

VOTE Six-Core Cube Guide Instructions

Here is a tool to help you analyze the news from the radical perspective. Have a blank Six-Core Cube Guide ready and then follow these instructions to fill it in.

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<p>Capitalism</p> <p>A. Name the problem.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <p>B. Identify the relevant core point.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Six Core Points of Capitalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Private Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Top-Down Governance <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals at Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Production for Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Unsustainable Growth <input type="checkbox"/> Unhealthy Communities </div> <p>C. Summarize the meaning of that core point.</p> <p>D. Reveal the visible suffering (outcome).</p>	<p>Democratic Socialism</p> <p>A. Name the problem.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <p>B. Identify the relevant core point.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Six Core Points of Democratic Socialism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Participatory Governance <input type="checkbox"/> Social Safeguards <input type="checkbox"/> Production for Use <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Development <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Communities </div> <p>C. Summarize the meaning of that core point.</p> <p>D. Reveal the invisible synergy (outcome).</p>
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A. Read the article and name a problem that it addresses. Write your answer in line A.

B. Identify the core points that are most relevant to this problem. Although every core point is relevant, choose the one you believe best explains which commitment led to the problem and which leads to the solution.

- Six Core Points of Capitalism**

 - Private Ownership
 - Top-Down Governance
 - Individuals at Risk
 - Production for Profit
 - Unsustainable Growth
 - Unhealthy Communities

- Six Core Points of Democratic Socialism**

 - Cooperative Ownership
 - Participatory Governance
 - Social Safeguards
 - Production for Use
 - Sustainable Development
 - Healthy Communities

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C. Summarize the meaning of the relevant core points. Use these words or your own to describe what those core points mean.

CORE POINT	CAPITALISM SUMMARY
Private Ownership	Owners pay workers less than the value of what they produce and keep the profits for themselves.
Top-Down Governance	Decision-making is left in the hands of a few elected officials and bureaucrats, and people don't have a real say.
Individuals at Risk	There is no guarantee that basic material needs will be met, so people live in fear about their well-being.
Production for Profit	Firms make things that bring them the most profit, regardless of whether those products are necessary, useful, or beneficial.
Unsustainable Growth	Society uses up resources without considering how those decisions will affect people in the future.
Unhealthy Communities	Firms disregard the ways their decisions harm communities and the environment here and around the globe.

CORE POINT	DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM SUMMARY
Cooperative Ownership	People are joint owners of their firms and make decisions through a fair process of one person, one vote.
Participatory Governance	Decisions are made by community councils of diverse stakeholders who represent our collective best interests.
Social Safeguards	Meeting everyone's basic material needs is everyone's guaranteed right and responsibility.
Production for Use	Firms make things that improve people's lives, rather than producing only to make a profit.
Sustainable Development	Society uses resources wisely today and protects them for future generations.
Healthy Communities	Firms intentionally make decisions that benefit communities and the environment here and around the globe.

D. Reveal the visible suffering of capitalism and the invisible synergy of democratic socialism. Choose the relevant outcomes. There is no absolutely correct answer, but give it some thought. You may also write in an outcome that is not on the list.

The Visible Suffering of Capitalism

- Hunger and malnourishment
- Harmful products
- Mass poverty
- Homelessness
- Extreme income inequality
- Pollution and climate crisis
- Inaccessible, low-quality health care
- Destructive market domination
- Impoverished elders
- Exploding public and private debt
- Damaging trade relationships
- High prices and no jobs
- Other

The Invisible Synergy of Democratic Socialism

- Abundant, healthy food
- Safe and helpful products
- Prosperity
- Housing for all
- Equitable income distribution
- Clean environment
- Universal, first-rate health care
- Fair and positive competition
- Secure and dignified retirement
- A thriving, debt-free society
- Mutually beneficial trade relationships
- Jobs and stable prices
- Other