



“I firmly believe that the life, liberty and property of every man, and the peace and independence of each state, will be more fully secured under such a constitution of federal government.”

An Examination of the Federal Constitution by Noah Webster

What is Socialism?

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Our modern socialism started in the mid 1800's, and has as its foundational document, *The Communist Manifesto*, by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels in 1848. In response to the Socialist movement, Frederic Bastiat, a French economist, in 1850 wrote *The Law*, to encourage the French to resist socialism and embrace freedom.

Bastiat viewed the government's role the same way the American Founding Fathers did (as evidenced in the Declaration of Independence). The role of government is to secure our unalienable, God-given rights, against attack by any other individual or group. When government encroaches, infringes, or attacks our rights, it not only fails to do what it is supposed to do, but it becomes the very thing it was created to protect us from.

Bastiat described the violation of our rights by government as socialism. Socialism ranges from Protectionism to Communism and includes all the ill-defined points in between. Protectionism is the abuse of one group to the advantage of another group. Communism is the abuse of the

rights of everyone for the benefit of the ruling elite.

We see Protectionism frequently in what Bastiat called "legal plunder." Legal plunder is where the government, by use of "laws," or programs, takes private property from one individual or group and gives it to other individuals or groups. It is a clear violation of our Natural Rights by the taking of our private property, but because it is done through government action, it is called "legal."

This "legal plunder" is also seen in the taking of individual's time. Socialists declare "healthcare" a "right" and demand that it be given to everyone without regard for payment. This demand is on the time of the individual doctors, nurses, and technicians as well as on the private property of the doctors and hospitals. While Protectionists often mean well, the outcome of such socialism is the violation of the Rights of the doctors, nurses, technicians, and hospital owners.

The Constitution Party is against any form of Socialism. The Democrat/Republican Party has been promoting socialism in the United

States for decades and the citizens of the U.S have paid the price. The best of intentions of politicians and parties have not changed the horrible effects of socialism in our country.

The Constitution Party promotes the return of our government to the constitutional limits that the Founding Fathers created to protect our Rights against attacks by our government.

The Constitution Party National Platform

We declare the platform of the Constitution Party to be predicated on the principles of The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution of the United States and The Bill of Rights According to the original intent of the Founding Fathers. These founding documents are the foundation of our Liberty and the Supreme Law of the Land.

The sole purpose of government, as stated in the Declaration of Independence, is to secure our unalienable rights given us by our Creator. When Government grows beyond this scope, it is usurpation, and liberty is compromised.

We believe the major issues we face today are best solved by a renewed allegiance to the original intent of these founding documents.

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