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Quotes about Socializing and Socialism

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Socialists make the mistake of confusing individual worth with success. They believe you cannot allow people to succeed in case those who fail feel worthless.

- Baker, Kenneth

People nowadays like to be together not in the old-fashioned way of, say, mingling on the piazza of an Italian Renaissance city, but, instead, huddled together in traffic jams, bus queues, on escalators and so on. It's a new kind of togetherness which may seem totally alien, but it's the togetherness of modern technology.

- Ballard, J. G.

I only go out to get me a fresh appetite for being alone.

- Byron, Lord

I pass the test that says a man who isn't a socialist at 20 has no heart, and a man who is a socialist at 40 has no head.

- Casey, William

One is a socialist because one used to be one, no longer going to demonstrations, attending meetings, sending in one's dues, in short, without paying.

- Certeau, Michel De

We would not be interested in human beings if we did not have the hope of someday meeting someone worse off than ourselves.

- Cioran, E. M.

Real socialism is inside man. It wasn't born with Marx. It was in the communes of Italy in the Middle Ages. You can't say it is finished.

- Fo, Dario

Socialism can only arrive by bicycle.

- Gallo, Jose Antonio Viera

Lions, wolves, and vultures don't live together in herds, droves or flocks. Of all animals of prey, man is the only sociable one. Every one of us preys upon his neighbor, and yet we herd together.

- Gay, John

This socialism will develop in all its phases until it reaches its own extremes and absurdities. Then once again a cry of denial will break from the titanic chest of the revolutionary minority and again a mortal struggle will begin, in which socialism will play the role of contemporary conservatism and will be overwhelmed in the subsequent revolution, as yet unknown to us.

- Herzen, Alexander

A successful social technique consists perhaps in finding unobjectionable means for individual self-assertion.

- Hoffer, Eric

A man has as many social selves as there are individuals who recognize him.

- James, William

You're looking exceptionally ugly tonight, Madam, is it because we have company?

- Jarry, Alfred

We are persons of quality, I assure you, and women of fashion, and come to see and to be seen.

- Jonson, Ben

If Socialism can only be realized when the intellectual development of all the people permits it, then we shall not see Socialism for at least five hundred years.

- Lenin, Vladimir Ilyich

Men of genius are often dull and inert in society; as the blazing meteor, when it descends to earth, is only a stone.

- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth

Every reasonable human being should be a moderate Socialist.

- Mann, Thomas

By concentrating on what is good in people, by appealing to their idealism and their sense of justice, and by asking them to put their faith in the future, socialists put themselves at a severe disadvantage.

- Mcewan, Ian

Great Socialist statesmen aren't made, they're still-born.

- Munro, Hector Hugh

Rascals are always sociable -- more's the pity! and the chief sign that a man has any nobility in his character is the little pleasure he takes in others company.

- Schopenhauer, Arthur

Socialism proposes no adequate substitute for the motive of enlightened selfishness that to-day is at the basis of all human labor and effort, enterprise and new activity.

- Taft, William Howard

It is certainly safe, in view of the movement to the right of intellectuals and political thinkers, to pronounce the brain death of socialism.

- Tebbit, Norman

What men call social virtues, good fellowship, is commonly but the virtue of pigs in a litter, which lie close together to keep each other warm.

- Thoreau, Henry David

A great social success is a pretty girl who plays her cards as carefully as if she were plain.

- Unknown, Source

The only hope of socialism resides in those who have already brought about in themselves, as far as is possible in the society of today, that union between manual and intellectual labor which characterizes the society we are aiming at.

- Weil, Simone

To make men Socialists is nothing, but to make Socialism human is a great thing.

- Wilde, Oscar

When one pays a visit it is for the purpose of wasting other people's time, not one's own.

- Wilde, Oscar

It wasn't idealism that made me, from the beginning, want a more secure and rational society. It was an intellectual judgment, to which I still hold. When I was young its name was socialism. We can be deflected by names. But the need was absolute, and is still absolute.

- Williams, Raymond



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