

Lenin, Mao, Fabian Socialists, Guild Socialism, Modifications in Marxism - ANARCHISM

Lenin - vanguard of socialist movement in Russia.

- ^{made} distinction between trade union consciousness and a socialist consciousness.
- maturation of the capitalist economy & the evolution of the means of prodⁿ will inculcate trade union consciousness in the proletariat class - awareness of workers' rights.
- Some outside force is necessary to inspire the proletariat class with a burning socialist awareness - a middle class intellectual leadership.

• imperialist stage of capitalism -

(i) advanced stage of capitalism is characterized by the growth of giant monopolies covering world wide market - it leads to search of new markets for goods & raw materials - (ii) and also leads to international struggle to control industrially backward areas.

(iii) this phase ultimately leads to war b/w imperialist states for the control of under developed regions. Eg - 1st World War 1914 - 1919.

(iv) War shows contradiction in capitalist mode of prodⁿ → ^{interⁿ} character of prodⁿ and restricⁿ imposed by the boundaries of nation-state.

- capitalism cannot do away with this contradiction

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and ultimately class war is brought back
proletariat - social revolution.

• Marx did not formulate in detail - origin of the
dictatorship of the proletariat - this is
done by Lenin. Features -

- do (i) dictatorship of the proletariat is a
uniparty state - gov

(ii) guided by a band of class-conscious
leaders of the working class.

(iii) party of working class people is the
spearhead of the revolutionary social
order.

(iv) a transient state - task is to hold
down the counter-revolutionary attempts
of the old exploiting class to restore
their order back.

(v) it paves way for the final "withering
away" of the state.

(vi) stateless society is the final stage of
man's journey towards full freedom.

(vii) full freedom will be achieved through
stages and planned eduⁿ.

(a) equal distⁿ of consumption goods

(b) final stage - "each acc to his
ability, to each acc to his
needs." is the governing

principle of a socialist society.

Trotsky - Permanent Revolution -

revⁿ wld not be permanent in an
underdeve. soc country encircled
by hostile capitalist countries

till the revⁿ is exported to the industrially advanced cap states.

Stalin - Socialism in a Single Country

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Can be built up in a country through - (i) accelerated indus growth
(ii) collectivisation of agriculture

His vision was of a powerful & triumphant Russia as the spearhead of world revolution.

Stalin's views - till the menace of hostile capitalist encirclement was completely eliminated, the state authority in Russia could not decline in depth or in width.

Mao Tse-Tung -

People's democratic dictatorship - New Democracy

(i) freedom belongs to people alone

(ii) Def of people -

(a) working class

(b) peasantry

(c) petty bourgeoisie

(d) national bourgeoisie

(iii) combination of democracy for the people and dictatorship ^{over} the reactionaries - people's demo dictatorship

(iv) Cultural revolution - ~~1978~~ 1966-76 - led to ~~estab~~ establishment of merciless totalitarian rule in China.

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FABIANISM:

- British socialism — pragmatic outlook
- a form of evolutionary socialism
- Fabianism is socialism redefined 'in harmony with new conditions'
- piecemeal growth.

Jan 4, 1884 - Fabian Society was founded —
George Bernard Shaw & Sidney Webb. (joined later)

Father - Henry George, Mill & Marx
Drew inspiration from

- reorganisation of society by transfer of land and industrial capital from indi & class ownership to the community for general benefit.
- accept state as an instrument of socialism.
- social democratic state should be endowed with decentralised democracy.
- reject Marxist method of class war & revolution.
- democracy is necessary for socialism.
- Sidney Webb - "history perfectly reveals the irresistible progress of democracy" & "continuous process of socialism."

Capitalism has reached the stage where there has been growth of large scale industries which in its nature is joint stock corporate business

• and this deve demands large scale gradual state ownership or control of these economically necessary large undertakings.

• George Bernard Shaw -

(i) rejected the labour theory of value - the community and not the labour alone creates value.

(ii) social ownership of rent

(iii) social IC or control of socially created wealth demands a state which is neither selfish nor incompetent

(iv) the state must be a demo state!

(v) seeks to endow the state with expert content. - competent administrators

(vi) deve of a decentralised instⁿal frame - work woven by a multiplicity of self-governing local orgⁿ - fabians allow participation in the social reforms from below.

