

# Why Not Socialism?

## A Provocative Examination by Michael A. Cohen

What is socialism? Is it a viable alternative to capitalism? In his provocative new book, *Why Not Socialism?*, Michael A. Cohen argues that the answer to both questions is a resounding yes.

Cohen begins by defining socialism as "a system of social organization in which the means of production are owned and controlled by the community as a whole, and in which the profits from production are distributed equally among all members of society." He then argues that socialism is a more just and equitable system than capitalism, which is based on the private ownership of the means of production and the exploitation of workers by capitalists.



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Cohen provides a comprehensive analysis of the history and theory of socialism, from the early utopian socialists to the modern-day democratic

socialists. He also addresses the common objections to socialism, such as the claims that it is inefficient, authoritarian, and impractical.

In response to the claim that socialism is inefficient, Cohen argues that there is no evidence to support this assertion. In fact, he points to a number of studies that have shown that socialist economies can be just as efficient as capitalist economies, if not more so. For example, a study by the International Monetary Fund found that "socialist economies have grown at a faster rate than capitalist economies over the long term."

In response to the claim that socialism is authoritarian, Cohen argues that there is no necessary connection between socialism and authoritarianism. In fact, he points to a number of examples of democratic socialist societies, such as Sweden and Norway, which have a long history of democratic governance.

In response to the claim that socialism is impractical, Cohen argues that there is no reason to believe that socialism cannot be implemented in the United States. In fact, he offers a detailed plan for how to transition to a socialist society in the United States, which includes a number of specific policy proposals.

Cohen's book is a timely and important contribution to the debate about the future of capitalism. He provides a clear and concise explanation of socialism, and he addresses the common objections to socialism in a thoughtful and persuasive way. *Why Not Socialism?* is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the future of capitalism and the possibilities for a more just and equitable society.

## **About the Author**

Michael A. Cohen is a professor of political science at the New School for Social Research. He is the author of several books on socialism, including *The Socialist Century: Socialism's Triumph Over Capitalism, 1914-2014* and *Socialism: A Short*.

## Reviews

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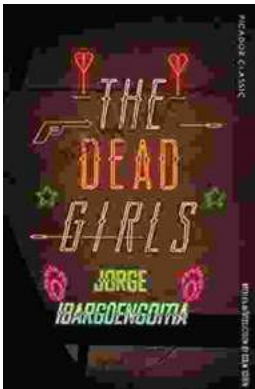
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