



Do Americans Prefer Socialism to Capitalism?

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On Friday, April 30, Rasmussen Reports released a report of how likely voters felt about socialism versus capitalism in the United States. Buy a 3 to 1 margin likely voters said they prefer capitalism over socialism. What was of interest to me in this report that only 18% of likely voters preferred socialism over capitalism, but the amazing statistic was 17% of the respondents didn't know?

One has to wonder why 17% of our country doesn't know which they think is better? Is that fault of lack of learning in school about all the isms. Perhaps we need to help them understand what socialism is and how capitalism works and compare the two. I'm not going to use my description of socialism, but I'm going to use an independent third party.

This is what Merriam-Webster says about what is socialism? Definition of socialism. 1: any of various economic and political theories advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods. 2 a: a system of society or group living in which there is no private property. b: *a system or condition of society in which the means of production are owned and controlled by the state.*

The same source Merriam-Webster says about capitalism: an economic system characterized by [private](#) or corporate ownership of capital goods, by investments that are determined by private decision, and by prices, production, and the distribution of goods that are determined mainly by competition in a [free market](#).

Let's add one more definition: a free market: A free market is where anyone can sell their products and services without much intervention from government bodies or agencies. This leads to competition among market owners or businesses for producing excellent products and services for the consumers. As competition increases, the quality of products and services also increases.

You can simplify the comparison that under socialism, no private property and production are owned and controlled by the state. By contrast, capitalism is when private or corporate

ownership of capital goods by investments that are determined by private decisions, the government doesn't sit at the table.

Joe Biden wants America to invest another \$2 trillion in what he's calling infrastructure, but is it really." Here is the definition of infrastructure from the Oxford Dictionary: The basic physical and organizational structures and facilities (e.g. buildings, roads, power supplies) needed for the operation of a society or enterprise:

The department charged with carrying out the above is the Department of Transportation. If you go to the [transportation.gov](https://www.transportation.gov) website, they have a mission statement, and it says, "Mission. *"To ensure America has the safest, most efficient and modern transportation system in the world, which boosts our economic productivity and global competitiveness and enhances the quality of life in communities both rural and urban."*

When Congress debates the merits of the proposed legislation, you might write your congressman or senator, and asked them what percent of the infrastructure bill goes directly to the areas outlined in both the Oxford Dictionary and the department's mission statement of Transportation.

Much like the \$1.9 trillion Covid-19 bill, less than 10% of the money what directly for COVID-19 vaccines and treatment. Do you remember the famous Obama shovel-ready jobs? On June 13, 2011, President Obama [quipped](#), "Shovel-ready wasn't as...uh...shovel-ready as we thought." The program called for \$787 billion for shovel-ready jobs that never happened.

Harvard economist Martin Feldstein calculated that each job created by President Obama's American Jobs Act would cost taxpayers \$200,000. When asked about his statement on a September 26, 2011 [interview](#) with *ABC News*, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner did not dispute the figure and added, "the price tag is the wrong way to measure the bill's worth."

But Biden cast his record as a successful one, adding: "When we usually talk about jobs packages, there's a big push on 'shovel-ready jobs.' I'm the guy, as you may remember [who] managed the Recovery Act of 800-plus billion dollars. I always focused on 'shovel-ready jobs,' what we could do immediately, to get the money out in communities." Joe must have forgotten there is a thing called the internet where people can check the facts. Does President Biden think he is instilling confidence that he can handle a \$2.3 trillion infrastructure bill when he couldn't handle an \$870 billion funding?

If you go to this link, you will find out how the government spent [some of the money](#). If you go to this article, you will find some of the projects that the money was targeted to be spent, The most expensive section was \$98.3 billion for Transportation and Infrastructure (Recovery Act). As you go through, you will see that almost every project had some element of keeping union jobs. This act created a new language much like Joe Biden is trying to do today. The new words "Jobs saved" were used in creating new jobs. As was said above, "Shovel-ready wasn't as...uh...shovel-ready as we thought."

If we look back to the Obama-Biden stimulus who Biden claims to have managed,

all told, more than 75 percent of stimulus grants and money for such "businesses" found their way to big Obama supporters.

With Biden in charge of a potential \$2.3 trillion, one has to wonder how much money will find its way into big Biden supporters?

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