



COMMUNISM

VS.

FASCISM



WHEN IT COMES
TO...

THE DEFINITION

COMMUNISM

- A theory or system of social organization based on the holding of all property in common, with actual ownership ascribed to the community or state

FASCISM

- A government system led by a dictator having complete power, forcibly oppressing opposition and criticism, regimenting all industry and emphasizing an aggressive nationalism

WHEN IT COMES
TO...

THE POLITICAL SYSTEM

COMMUNISM

- No leader, directed directly by the people.
- This has never been actually practiced, and has just used a one-party system

FASCISM

- One charismatic leader has absolute authority.
- Often the symbol of the state

WHEN IT COMES
TO...

SOCIAL STRUCTURE

COMMUNISM

- All classes are eliminated

FASCISM

- Strict class structure believed necessary to prevent chaos.
- Everyone has a specific, defined role
- While a certain race is considered superior, individuality among members of that race is discouraged.

WHEN IT COMES
TO...

DISCRIMINATION

COMMUNISM

- In theory, all members of the state are considered equal

FASCISM

- Belief in one superior race
- Blames society's problems on members of other races or social groups

WHEN IT COMES
TO...

EMPHASIZING NATIONALITY

COMMUNISM

- De-emphasizes nationality and promotes a sense of internationalism in its classless society of the world's workers

FASCISM

- Emphasizes nationalistic differences as more important than class identification
- Promotes the nation's nationality as superior to all other nationalities

WHEN IT COMES
TO...

GOVERNMENT CONTROL

COMMUNISM

- Promises the eventual

FASCISM

- Intends for

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DRAWING FANS

COMMUNISM

- Appeals most strongly to the lower and working classes, especially people without property

FASCISM

- Appeals most strongly to the upper and (property-owning) middle classes who fear a leftist revolution that threatens to take away their wealth and property

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INDIVIDUALISM

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COMMUNISM

Around the World



Global Map of Communism

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