had risen to 80.3 per cent.

During this same decade the proportion of women members of village Soviets has practically trebled, rising from 9.9 per cent of the total in 1926 to 26.2 per cent in 1934; for city Soviets the figures are 18.2 per cent and 30.4 per cent.

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In 1938 there were 668 women workers in all Albania, mostly girls of 14 or 16 working a ten hour day for appallingly low wages. By 1967 over 248,000 women, which is 42% of rural and urban workers, were engaged in production work on exactly the same terms as men"

Regarding the 1965 "new family code":

Marriage is contracted with the free will of husband and wife and rests on solid feelings of love, equality and mutual respect. Only monogamous marriages are recognized.

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A wife can choose her work or profession without her husband's permission and the handling of the family income is managed by mutual agreement.

Personal property held by either before marriage remains his or hers and anything acquired afterwards is joint property. All children regardless of sex are entitled to equal shares in the inheritance of joint personal property and the wife is the heir of first rank.

Divorce is allowed when a marriage has lost all meaning and cohabitation has become intolerable. Causes for divorce are continuous quarrels, maltreatment, breach of conjugal faith, permanent mental illness or punishment for serious crimes. There is no distinction between husband or wife in the right to sue for divorce and the rearing of children is confided to that parent who in the court's opinion is better qualified to bring them up.

All parental rights belong to both parents equally and disagreements are settled by tutelage committees or by the courts.

Single mothers enjoy all due respect and the state guarantees their economic security and protection. Children born outside marriage are equal in every way to those born within.

Abortions are allowed after consultation with a committee of doctors. Birth control is a matter of personal choice. There is no family planning in the sense of national campaigns to limit births because Albania is an underpopulated country in which all births are welcomed"

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Theory etc

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November 1949

"You should never put the struggle against the clergy, who carry out espionage and disruptive activities, on the religious plane," Stalin said, "but always on the political plane. The clergy must obey the laws of the state, because these laws express the will of the working class and the working people. You must make the people quite clear about these laws and the hostility of the reactionary clergymen so that even that part of the population which believes in religion will clearly see that, under the guise of religion, the clergymen carry out activities hostile to the Homeland and the people themselves. Hence the people, convinced through facts and arguments, together with the Government, should struggle against the hostile clergy.

You should isolate and condemn only those clergymen who do not obey the Government and commit grave crimes against the state. But, I insist, the people must be convinced about the crimes of these clergymen, and should also be convinced about the futility of the religious ideology and the evils that result from it."

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KOREA: THE FACTS, PLEASE

Here are the facts that the U.S. media ignore about Korea:

- There are no foreign troops in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea — north Korea. The last Soviet soldiers, who aided Kim Il Sung's guerrilla army in defeating Japanese colonial rule, left in 1948. Chinese troops, who supported the DPRK after the U.S. invaded north Korea in 1950, left in 1953 after the armistice.
- But U.S. troops have occupied south Korea since 1945; 28,500 are still there. There are 38 U.S. military installations in south Korea, plus one militarized golf course. (lifeinkorea.com) The golf course is the station for the first Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) battery in south Korea, a U.S. radar system opposed by the Korean people, in the north and south, as well as China.
- The permanent state of war on the Korean Peninsula means huge profits for the U.S. military-industrial complex. The Pentagon occupation of south Korea also helps Wall Street make big profits off low wages. Workers in the south face severe repression when they organize for their rights.
- Every year, the U.S. carries out massive war games in and around the Korean peninsula. This year's Operation Key Resolve/Foal Eagle, which began in March and continued until April 24, has involved hundreds of thousands of troops from the U.S. and south Korea.
- In truth, it is the imperialist U.S. that is the "foreign power" in Korea and has created an explosive situation for the whole region in its attempts to destroy the DPRK. Five million people died in the Korean War. Continued occupation and threats from the U.S. have forced the north Koreans to arm themselves, including with nuclear weapons, to survive.
- But threats won't work against the Koreans. As Sin Hong Chol, the DPRK's deputy foreign minister, told Al-Jazeera, the U.S. administration should "look at the world with open eyes."
- "The time of dictating orders by brandishing U.S. military might has gone," he said. "If those businessmen in power in the U.S. thought of intimidating us by any military or sanction threats — as the Obama administration used to do and failed — they will soon find out such threats are useless." (April 23)
- **There's only one way to defuse the tensions on the Korean peninsula.** The U.S. must sign a peace treaty ending the 1950-53 war (it never has) and get its troops out so the Korean people can at last determine their own destiny.

