

The Communist Manifesto

Recently I heard once again from someone claiming to be a Socialist, that Marx's early work *The Communist Manifesto* was propaganda. This is arrant nonsense. Marx's clear, coherent and well-argued work describes with exactitude the capitalist system of its day. It allocates the power structure then operating as highly vertical. It is predicated on valuations of money rather than human worth. This analysis, rather than being propaganda, which is a distortion and misrepresentation of the real world, is in fact entirely correct.

Any cursory inspection of capitalist societies today directly reveals that this situation is still in operation. Whilst a desirable feature of some future world, claims by Habermas that capitalism has evolved to incorporate democratic dialogues are largely wrong in Germany and almost entirely void in the UK.

The fascist university system, particularly in the US, promotes the idea that the social constructs developed by Marx do not operate in practice. Any deep analysis of social relations currently operating reveals that the reverse is the case.

Whether or not Stalin had the opinion that *The Communist Manifesto* was propaganda, he was the head of a highly vertical structure himself, which except for some features of planning and ideology, was highly similar to the Nazi system. I do not think we need to refer to him, despite the fact that he was an expert in the promotion of propaganda.