**AMERICANISM AND MARXISM**

**A SYMPOSIUM**

**Part 1-**

**Definitions and Characteristics of Americanism and Marxism!**

**Segment goals for participants:**

**1. Be able to state concise, accurate and useful definitions for Americanism and Marxism.**

**2. Be able to name 3 tenets for each world view.**

**How to recognize each system! Basic definitions. Tenets of each one.**

**World view: total philosophy, not just economic or political!**

**2 World views: philosophy, (more than political stance or economic theory), also spiritually animated. Everyone is on a spectrum between these two world views.**

**POLES- People fall on a spectrum between these two centers of thought!**

 **Very few people score perfectly in either camp!**

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**AMERICANISM:**

**The Judeo-Christian world view on which the United States was founded.**

**Characteristics , Tenets and features of Americanism:**

**1. Ultimate reality:**

**The Kingdom of God temporarily being challenged by the kingdom of Satan!**

 **(In God We Trust!)**

**2. Morality: Judeo-Christian Biblical standards including the 10 commandments, equality of all people, marriage and other institutions created by God.**

**3. Healthy society consists of multiple institutions all under God! (Family, Church, Enterprise, Government)(Other major institutions should be independent of government)**

**4. Individual freedom- religion, speech, press, assembly, petition. People are eternal spiritual beings temporarily living in physical bodies on earth.**

**5. Individual expression, art- reflect the real beauty of God and creation.**

**6. Government of, by and for the people (self-government)**

**Distrust of centralized power: this corrupts and enslaves**

**Political diversity is natural and should be respected**

**(Limited government)**

**7. Order and cooperation lead to progress and prosperity (free decisions). (Free enterprise)**

**8. Free exchange of ideas and view points**

**9. Minimum number of laws (strictly and impartially enforced)(Trial by Jury)**

**10. Freedom of individual citizens to keep and bear arms!**

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**MARXISM:**

 **An atheistic world view that relies on human conflict to accomplish socioeconomic progress.**

**Characteristics, Tenets and features of Marxism:**

**1. Ultimate reality: The physical universe! (Atheism!)**

**(Religious faith is insanity)**

**2. Morality: Whatever advances revolution, “equity” according to the Party.**

**(Lying, cheating, deception are all OK when these further the cause.)**

**3. Healthy society is equity between all citizens. (Economic determinism!)**

**(Dialectic: thesis, antithesis > synthesis)**

**4. Individual freedom- highly restricted to whatever the Party deems good for society, wealth transfer. People are advanced animals. No life after physical death.**

**5. Individual expression, art- must support the revolution!**

**Dark, demonic products**

**6. Government of, by and for the Revolutionary Party.**

**(Socialism- government control of economy and much else.)**

**(All other institutions are to be subservient or eliminated)**

**7. Progress and prosperity result from conflict between oppressed and oppressors.**

**(Constant revolution, chaos, conflict are key to progress)**

**8. No Free exchange of ideas and view points. Opposition must be demonized, crushed and eliminated Government thought control- Totalitarianism.**

**9. Profuse number of totalitarian laws (selectively enforced)(Secret rigged trials)**

**10. Only the state can keep and bear arms!**