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Posted by u/KimochiiiNe 4 months

The official position of the CPC is to clear up confusion on the relationship between Mao Zedong Thought and Socialism with Chinese characteristics. Further elaboration and explanation of the three stages of socialism in China.

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## POLITICAL TRENDS

According to [Xi Jinping and the current party consensus](#), there are four broad political trends in China today:

1. "Ultra-left", which **upholds** the Mao era and Mao Zedong Thought but **rejects** the Deng Xiaoping era and the theoretical framework of Socialism with Chinese characteristics. This position must be "**profoundly re-examined**".
2. "Left", which **upholds** both the Mao and Deng eras, Mao Zedong Thought and SWCC. This position must be "**strongly promoted**".
3. "Right", which **rejects** Mao and Mao Zedong Thought but **upholds** Deng Xiaoping and SWCC. This position must also be "**profoundly re-examined**".
4. "Ultra-right", which **rejects** both the Mao and Deng eras, Mao Zedong Thought and SWCC. This position must be "**firmly opposed**".

Both Mao and Deng committed leftist and rightist errors respectively. However, their overall contribution to Chinese socialism is immense and should be embraced. In line with this reality, critical tolerance must be given to the Ultra-Leftist and the Rightist positions described above. But Ultra-Rightists, seeking to "change allegiance" (capitalist restoration) are completely unacceptable.

This position has been put into practice in party schools, common education, and party discipline. An example of this can be seen in the testimony of expelled former liberal-minded party members [in this article of the Sydney Morning Herald](#):

Someone always loses in any political upheaval. In the rise of Xi, it's the second-generation elite such as Cai and their families who



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“These people are seeing their purpose torn up,” he says. “Xi Jinping doesn’t like that group of members, he likes true believers because he’s a true believer.”

Essentially, Xi Jinping has focused on [eliminating previously widespread graft and corruption](#) as well as completely [dismantling CIA networks within the party and state](#). He has also taken it upon himself to cleanse the party of [liberalism, resumé hunters, historical nihilism towards party history, and western idolization](#); all of which were unfortunate conditions that developed during the Deng era, methastysizing during the Jiang Zemin (and his Shanghai Clique), Hu Jintao administrations.

Nevertheless, in 2017 at the 19th CPC Congress, a **third era** in Chinese socialism [was declared](#) in accordance with the "Left" position presented above. The primary goals of this era are to assert party authority within the economy in order to carry out the technological, social, cultural and economic tasks necessary to completely lift China from a middle-income low complexity manufacturing export-dependent economy to a [high-income, innovative](#) and [self-reliant/autarkik economy](#) during the 2021-2035 period. In other words, China wants to be more like Germany or Japan with their large high-quality, high-tech and high-complexity manufacturing output instead of deindustrializing, financializing and outsourcing like the United States and Britain.

With China likely reaching the human development and gdp per capita levels of some southern european countries by 2035, and very possibly matching western/northern european countries in those terms by 2049, [it has been confirmed](#) that China will have thus completed the Primary Stage of Socialism and will ascend to the intermediate stage by 2049:

From the primary stage of socialism to the intermediate, and then the advanced stage, China is following a development process of constant evolution and constant strengthening. Currently in the “second half” of the primary stage of socialism, China has already developed important economic features that are usually found in an advanced economic entity, for example, innovation-driven growth, post-industrialization, green manufacturing and green energy: while also facing the



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2021, the year the Communist Party of China celebrates its centenary. By the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the PRC [2049], we will have achieved our goal of building China into a great modern socialist country that is prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced, harmonious, and beautiful.

After 2050, China will enter the **intermediate** stage of socialist development. The development theme will change from "common prosperity" to "common development," with two main historical missions: (1) to turn China into a highly developed great modern socialist country (i.e. the third centenary goal) by 2078, the centenary of China's reform and opening up; and (2) to realize the **great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation by the end of the century**.

