### Socialism

#### Start of Socialism
- Economy undergoing massive changes in mid-19th Century
- New political forces
  - Liberalism
    - Communism is extreme liberalism

#### Utopian Socialists
- Primarily French
- Dreamed of perfect societies
  - Children of the Enlightenment
  - Answers the “Social Question”
    - The rich will not help the poor
- **Count Claude-Henri de Saint Simon**
  - **Background**
    - Fought in American war of Independence
    - Accepted the French Revolution
  - **Beliefs**
    - “Religion of humanity”
      - Should “Direct society towards the great end of the most rapid amelioration possible of the poorest class”
    - 1820 publishes a parable
      - What would happen if all France’s nobility and royalty sank in a ship wreck? Nothing but a tragic loss compared to if all the bankers, artisans, and farmers sank.
    - Wanted hierarchy based on productivity
      - Rewards and pay based on what they produced
    - Workers could be assured their needs would be met
    - Called for public ownership of equipment and other capital
      - Control in the hands of the captains of industry
        - Who would plan great projects for man
  - “The New Christian”
    - Modern society and religion based on operation of modern industrial economy
  - **Followers**
    - Saint-Simonians
      - Scientific application of Saint-Simon's ideas
    - Had exponents of first planned society
    - **Prosper Enfantin**
      - “father”
      - Expedition to Egypt
    - **Michel Chevalier**
      - Idea of building canal
    - **Ferdinand de Lesseps**
      - Built Suez canal in 1869
    - **La Tribune des Femmes**
      - Newspaper by women, for women
- **Charles Fourier**
  - 1772-1837
- French Philanthropist
  - Rival of Saint-Simon
  - Failed businessman
  - 810 personality types
- Wanted to free society from bourgeoisie individualism
  - Art of selling is the practice of lying and deception
  - Create a community in which people work together for the good of all
    - Self-sufficient
- Agricultural community
  - **Phalanx**
    - Farming communities
    - Farm and workshop
    - 1620 people
      - One man and one woman of each personality type
    - Channel passions
      - Do jobs you are best at and enjoyed
        - Ex. Criminals would be butchers
      - Rotate jobs often
        - Kids would do dirty work
  - Profit sharing
  - **Phalanstery**
    - Place where utopians would live
    - None ever created in France
      - Brook Farm
        - Massachusetts 1842-1847
        - Not made by Fourier himself
          - Needed funding

- Failed
  - **Robert Owen**
    - British
    - Owned a cotton factory
    - Two goals
      - Make a profit
      - Treat workers well
        - Though it possible to do both at same time
          - Partially successful
    - **New Lanark, Scotland**
      - Experimental industrial community
        - Textile mill
      - Good working conditions
        - High wages
        - Decent housing
        - Schools
        - Stores
          - But goods at fair prices
      - Successful for short time only
        - Eventually fell apart
New Harmony, Indiana
- Second attempt
- Experimental agricultural community
- Good working conditions
  - Equality for women
- Failed
  - Workers did not work as hard
    - Took advantage of system
  - Could not sell goods as cheap

- Étienne Cabet
  - Most popular
    - Attracted even bourgeoisie
    - Wanted social and political harmony
  - Voyage to Icaria
    - 1840 novel
  - Communist newspaper

Political Scientists
- Thomas Malthus
  - English
    - 1766-1834
    - Economist and Historian
  - Essay on the Principle of Population
    - Study on the growth of population in England
      - As a population grows they diminish their ability to feed themselves
        - Leads to struggle for resources
        - Plays in later to social Darwinism

- Flora Tristan
  - Wanted to reverse gender bias in society
    - Father’s estate taken by French Government
    - Separated from abusive husband but could not get custody of children
    - Fought for equality in marriage
  - Wanted unions to protect factory workers
  - Linked socialism with feminism

- Louis Blanc
  - Political scientist/utopian
    - French
  - Goals
    - Create social workshops run by workers
      - “Right to work”
        - Work guaranteed by the government
    - Universal suffrage
      - Worker’s party
    - Social workshops
      - State aid to workers
    - “From each according to his ability, to each according to his need”
      - Society needs all types of people
      - As long as people try hard they should be paid
        - BUT according to need
- The Organization of Labour
  - Published 1840
  - Use competition to eliminate competition

- Pierre-Joseph Proudhon
  - Typesetter
  - Grew up in poorer region
  - Abolition of the state
    - First real anarchist
    - To create a better world
    - Thought capitalism was just exploitation
      - “What is property”

- Karl Marx
  - German
    - From the Rhineland
      - Industrial area
      - Moved to France
        - Expelled for ideas
        - Went to England
    - 1818-1883
  - Critical of utopians
    - Naive and unscientific
  - Scientific Socialist
    - Used historical and economical evidence
    - Partnered with Friedrich Engels
      - Wrote about English Industrialism
      - Supported Marx financially
    - Society moves through stages
      - Capitalism -> Proletariat overthrow
      - Bourgeoisie -> Socialism -> Pure Communism
    - Struggle between Haves and Have-Nots
      - 18th Century - Nobles vs. Bourgeoisie
      - 19th Century – Bourgeoisie vs. Proletariat
      - Eventual winner depends on methods of production

- Marxism
  - Government ownership of the means of production
  - Communist Manifesto
    - Published 1848
    - Blamed capitalism for sins of Industrial Revolution
    - Advocated societal ownership of all businesses and properties
      - Everything owned in common
    - Man is an economic animal
      - Money is the main motivation of man
      - Everything done for economic reasons
      - Society determined by economics
  - Class struggle
    - Haves vs. Have-Nots
      - Proletariat vs. bourgeoisie vs. Aristocracy
        - Working class vs. Middle class vs. Upper class
• Revolution is inevitable
  o Things always get worse and worse for proletariat
    ▪ Eventually workers revolt
  • Can only really work in industrial based societies
    o Industrial nations would be first to have revolutions
    ▪ “Workers of the world unite, you have nothing to lose but your chains”
    ▪ Leads to “Dictatorship of the Proletariat”
      ▪ Short step to communism
  o Religion will not help
    ▪ Bourgeoisie controls the church
    ▪ Religion is the “opiate of the masses”
      ▪ Makes people not complain
  o Government will not help
    ▪ Bourgeoisie controls that too
• Miscalculations
  o Classless society not possible
    ▪ Impossible for all to be equal in all senses
  o Less industrialized nations were first to push for communism
  o Life actually got better for workers in capitalists countries
    ▪ Men influenced by money
  o Underestimated society
    ▪ Nationalism bigger factor than class
    ▪ Religion important in people’s lives

Communism
  - Extreme Socialism
    o In theory
  - Pure communism
    o Paradise for the working class
      ▪ No classes
        ▪ Everybody equal
      ▪ No government
      ▪ No Religion
      ▪ No money
    o Perfect person is the one who works for the common good