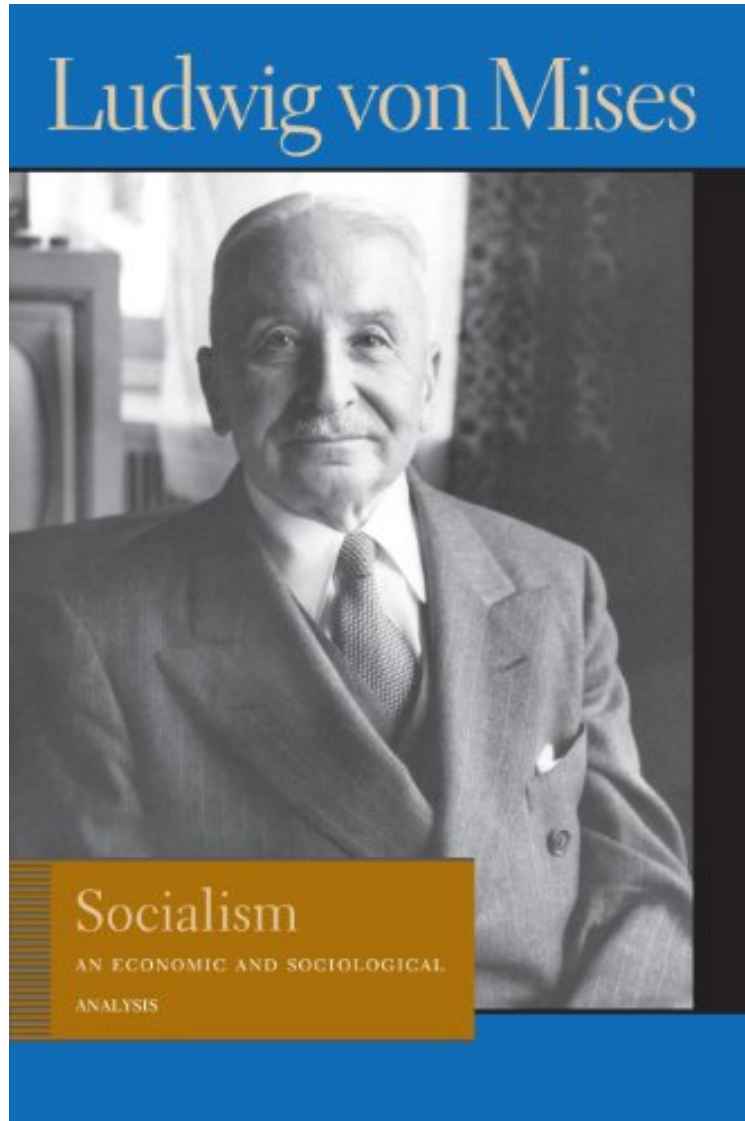


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name of the mythical 'society' are simple covers for tyranny. Historically he traces the Marxist movement in the pre war and post war years. I gleaned some new insight into the split of the Marxists that birthed the Bolsheviks. The chapter on Christian Chiasm I find particularly fascinating. He shows that while Christianity is often the force resisting communism, it also contributes greatly due to the misunderstanding of the gospels and their incorrect interpretation as non-messianic guidelines. The gospels were based on the understanding that the Kingdom of God was just around the corner. They were not intended as a guide to creating a communist society. Brilliant man. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Ludwig von Mises best know work "Socialism" By Lee Robinson Ludwig von Mises is the major force in the Austrian School of Economics. In the 1920's everyone understood the incentive problems of socialism. If everyone is equal who is going to shovel manure and take out the garbage. The answer socialist gave was the creation of the morally superior Socialist Man working for the common good cheerfully so that taste-testing cake and coal mining would not be perceived as different vocations in utopia. Wew! that problem is solved! We weren't buy it but it was considered correct and polite opinion before the inevitable crime of collectivism were revealed, but it still has adherents at universities, Hollywood, and the media. Mises' unique insight - which was taken seriously at the time and today is that without free actors in a free (unhampered) market using freely adjusting prices it is IMPOSSIBLE to allocate resources in any way other than in massively tragic, embarrassing, and destructive misallocations. This book detail why a centrally planned economy will misallocate everything and cause tragic waste and inevitable as well as unnecessary poverty. The book is an elaboration of his masterwork article "The Impossibility of Calculation in the Socialist Commonwealth" 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Magnum Opus that must be read! By Craigers 1961 If I could I would give this book 10 stars! It is a tour de force, a magnum opus of Mises' that is timeless. If you ever really wanted to know why there is such a hue and cry for a static steady state economic system at full equilibrium by the left and socialists Mises uncovers it here. As he states herein, 'It is the only economic system that socialism can manage.' The entire background and reason for the socialism calculation debate is inside of these pages. I have debated with many who have read a blog or try to refute Mises out of hand but you cant do it. he has covered every type of socialism within these pages and had already refuted whatever you can bring to the table.

This book must rank as the most devastating analysis of socialism yet penned. . . . An economic classic in our time. — Henry Hazlitt More than thirty years ago F. A. Hayek said of Socialism: "It was a work on political economy in the tradition of the great moral philosophers, a Montesquieu or Adam Smith, containing both acute knowledge and profound wisdom. . . . To none of us young men who read the book when it appeared was the world ever the same again." This is a newly annotated edition of the classic first published in German in 1922. It is the definitive refutation of nearly every type of socialism ever devised. Mises presents a wide-ranging analysis of society, comparing the results of socialist planning with those of free-market capitalism in all areas of life. Friedrich Hayek's foreword comments on the continuing relevance of this great work: "Most readers today will find that Socialism has more immediate application to contemporary events than it had when it first appeared." Ludwig von Mises (1881–1973) was the leading spokesman of the Austrian School of Economics throughout most of the twentieth century. He earned his doctorate in law and economics from the University of Vienna in 1906. In 1926, Mises founded the Austrian Institute for Business Cycle Research. From 1909 to 1934, he was an economist for the Vienna Chamber of Commerce. Before the Anschluss, in 1934 Mises left for Geneva, where he was a professor at the Graduate Institute of International Studies until 1940, when he emigrated to New York City. From 1948 to 1969, he was a visiting professor at New York University.

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