(vii) decentⁿ of power is a necessary element for fabian socialism.

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(ix) In the Fabian method of piecemeal gradual reforms "slice after slice and step by step" - found in the spirit and temper of 19th Cent.

GUILD SOCIALISM

- Unites middle craft with French syndicate.
 - as a protest against capitalism and state socialism.

- Champions of workers' control in the industry - just like syndicalists.

- Penty, Orage & Hobson.

- return to the medieval guild ^{sys.} socialism

- G.D.H. Cole - systematic study of syndicalism

Main features -

(i) protest against the capitalist method of exploitation.

(ii) man is reduced to a 'machine' working in a large scale industry leading to 'automation' - modern age.

(iii) due to remote and indirect relⁿ bet work and reward in modern industrial enterprise the incentive to work is damaged.

(iv) modern eco sys leads to separation of ownership from service.

v) criticise contemporary pol demo which is based on the principle of territorial repⁿ

D.H. Cole - functional repⁿ - true form of demo setup.
Society must contain "as many separately elected groups of rep as there are distinct and essential groups of functions to be performed."

• What is a guild?? - a self governing association of mutually dependent people organised for a responsible discharge of a particular function of society.

- each industry will be managed and controlled by a guild which is a modified trade union -

(i) it must include all the persons engaged in any industry from top - bottom.

(ii) its function is not to fight for rights of the workers but, to control and administer the industry.

(iii) it will be organised for peaceful purposes in a friendly society.

(iv) state will deal with - intⁿ relⁿ, justice and eduⁿ.

(v) transformation of cap sys into guild sys will come through evolutionary methods.

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ANARCHISM

History - hostility to all forms of pol authority - core principle

- Stoics of ancient Greece
- Middle Ages religious sects - propagated adequacy of the Christian faith in the maintenance of a free & free civil life.

William Godwin
father of modern Anarchism

• Godwin - opposed to pol authority and instⁿ of pvt property.

• Pierre Joseph Proudhon - 'what is property' - "I am in the full sense of the word, an anarchist."

Characterised property as 'theft'.

Pol authority is an enemy of justice, reason and fair deal.

Anarchism

Individualistic anarchists

- (i) sublime faith in the indi
- (ii) gave him property rights
- (iii) Exponents - a) Max Stirner

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indi's rts gave him entitled him to overthrow any authority

b) Nietzsche - characterized by the exaltation of the rts of the superhuman

Communitistic anarchists

- (i) replace state by voluntary assoⁿ
- (ii) believed in revolutionary methods.
- (iii) Exponents - Michael Bakunin

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disappearance of pol authority and pvt property and religion.

These ^{primitive} instⁿ should be superseded by higher and noble developments.

- Bakunin's theory is based on the concept that pot authority is grounded in his conviction that it perpetuates inequitable eco conditions and debases human morality.
- both evolutionary & revolutionary methods will be used to achieve anarchist goals.
- after liquidation of state and put property, a free society would be estab on the basis of mutuality — indi allegiance will be spontaneous and voluntary.

PRINCE KROPOTKIN

- replacement of coercive state by a web of freely functioning groups.
- state is unnatural and artificial as it imposes restraints and compulsions.
- it sustains laws for property owners.
- it has not made any positive contribution to civilisation.
- functions of state will be taken up by voluntary orgs.

Count Leo Tolstoy —

- ^{adds} • Theory of anarchism with Christian socialism

Nature of theory. —

- hostility towards the coercive state is the crux of anarchism.

- (ii) all anarchists urge its abolition.
- (iii) they rely on voluntary autonomous groups as means for running the industry.
- (iv) however, it fails to map a plan for the functioning of the society.
- (v) believes that man has natural impulse to co-operation.

Methods of Anarchists

Philosophical anarchists - persuasion, discussion and propaganda.

Revolutionary anarchists - terrorist methods

Highlights -

- (1) social, moral and economic evils of the modern world are intolerable which cannot be cured.
- (2) human nature is essentially good but is corrupted by institutions like state & church.
- (3) division of labour and other forms of economic co-operations should always be on a voluntary basis.
- (4) the new society can only result from a revolutionary change in the individual and his institutional environment.