

*I Representative PGF would like to give a proper Conservative Criticism of Capitalism, and why Capitalism in its modern form is the antithesis to Conservatism.*

Let's start with the first critique: Capitalism and property. Conservatism often points to property ownership as a large tenant of its beliefs, and many Conservatives fight for this right. Unfortunately many don't realize is that Capitalism has completely usurped property ownership. Capitalism has its foundations in the tenants of growth at all cost and putting one's self ahead of the fellow man that one's sees as most property owned by a few individuals. Most of the economy is owned by a few men at the top rather than the many at the bottom, And we also find that many do not own their means of production nor even the residence they live being at the whims of renters. It could even be argued that banks owned many peoples homes meaning much of the population is at the whim of a few men. This is because capitalism's wheels are turned by nonstop growth meaning that most people end up poor and as serfs tied to other men's homes, working for pennies in other men's workplaces, and getting barely any pay which keeps them stuck without any moving up in society. Capitalism in the essence encourages theft and gain at the cost of others.

The second criticism I would like to throw at capitalism's way is the fact it often throws away traditions and morals, seeking to gain temporary profit or enjoy the debauchery of their wealth. We often see the largest corporations abandon any idea of morality, for even "family friendly Americana companies like Disney export their labor to sweatshops in Asia. Conservatives stand for traditions and morals, yet they seem to support big businesses who often throw morals out the window adapting liberal causes to try to appeal the general populace while still keeping them in chains. Conservatives also support the rich when often the Rich spit in the face of any biblical morality, often we see Rich flaunt around there wealth. We often hear and see news stories where the ultra-rich and popular get involved in scandals. The rich often partake in the debaucherous activity. As a Conservative, I can't understand how we stand for morality and traditions while also standing for the ultra-rich and there big businesses if both partake in activities of immorality and debauchery which violate what the Bible teaches us.

The third criticism I would like to throw at Capitalism its negative effects on our culture and society. As we have seen in the past few decades as the power of a few capitalists and popular rich elite grow. This has negatively impacted our culture in many ways the first is how we treat each other. We have seen many people stop caring for others, too obsessed with reality television. They try to duplicate the actions that they see popular celebrities do on TV Shows, many of which are sinful, uncaring and selfish. Capitalism promotes television and cultural pieces which in itself promotes sinful behavior and often do not teach lessons or morals to children. Capitalism also promotes uncreative unintelligent media usually taking one format and using it over and over again. Worst of all in the media industry we Capitalism take advantage and exploit children, destroying their minds with the idea of wealth, drilling ideas of selfishness into their heads and setting them up in failure for life as when they get to old they just discard them. The largest exploiter has been Disney who has ruined many children's lives through this exploitation of the young. Combining this all we see modern day culture replacing the worship of

God with the worship of the rich and popular and the rich of money. This has damaged our society and culture more than any liberal or socialist movement has ever. It has made us unkind and uncompassionate to the many, it has almost deified the popular and has caused many of us to be, obsessed with drama, obsessed with technology and has encouraged us to look down upon others. Capitalism has spawned modern-day bullies through its destruction of traditionalist culture which had embraced ideas of compassion and love, now capitalism has replaced those ideas with love of oneself and love of greed.

Another critique of Capitalism that I briefly covered in the last paragraph is that Capitalism kills the imagination, for it kills wonder hope. Capitalism promotes an idea of collectivism and this kills individual thought as workers are dehumanized and made no different creating no strive for creativity. We also see mass media promote the same content often just under a new name, no changes no differences, this is because consumerism which is a byproduct of capitalism promotes quick and easy profit which means little risk-taking, little creativity, and little thought put into it. This has promoted media that strives against creativity and imagination, promoting unoriginal, uncreative ideas. Capitalism kills wonder and hope because as talked about at the start millions of Americans work over 40 hours a week getting paid very little when their bosses and the CEO's make top dollar. Many of these people have mountains of debt that they will never pay off making them modern day serfs and slaves to banks. People become Nihilistic and depressed about the future and their wonder and hope is sucked away as they fall into never-ending ruts.

Now my final critique of Capitalism as a Conservative is its concentration of power. Capitalism, in its inherent ideals of never-ending growth through its unnatural and wicked ways, concentrates its wealth and power in the hands of a few. Conservatives oppose the concentration of power so their acceptance the concentration of economic power among a few is simply absurd.

In the end, Capitalism has destroyed the mind, shackled the body and has attempted to steal the human spirit. It has created a system of serfs and slaves under a few masters which all conservatives should be against. That is why I say that for Conservatives to break their capitalist chains and unite to put the final nail in the coffin of the wicked beast of Capitalism which has fought against everything Conservatism stands for.