

Economics: A Christian Worldview – Short Films:
“5 Socialism Myths, Part 1” &
“The Trabant Was an Awful Car Made by Communists”

(TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/KEY)

Purpose

The first film explores and debunks two of five common myths about socialism; the second test drives a car made by the East German communist government (the car was mentioned in the first film).

Time

12 -15 minutes

Instructions

1. Play the short film “5 Socialism Myths, Part 1” (7:14) for students:

<https://youtu.be/7dVLA8pFttQ>

2. Ask for volunteers or go around the room asking students their thoughts on the film.

3. Review the first two myths:

- **Myth #1: “That Wasn’t REAL Socialism.”**

Answer: Communist/socialist nations abolish private property and give ownership to the state or a collective ownership. Those economic systems always fail. When this happens, socialists always say, “Well, that wasn’t REAL socialism!”

- **Myth #2: “Venezuela’s Failure Has Little To Do with Socialism.”**

Answer: Socialist nations always end up this way. “Mismanagement” and other excuses given for its failure are an inherent part of socialism: That system cannot manage resources anywhere as close to as efficient as “capitalist” nations. The COVID-19 adjustments by businesses show this. (The Trabant car is an example of horrible socialistic mismanagement.)

4. Play the short film “The Trabant Was an Awful Car Made by Communists” (8:39):

<https://youtu.be/-vE3zItxOWM>

5. No long discussion is necessary for this entertaining short film; it’s funny/sad for students to see the real effects of socialism as opposed to capitalism.