

# ***Economics: A Christian Worldview – Short Film: “5 Socialism Myths, Part 2”***

## **(TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/KEY)**

### **Purpose**

This film explores and debunks the final three of five common myths about socialism.

### **Time**

8-10 minutes

### **Instructions**

1. Play the short film “5 Socialism Myths, Part 2” (5:04) for students:

[https://youtu.be/6y1SNJOG\\_Ks](https://youtu.be/6y1SNJOG_Ks)

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

3. Review the myths:

- **Myth #3: “Socialism Brings Good Things If It’s Democratic Socialism.”**

Answer: Dictators are commonly elected, like in Venezuela. They start off “elected,” but soon assume total control as dictators if a nation’s economy is socialist/communist. That’s the nature of the business! When you lose economic freedom, you lose political freedom, and it becomes extremely difficult to vote out of office dictators.

The “socialistic” aspects in capitalist nations (schools, roads, DMVs, post offices) are the worst performing institutions.

- **Myth #4: “Socialism Does Work Well in Scandinavia.”**

Answer: Scandinavia is not socialist. Sweden in the ‘70s and ‘80s had forms of socialism, but it was a failure. The Swedes protested, their government cut taxes and spending, they sold state-owned businesses, etc. Denmark’s prime minister spoke out against Americans who call it socialist.

- **Myth #5: “Socialism Is Completely Different from Fascism.”**

Answer: Both replace market decision making with command control. An average person living under either loses autonomy and control over his future.