

# Capitalism IS the Problem

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First of all: there seems to be some kind of misconception among some people, of what [capitalism](#) actually is. There are some who believe that where there is a market economy, money and competition, then that's automatically capitalism. That's not true. In capitalism there is of course a market economy, but that can exist in other systems as well.

What characterizes capitalism is that there is **private ownership of the means of production**. *That's* when you know you're dealing with a capitalist system. If this feature is absent, if it's not the case that some individuals privately own

the means of production others are using, then it's no longer capitalism. If it instead was a system in which, let's say, [the workers themselves controlled and managed the means of production democratically at the place where they worked](#), and that these institutions were operating in a market system, then that would be some kind of market socialism etc, not capitalism.

And it is this **private ownership of the means of production** that's a huge part of the problem. [Capitalism is tyrannical, exploitative and dehumanizing](#); it's intolerable

A system that allows a few individuals to have undemocratic control and power, not only at the workplace, but in society in general, is unacceptable; a system that allows some individuals to exploit and profit on other people's misery is unacceptable; a system that allows more and more cash to be shuffled into the pockets of the owners and the wealthy, is unacceptable.

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