

Socialism

Start of Socialism

- Economy undergoing massive changes in mid-19th Century
- New political forces
 - o Liberalism
 - Communism is extreme liberalism

Utopian Socialists

- Primarily French
- Dreamed of perfect societies
 - o Children of the Enlightenment
 - o Answers the “Social Question”
 - The rich will not help the poor
- **Count Claude-Henri de Saint Simon**
 - o Background
 - Fought in American war of Independence
 - Accepted the French Revolution
 - o 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
 - o Who would plan great projects for man
 - o **“The New Christian”**
 - Modern society and religion based on operation of modern industrial economy
 - o 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**
 - o 1772-1837

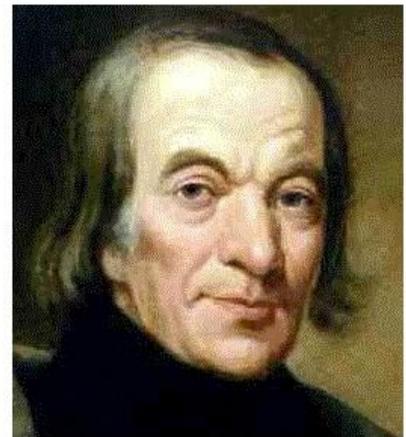


- French Philanthropist
 - Rival of Saint-Simon
 - Failed businessman
 - 810 personality types
- Wanted to free society from bourgeoisie individualism
 - Art of selling is the practice of lying and deception
 - Create a community in which people work together for the good of all
 - Self-sufficient
- 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

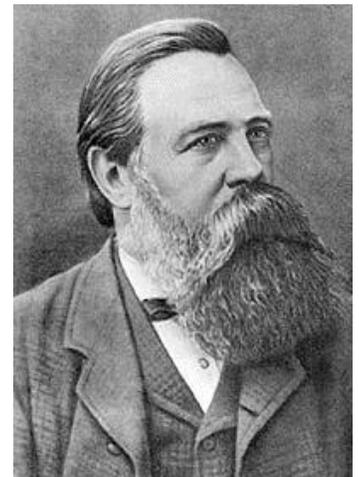
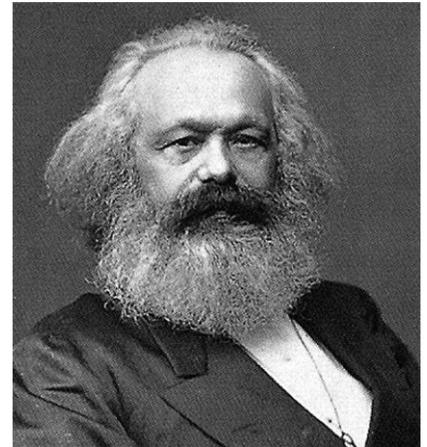
- **Thomas Malthus**
 - English
 - 1766-1834
 - Economist and Historian
 - **Essay on the Principle of Population**
 - Study on the growth of population in England
 - As a population grows they diminish their ability to feed themselves
 - Leads to struggle for resources
 - Plays in later to social Darwinism
- 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
 - Naïve 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
 - Things always get worse and worse for proletariat
 - Eventually workers revolt
 - Can only really work in industrial based societies
 - 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
 - Religion will not help
 - Bourgeoisie controls the church
 - Religion is the “opiate of the masses”
 - Makes people not complain
 - Government will not help
 - Bourgeoisie controls that too
- Miscalculations
 - Classless society not possible
 - Impossible for all to be equal in all senses
 - Less industrialized nations were first to push for communism
 - Life actually got better for workers in capitalists countries
 - Men influenced by money
 - Underestimated society
 - Nationalism bigger factor than class
 - Religion important in people’s lives

Communism

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