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In striking one target system, the USAF had hit hard at two sensitive links in the enemy's armor—his capability to supply his front-line troops and his capability to produce food for his armies. To the U.N. Command the breaking of the irrigation dams meant disruption of the enemy's lines of communication and supply. But to the Communists the smashing of the dams meant primarily the destruction of their chief sustenance—rice. The Westerner can little conceive the awesome meaning

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But of course Syria has been ruled by Muslims since the 7th century when it was conquered by Caliph Abubakr, who was the father-in-law and close friend of Mohamed. Neither Abubakr nor any of the possibly hundreds of Muslim rulers -- including of course Bashar al Assad -- who controlled Palmyra between the 600s and Daesh's conquest in, like, 2013, felt it necessary to destroy the temples. Similarly, the Yazidis were nearly wiped out by Daesh, and this, also is taken as demonstrative of Muslim attitudes toward minority religions. Yet, of course, Iraq has been Muslim since the 600s as well, and none of the previous Muslim rulers wiped out the Yazidis.

It would be inaccurate and idealistic to say that there was no interreligious conflict in Muslim countries prior to the 20th century. But it is absolutely the case that on the whole a number of religions were able to coexist in those areas, despite the conflict -- which at times could be bloody.

This business of wiping people out, of demanding purification, and etc., is basically a 20th century thing. And that is true whether we are talking about the Turkish genocide of the Armenians (and just as there are still Palestinians in spite of genocide there are also still Armenians) as well as Assyrians and Greeks in Turkey. And it is true also of the Israeli genocide of Palestinians. Prior to the 20th century, the majority religion in Palestine was Sunni Islam but there were also Christians, Jews and Shia. Yes, there was conflict, but they all managed to survive. Only today, under

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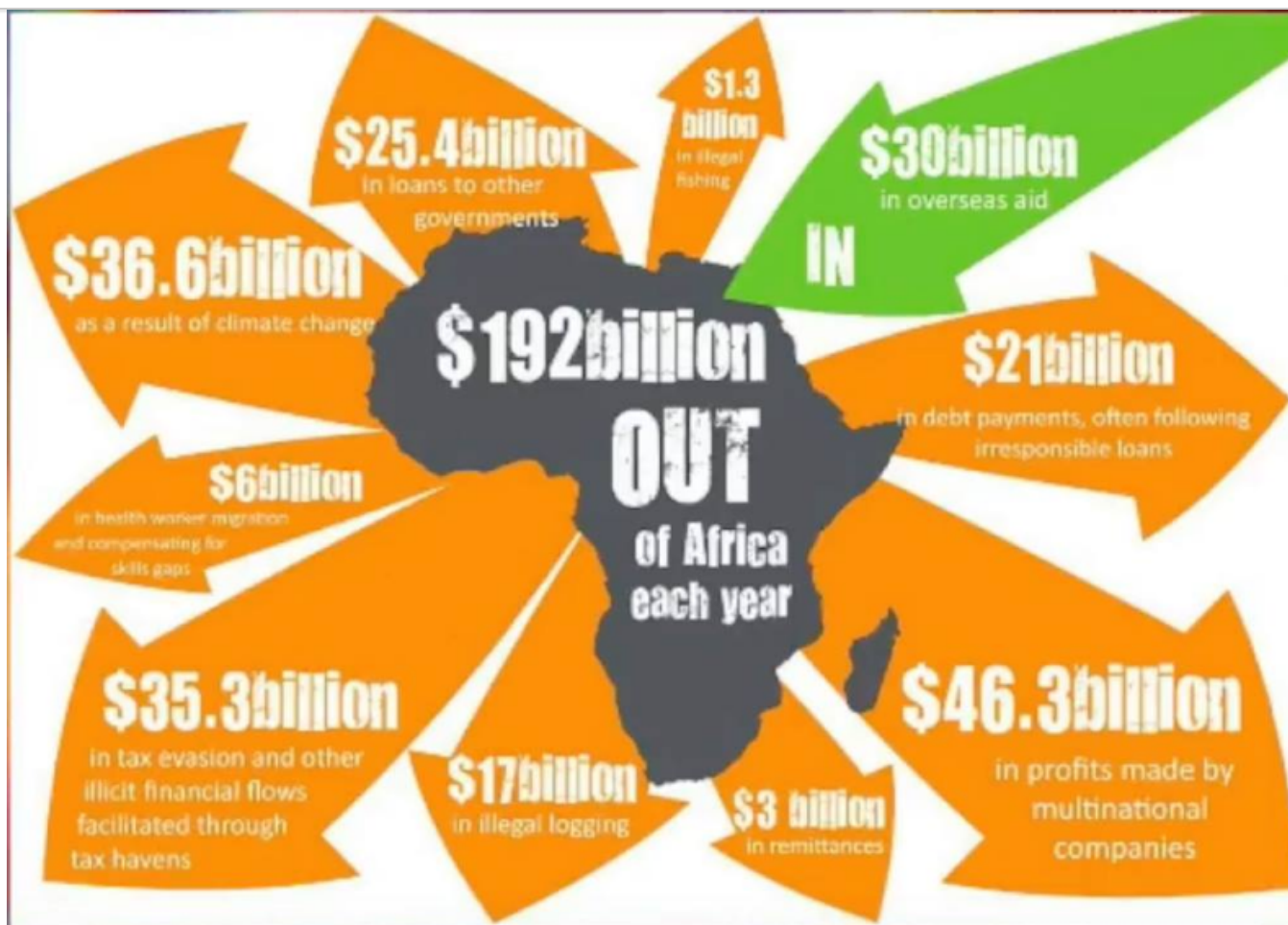
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However, in the eighties, the American Historical Association published a set of documents that they got from the State department under the Freedom of Information Act. These documents reveal that the State department *never* believed that the Soviets had any intention, interest, or capability of invading Western Europe in the late 1940s, 50s, 60s, 70s, or 80s. This is of course mind-blowing for those who were raised in that post-war era and heard constant reports about the Soviet menace in Europe. Just ask your parents. Their generation made to believe that what we needed, above all else, was a NATO shield.

