



Marxism

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What is Marxism?

- The political & economic theories of Karl Marx
- In collaboration with friend Friedrich Engels
- Revolves around human history and struggle between classes
- End to societal classes
- Aims to ensure equality

(Singer, 2018; BBC, 2014).

Who is Karl Marx?

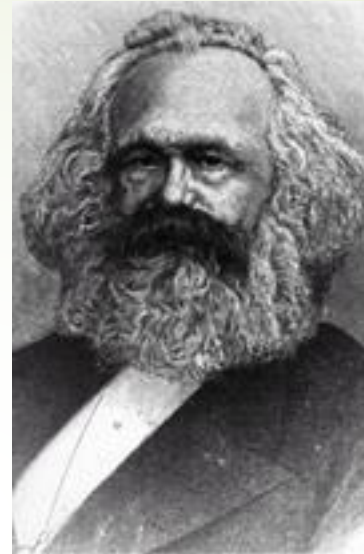
- Revolutionary Philosopher
- Born in Trier, Germany in 1818
- To a Jewish Family
- Studied Law
- Received doctorate in Philosophy
- Moved to Paris – befriended Friedrich Engels
- Later moved to Brussels and again to London where he spent the remainder of his life until his death in 1883

(BBC, 2014; Singer, 2018)

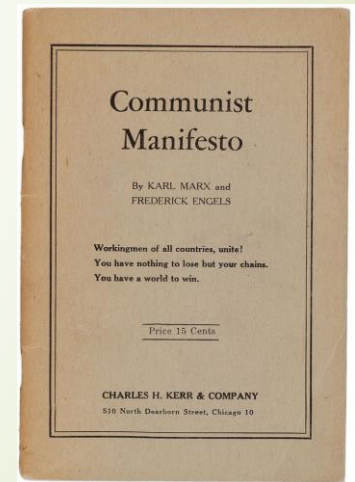
Key works

- The Communist Manifesto 1848
- A Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy 1859
- Das Kapital, Volume 1

(Thorpe et al., 2015)



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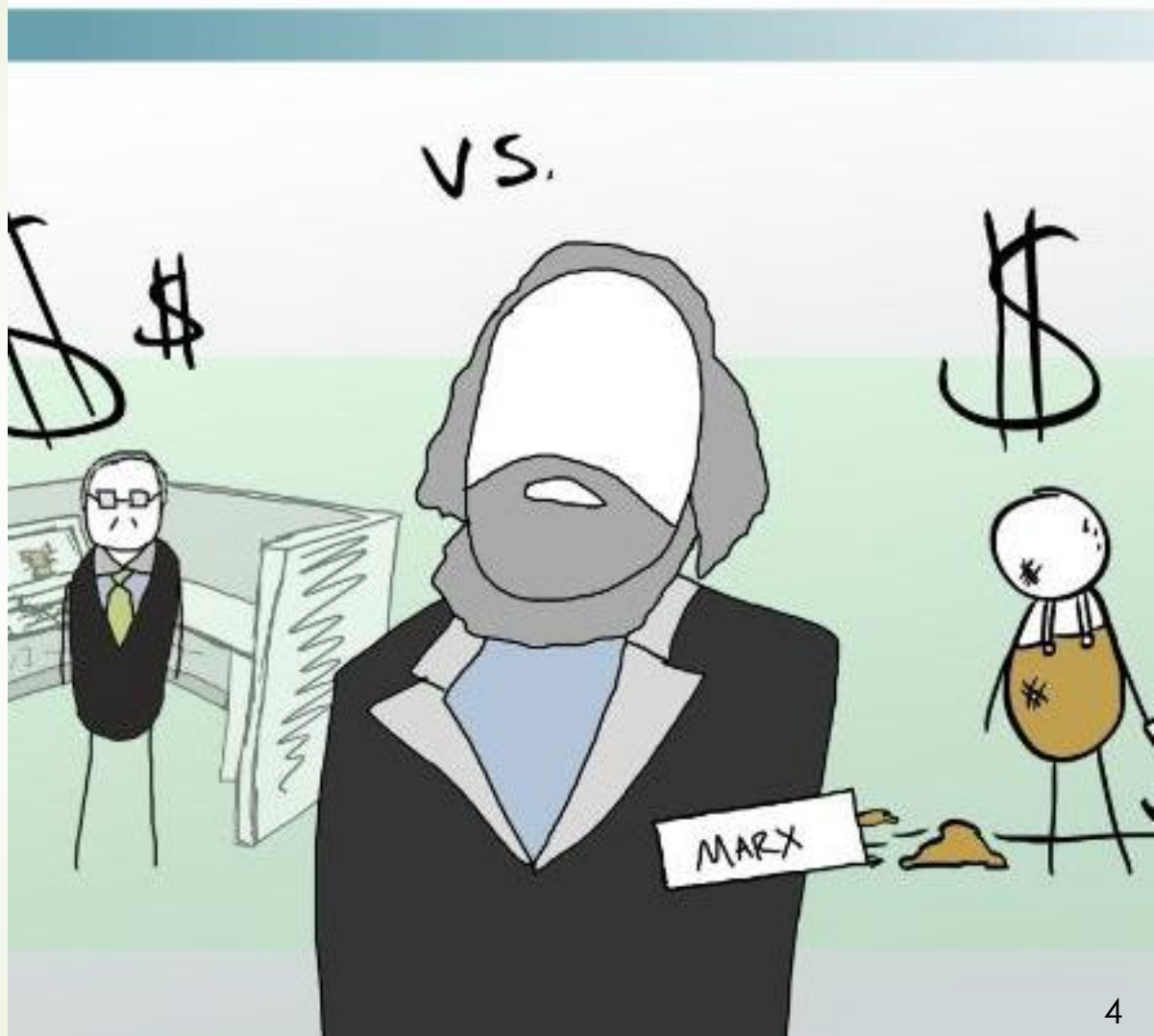


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Conflict Theory

- Class system would create conflict
- Oppressed class would become stronger
- Revolution
- Overcome the Bourgeoisie
- Can be applied wherever there are hierarchal groups in society

(Dillon, 2014; Thorpe, et al., 2015)



Historical Materialism



Social Inequality



National Minimum Wage

“From each
according
to his ability,
to each
according
to his
needs”

(Marx, 2008).



National Minimum Wage Act 1998



21st Century Marxism

Class is still part of society

Different groups remain marginalised

Working class are still worse off

Recession / financial crisis led for many to engage / reengage in Marxism

Evergrowing danger of inequality

Brexit vote to leave European Union influenced by class

(Rees, 2019).



“Workers of
the world,
unite!”

(Marx and Engels, 2015).

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