

GV100 Week 03 Socialism, Communism, and Fascism Questions

Lecture:

1. What are the different factions of socialism?
2. According to socialism:
 - What things will a centrally organized economy deliver?
 - Why are workers alienated from their work?
 - Why does democracy not work under capitalism?
3. What is the difference between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie?
4. What is the difference between communism, socialism, and social democracy?
5. What is the most important concept in fascism?
6. What is fascism's view of humans?
7. What is the relationship between Nazism and fascism?

Reading:

8. What is capital?
9. According to Marx and Engels:
 - What is the key unit of analysis in history?
 - What will happen to the petit bourgeoisie as history progresses?
 - What is the significance of inequality between ages and sexes?
 - How can the government of a capitalist nation be described?
 - What is the core goal of the theory of Communism?
 - What is the importance of national boundaries?
10. Why do you think that the 'inevitable' rise of the proletariat has not happened in most countries of the world?
11. Which countries in the world are communist or socialist, and what do you think makes them so?
12. Is President Obama a socialist, a social democrat, or neither, and why?