Capitalism vs. Communism

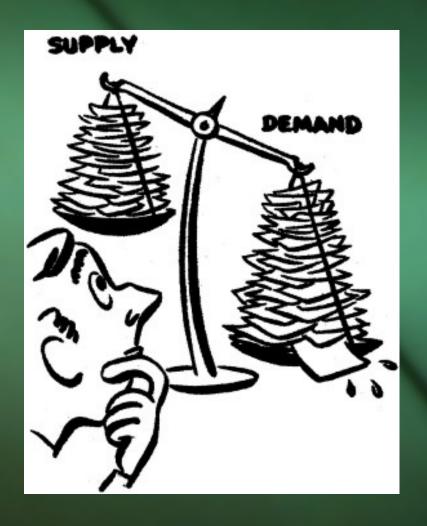
What is Capitalism?

1. An economic system in which individuals own and operate private businesses for profit



Economic

- 1. Prices of goods and services determined by competition
- 2. Supply and demand



Social

- 1. Any person is free to start a business and employ people.
- 2. Choice of many parties for government, chosen by the people. A democracy.



Result

- 1. Freedom to succeed or to fail
- 2. Equal opportunity for all
- 3. Division between rich and poor



What is Communism?

- 1. A political system in which the government owns all businesses and services
- 2. 2 Elements
 - 1. Economic
 - 2. Social



Economic

- 1. Equal distribution of wealth
- 2. The State is above the individual
- 3. People have little choice in jobs
- 4. Wages are the same no matter how much or how little you work



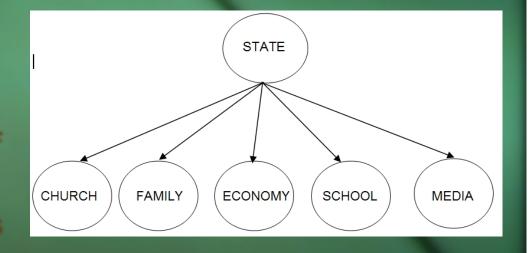
Social

- 1. Government controls everything
- 2. No private property
- 3. Gov't picks a job for you
- 4. Control of media= no freedom of speech
- 5. No freedom of religion



Result

- 1. Government becomes totalitarian to prevent people from revolting
- 2. 3 Main Methods of control by fear
 - 1. Man-made famines
 - 2. Slave labor camps
 - 3. Executions



Why the Cold War?

The U.S. saw communism as a form of slavery and a threat to freedom everywhere