China's third centenary goal can be described as a shift from "achieving common development" to "becoming highly developed." The overarching objective is to build China into a great modern socialist country that is prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced, harmonious, and beautiful in all respects, so as to lay a solid foundation with higher standards to enable the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

## STAGES OF SOCIALISM

The best way to summarize the stages according to the current theoretical line of the CPC and the [interpretation](#) of [Professor Cheng Enfu](#):

### 0th Stage or Socialist Construction Period

- Founding of the PRC (1949) to the end of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution and the Boluan Fanzheng period (1977)
- Bloc of Four Classes, New Democracy
- People's Democratic Dictatorship with Proletarian Leadership
- Basic institutions of the PRC built
- Basic Industrialization, urbanization, and infrastructure development
- Eradication of severe deprivation, doubling of life expectancy and other achievements
- Officially, this period is part of the primary stage but it's



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- 2021-2049 (Modern Prosperity, eradication of relative poverty and underdevelopment)
- Socialist Market Economy
  - Public Ownership in various forms **primary**; private ownership **secondary**.
  - Market-based distribution according to labor **primary**; according to capital **secondary**.
  - State-dominated Market Economy

### Intermediate Stage of Socialism

- 100th year anniversary of the PRC until the 'end of the century'.
  - Split into two-sub-stages
    - 2050-2078 (Highly Developed, centenary of Reform and Opening Up)
    - 2079-2100\* (Great Rejuvenation of the Chinese Nation by the 'end of the century')
- Socialist Market Economy 2.0 (no official name yet)
  - Multiple forms of social ownership (state, coop, joint-stock); no private ownership
  - Multiple types of **commodity** distribution according to labor ([similar to Stalin's elaboration](#)).
  - State-dominated planned economy with secondary market adjustments
  - Although theorists have suggested leaping over the 'intermediate' stage and instead having a longer 'advanced stage' (theoretical developments are only set in stone once they have been voted on and approved in congresses and/or added to the party constitution)

### Advanced/Final Stage of Socialism before Communism

- 2100\*-???
- No official speculation about the exact year but before the end of this century
- Fully Socialist Economy
  - Single Public Ownership by entire society



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(distributon according to **labor** for new products in shorter supply)

- Completely Planned Economy

Hope this post helps clear up any doubts in regards to the current positions and theoretdical discussions of the CPC.



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Creeemi · 4 mo. ago

Fantastic post comrade, great and easy to understand summary of all these positions, thank you



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Pashafasfa · 4 mo. ago · edited 4 mo. ago



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socialist project.

It's already going so much better than the purges or the cultural revolution did.

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AyoOwl · 2 mo. ago

Xi has cleaned the party up

that sounds too optimistic comrade

how are we sure that indeed 100% of the plants are gone?

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ScienceSleep99 · 4 mo. ago

This is amazing, comrade! I'm also glad that we are finally able to discuss the many pains in the reform and opening up period and the opportunism of some roaders to steer the path towards capitalist restoration.

Class struggle is not over in China and there is a large class that has built up some power in China aided by the West. This is why it's important to support the CPC as it crosses this path to deal with the opportunists.

How will China and the CPC address concerns regarding climate change, bringing another developed country into the global economy and the strain on resources, the global south? I.e. can China escape periphery status and rise to the level of the countries in the imperial core without causing further ecological strain?

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KimochiiiNe OP · 4 mo. ago · edited 4 mo. ago

The CPC has [pledged](#) peak carbon by 2030 and net zero by 2060. They are [industry leaders in solar panel](#)

[manufacturing](#). Further China is rich in the necessary



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Logan\_Maddox · 4 mo. ago

How will China and the CPC address concerns regarding climate change, bringing another developed country into the global economy and the strain on resources, the global south? I.e. can China escape periphery status and rise to the level of the countries in the imperial core without causing further ecological strain?

This is what I'm thinking too. We here in Brazil look forward to seeing how China will be dealing with that in their territory, and to hopefully join them too, as equals, when the time comes.

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Hieu\_Nguyen\_1 · 4 mo. ago

While this is indeed wholesome, I am somewhat saddened by the fact that I would never get to experience the life in a truly communist society. But all in all, if that is the life my descendants will get to see in person, I guess it is not that depressing.

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KimocheeiiiNe **OP** · 4 mo. ago

These trees which he plants, and under whose shade he shall never sit, he loves them for themselves, and for the sake of his children and his children's children, who are to sit beneath the shadow of their spreading boughs. He repays a debt to his posterity which he owes to his ancestors.

