

Why Nazism Was Socialism and Why Socialism Is Totalitarian

By Michael Parenti



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In his groundbreaking book, *Why Nazism Was Socialism and Why Socialism Is Totalitarian*, Marxist scholar Michael Parenti argues that Nazism was a form of socialism and that socialism is inherently totalitarian. Parenti's analysis is based on a careful examination of the history of socialism and Nazism, and he provides a wealth of evidence to support his claims.

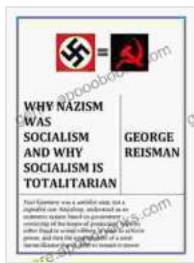
Parenti begins by defining socialism as a system in which the means of production are owned and controlled by the state. He then argues that Nazism was a form of socialism because the Nazi state owned and controlled a large portion of the German economy. Parenti cites the fact that the Nazi government nationalized many industries, including the steel, coal, and automobile industries. He also points out that the Nazi government created a number of state-owned enterprises, such as the Volkswagen factory.

Parenti also argues that socialism is inherently totalitarian because it requires a strong state to suppress dissent and maintain control over the economy. He points out that the Nazi regime was one of the most repressive in history, and that it used violence and terror to suppress opposition. Parenti also argues that the Soviet Union and other socialist states have also been totalitarian.

Parenti's book has been praised by some critics for its rigor and its challenge to conventional wisdom about Nazism and socialism. However, it

has also been criticized by other critics for its simplistic analysis and its failure to take into account the complexity of the historical record. Despite these criticisms, *Why Nazism Was Socialism and Why Socialism Is Totalitarian* remains a provocative and important work that deserves to be read by anyone interested in the history of socialism and Nazism.

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