

WHAT IS CAPITALISM?



I like to make money selling pizza! I use a little of my capital to buy the means of production, like ovens, ingredients, refrigerators, and the building. Now, all those things can't make the pizza, my boy. Plus, I don't plan on getting my paws covered in pizza sauce. What do I need to really get my business running?

Me

That's right, I need **LABOR!** Members of the working class, like you, sell their labor to make the goods. Cogs in the machine! I'm very motivated to pay you the least amount of money, so that most of the profit goes straight to my pockets!

I CAN TELL YOU!



Capitalism rules our lives, the country, the WORLD!! And there's nothing you can do about it!! HA HA HA!!



Capitalism is the system that supports **PROFIT**. Everything is profitable! Water, air, housing, food! And while capitalists like me keep getting bigger & bigger paychecks, you get paid **PENNIES!** Isn't that fantastic! HA HA HA HA!



- Small group of people (Capitalist class) controls the economy
- Capitalists make money by underpaying workers for their labor
- * exploitative relationship between capitalists & workers
- * Class division
- * ideology
- * Commodification of all aspects of life

I feel so **HELPLESS**
HOPELESS
& **TERRIBLE!**



There must be another way to live my life!

A comic by Sophia Zarders

What's the Alternative?



What touches all should be governed by all. For example, let's look at Climate Justice. How can we produce the energy we all need in a manner least harmful & most beneficial to the community as a whole, rather than what is most profitable?

Needs are met for everyone. In a socialist system, every person would get the best healthcare possible without capitalists focusing on how to make money off of it.

Simply put, democratic socialism is made for the people, by the people.

People should have direct control & access to what they produce. Under Socialism, workers control the means of production. They would decide their hours, pay, intensity, and working conditions.



ROSE SCHNEIDERMAN: "What the woman who labor wants is the right to live, not simply exist - the right to life as the rich woman has the right to life, and the sun & music wait. You have nothing that the humblest worker has not a right to have also. The worker must have BREAD, but she must have ROSES, too."



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- building union power
- universal childcare
- solidarity with workers worldwide
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