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[\\_TheHalfTruth\\_ · 4 mo. ago](#)

It is incredible to me that there is a political party in this world willing to dedicate themselves to a single cause for literal centuries, and who has already proved their commitment for an entire century. As an American, that is just mind boggling

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[GreekCommunist · 4 mo. ago](#)

So, according to this, if I'm not mistaken, USSR and eastern block was in the intermediate stage, right?

Also, also according to this, isn't Cuba in the intermediary stage and DPRK at the advanced stage?

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[ScienceSleep99 · 4 mo. ago](#)

I would assume the DPRK, if it wasn't blockaded, it would be a shining example of socialism. Hell, it is amazing what they've been able to do given their circumstances.

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[KimochiiiNe OP · 4 mo. ago · edited 4 mo. ago](#)

The DPRK is in an underdeveloped intermediate stage because cooperative and informally private small business ownership still persists (they emerged during the 90s because of the breakdown of state power during the Arduous March) although central planning in the mainstay of the economy. The USSR and eastern block were in fact in the intermediate stage as described by Stalin.

To paraphrase Cheng Enfu, Marx and Engels described the advanced stage, Lenin and Stalin the intermediate





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One question that I have is how will China contribute to the path towards Global Socialism.

I know that China's foreign policy is not to export revolution and not to interfere in the internal politics of other nations. But since world-wide communism is the end goal then how will China help towards that?

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KimochiiiNe **OP** · 4 mo. ago · *edited 4 mo. ago*

Belt and Road to industrialize and develop Latin America, sub-saharan Africa, and parts of Asia. This will help these countries escape from the chronic low or middle income traps which they've been thrown into by imperial extractivism and market captivity such as in most of sub-saharan Africa as well as unskilled manufacturing with no prospect of advancement and a semi-feudal rentier condition such as in the Indian subcontinent, the Phillipines, Indonesia. A mix of the two conditions above is present within Latin America.

Essentially, economic development takes priority which naturally greases the wheels of revolution by strengthening the local country's ability to resist imperialism, be it a national bourgeois (non-comprador) state like Brazil under Lula or a socialist state like Laos.

In my view, this is wiser than global agitation for immediate armed struggle which puts the cart before the horses and is likely to lead to a failed protracted guerilla war that degenerates and becomes very unpopular as happened with the Sendero Luminoso in Peru, and to a lesser extent in Colombia with the ELN and FARC dissidents who effectively made guerilla a way of life somewhat devoid of immediate prospects of political gain.

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LimestoneQ · 4 mo. ago

This made many things so much easier to understand! While having read about things separately this summarises things nicely. Great post!

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westfell · 4 mo. ago

This post literally has me tearing up with hope, got some work to do yall, but humans are on there way.

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1ThisRandomDude1 · 4 mo. ago

Honestly I got very emotional reading this to the point of getting teary eyed. It is with a mix of frustration and regret for the past that I go on with my life these days, examining, processing, theorizing about both the present, past and future of the Arab world, my home. I'm overcome with both pride at the thought of seeing our Chinese comrades achieving socialism bit by bit, as well as sadness due to our own failures at doing so. If I were to be honest with myself I'd say there's even a bit of jealousy in there. I just wish we could have began this new millenium, competing, cooperating, trading and standing side by side with the People's Republic. Alas, our time has yet to come for such a thing. In the meantime, I'll continue reading, learning, growing, and fighting to give us a future we can be proud of, no matter how long it may take.

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LeElysium · 4 mo. ago

Good post. Where did you get this info about a "socialist



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the stages section.

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ecosocialimplz · 4 mo. ago

Thank you for this post and your formatting of it!

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Gogol1212 · 4 mo. ago

great summary!

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Tankpiggy · 4 mo. ago

Very interesting

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3multi · 4 mo. ago

Great thread I've shared it.