"... the capitalists, although they clamour, for 'propaganda' purposes, about the aggressiveness of the Soviet Union, do not themselves believe that it is aggressive, because they are aware of the Soviet Union's peaceful policy and know that it will not itself attack capitalist countries." -- Stalin, 1951

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[In the NOW video](#)
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Syrian War Propaganda

Understanding the Syrian violence - check your sources

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It ain't just 'demonstrators' v police in Syria

The western corporate media consistetly reports the violence in Syria as the regime repressing civilian protestors - here are some examples -

- "conflict between the government and pro-reform citizens" - CNN
- "clashes between security forces and anti-government protestors" - Voice of America
- "weeks of pro-democracy protests" - Sky News
- "Troops and tanks are reported to have swept into ... Baniyas, a centre of anti-government protests" - BBC
- "deadly crackdown on protests" - Reuters
- "Syrian government was determined to crush by force dissent" - NYT

However, if one looks just a bit wider, there are clear signs of armed confrontations, with large numbers of security forces being killed and wounded - notice the change in sources for these reports -

- "The Syrian government confirmed twenty deaths, ten of them police and militia, in confrontations between security forces and those they call armed terrorist groups, while tanks were deployed in Baniyas" - Prensa Latina (Cuba)
- "Ten Syrian soldiers and policemen have been killed by terrorist groups in the central city of Homs, according to the Syrian state news agency." - Press TV (Iran)
- "Syrian human rights groups said hundreds of civilians had been killed across the country. The protests have also left more than 100 army personnel and security agents dead across the country. Syrian authorities have accused "armed terrorist groups and foreign conspiracy" of being behind the turmoil." - Xinhua (China)

A little bit 'slips through the cracks' of the corporate monolith -

- '21 protesters, 5 police killed in Syria violence' - CNN
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Since many “middle Americans” already obey the law, pay their taxes, give their sons to the army, are themselves distrustful of political heterodoxy, and applaud when unions are broken and troublesome people are disposed of, they probably could live without too much personal torment in a fascist state — some of them certainly seem eager to do so.”

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weakened. The Soviets knew this. For instance, this is how a Soviet diplomat privately reacted in her diary when hearing of the Soviet-German non-aggression pact:

"Yesterday, August 23, the Soviet Union and Germany signed a non-aggression pact in Moscow....

I did not drop the paper in dismay, and indeed, the news did not surprise me particularly. It is a most correct step on our part, a logical conclusion drawn from the situation in the world today... We are in the presence of a double game of the imperialist powers. A scheme conceived by them long ago is ready for realisation. The impact of a German attack would have to be sustained in full measure by the Soviet Union, with the imperialists' kindly connivance. Britain and France would merely look on, the former from its isles and the latter from behind the trenches of the Maginot Line. This is how they had calculated it. The treaty with Germany has upset these imperialist plans, and even if it fails to eliminate the threat of German attack, it will at least gain us time."

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 1934 - **Poland** - Hitler - Pilsudski pact
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 1936 - **Japan** - Anti-Comintern Pact
 1938 September - **UK** - German-British non aggression Pact
 1938 December - **France** - German-French non-aggression Pact
 1939 March - **Romania** - German-Romanian Economical Treaty
 1939 March - **Lithuania** - non-aggression Pact
 1939 May - **Italy** - Pact of Steel (Friendship and Alliance)
 1939 May - **Danemark** - non-aggression Pact
 1939 June - **Estonia** - non-aggression Pact
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