

American Socialism: Too Much, Too Little, or Just Right?

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This lecture/discussion begins with a review of how the word, “socialism” was hijacked and corrupted

by Marx and Lenin and became a bad, dirty word.....when the real meaning of the word – disassociated from such things as totalitarianism, state-ownership of the means of production, and communism -- can be very positive. With its nearly 90 Federal social programs having a price-tag approaching a trillion dollars annually, the USA is, and has been a socialist country for 100 years. A few examples: Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, Pell Grants, agricultural price-supports and subsidies, school-lunch programs, senior centers, Job-Corps, public-housing, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (and corporations) and the Peace Corps. This presentation includes a review of how the USA compares to other “socialist” countries of the world.

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