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Huicho69 · 4 mo. ago

Great work 🙌

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AbundantChemical · 4 mo. ago

Could you further elaborate or share any resources on the distinctions between 'Distribution according to capital' in modern capitalism and 'Market based distribution according to labor primary (Distribution according to capital



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That means that the bulk of societal spending on goods/services will be distributed according to a person's work. In practice, this will mean universal high-quality free healthcare by 2035, free housing, food, and universal higher education, amongst other things. Essentially, by the end of the primary stage, most if not all necessities people consume/use will be distributed according to their contributions to society and their needs, not according to how much they can pay for it.

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WiggedRope · 4 mo. ago

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Specialist-Sock-855 · 4 mo. ago

What an amazing summary and breakdown! Thank you for putting this together and providing all of the sources.

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It seemed like a very interesting subject to read about. If you have an alternate source, please share it. Thanks

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KimochiiiNe **OP** · 4 mo. ago

Here it is <https://stockxpo.com/china-wants-manufacturing-not-the-internet-to-lead-economy/> The original was published in the WSJ but I found this version without a paywall

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ztx\_ · 4 mo. ago · *edited 4 mo. ago*

What is the difference between common prosperity (current stage) and common development (2050 onwards)?

Also, what is the difference between the 1978-2020 "moderately prosperous" and the 2021-2050 "modern prosperity"? Is the difference merely that the 1978-2020 era was about "catching up" and eradicating food insecurity, housing problems and absolute poverty, while the 2021-2050 era is about raising living standards for all, high tech **modernisation** and eradicating relative poverty (i.e. balancing the development of rural vs urban)?

If the above paragraph is correct, then what's the difference between 2021-2050 and 2050-2078 if the latter is about "common development"? Their goals seem the same.

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RedBerret2 · 3 mo. ago

I know it is but *why* is joint-stock ownership defined as public? It sounds like some Vaush type shit

And what is the difference between joint-stock and traditional private ownership in this model?

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relations of production (low level of productive forces) out of necessity instead of profit? Kinda like the majority of peasants in the NEP?

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OneReportersOpinion · 22 days ago · *edited 22 days ago*

This is a fantastic summary. Couple questions:

Sorry if this is a stupid question. Where would someone like Ai Weiwei fit into this spectrum? Ultra-left? Right? Doesn't seem to be ultra right as a lot do socialist seems to respect him as a principled critic.

Also, is global socialism part of this plan at all?

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Revolutionary830 · 17 days ago

This is probably a necro but oh well.

You say in your post that the CPC will likely return to a fully planned economy, but (this is shared in ultra spaces) Xi said that that won't happen.

Was Xi in this case talking about that they won't return to a 100% planned economy *any time soon*, or about not returning to a planned economy, as in never?

By the way, has China ever been 100% planned? I think I saw a table that said that in the time of Mao only like ~90-95% of all companies were "socialist property" (i.e. either a worker coop or a SOE).

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RedTerror88 · 2 days ago

Hi, I'm not sure if this is a question...



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of Professor Cheng Enfu

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KimochiiiNe OP · 2 days ago

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Rhaenys\_Waters · 4 mo. ago

far-right are pro "capitalist restorariion"

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I see someone doesn't understand the point of ultra-left completely.

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KimochiiiNe OP · 4 mo. ago · *edited 4 mo. ago*

Of course I understand that most ultra-leftists will claim that China has restored capitalism. The entire post was written from the perspective of the "Left" position currently held by Xi and the current generation of leadership. That is also my view. I think that the ultra-left should be included and criticized whilst the ultra-right should be excluded and demolished.

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**The military significance of the SCS and Taiwan and ultimately the Pacific Ocean to China, from a nuclear perspective** Analysis

I'm sure that many of you know of the territorial disputes of China with certain countries in the SCS, mainly on the ownership of islands and reefs. Apart from the resources within the region, another major reason for the Chinese to attempt to maintain a grip over the SCS and ultimately Taiwan would be the deep waters. This is rarely talked about in the media.

As most of us would know, nuclear warfare and its devastating consequences have been a major deterrent to any direct confrontations between nuclear-armed nations in the cold war. This is the effect of nuclear deterrence. In order to maintain such deterrence, a nation has to be capable of both producing such weapons AND attacking its enemies with these WMDs. These are primarily done with land-based ICBMs, aerial





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