

Is the left undermining their socialist goals with their own policies?

An intellectual exercise in the “Musings from the Chair” series

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In the “How to Talk Politics and Remain Friends” MicroLesson I said that most issues are presented as A or B and one of those is evil. I further said that the real answer is never A or B it’s something entirely different. This analysis of socialism vs capitalism is a good example.

This line of thinking started with a notion about socialism vs capitalism. Scott Adams, the creator of Dilbert, author and podcaster gave use an interesting analysis of the socialism vs capitalism in a Microlesson circa 2019 or so.

He said the reason socialism works in some countries like Canada or England and cannot work in the US, but not due to the mainstream arguments we may be familiar with. It’s military spending. Canada and England can afford things like socialized medicine because the USA spends so much on our military the neither country needs to spend much on theirs. If Canada was invaded by an adversary, who would immediately join the battle? The USA in a big way.

There are many factors involved in a socialism vs capitalism comparison. Military spending in only one aspect, but it’s an interesting view and feels to me like a big factor.

Although this is an incomplete argument, it helped me to start thinking about capitalism vs socialism and I came to the conclusion that policies on the left are actively working against the implementation of socialist programs.

For the sake of this argument, we’ll stipulate that socialized medicine and free college tuition could be considered “good things” of socialism if well implemented.

However we cannot afford the good things of socialism because the political left injects philosophies and programs that are incompatible with the implementation of the socialism.

A government cannot offer socialized medicine and free tuition and open the borders. Funding and implementing large programs like these cannot be done if you invite tens of millions of people in to utilize these programs.

Note that border security is neither a capitalist nor a socialist philosophy. Open borders cause extra costs for governments and as such is incompatible with other government programs.

A government cannot promise safe streets and town while defunding law enforcement entities (police, ICE, CBP, etc). Being tough on crime or soft on crime is not a capitalist vs socialist issue. High crime areas drive out businesses and jobs and make it impossible for residents to live safely and free.

A government cannot promise safe streets and fail to treat the drug addicted and homeless. Homelessness is not a housing problem. It's an addiction and mental health issue that is enhanced by a lack of enforcement of local regulations about camping on the streets an petty crime. Again, not a socialism vs capitalism, but cities that tolerate homelessness and drug addiction are actively working against their own desires for good things of socialism impossible.

A government cannot claim to be fairly elected while they block voter ID, take weeks to count ballots, and accept ballots for weeks before and after the election day. In other words, if the election is not credible, the government cannot claim the election as the basis of their claim on power. Again, not socialist vs capitalist, but it makes folks feel like they are being governed by leaders who did not earn our trust. Thus people will look skeptically at all programs proposed by that government. Again undermining any socialist leaning program. Passing the laws requiring voter ID and controlling ballots, voting and counting will instill confidence in our government. Only the right is pushing for these items.

A government cannot fund the good things of socialism and turn a blind eye to massive fraud. I refer to the hundreds of billions of dollars of fraud found in 2026 due to fraud of the following services: child daycare, adult daycare, kids lunch, medical services, health care / insurance, medical transportation, homeless services, welfare fraud, hospice fraud, "Transportation Company" located at a money wire store, student aid, and H1B Visa scams. These are the ones that can be easily confirmed. The total fraud found in the first half of 2026 can easily add up over half a trillion dollars. The right is pushing to stop this fraud while the left is ignoring it.

A government cannot fund the good things of socialism and fund massive NGOs with no oversight or audits. DOGE took care of much of this problem.

Each example above is enough to instigate their own detailed conversations.

In each of these examples, the Republican Party is actively working on side of these issue that will make desirable government programs affordable, communities safe for residents and businesses, and a government that has the confidence of the governed. The political left is actively adding policies that undermine the affordability and safety of the programs the left most wants.

The political left torpedoed their own socialist programs with incompatible philosophies. What could state and federal governments do if they embraced all of the cost savings and safety measures proposed by the right?