

## My life Under Socialism

I was raised in a socialist society. My fathers' job under that government required we lived in a segregated city behind walls and fences. The neighborhoods were arranged by rank. Everyone including children are required to have a government identification card on their person at all times. Armed guards controlled people entering or leaving.

There were government run stores, gas stations, commissary, barber shop, and a few amenities such as a small movie theater, bowling alley, and parks. The items sold at these stores were few and controlled by the government. The prices were very low, regulated by the government. The movies at the theater were always a couple of years old or older. My fathers' pay was low, divided into allowances. Our housing payments were deducted from his pay. This amount had no relationship to the actual housing we were provided but based on his rank.

Health care was rationed. If you needed to see a Doctor certain hours were set at the clinic. You would see the Doctor who was next in line. If you needed allergy testing or other non routine medical treatment this too was rationed. You might need to wait weeks or months and then travel a long distance to another facility that you were not stationed.

The living conditions were very clean and organized. I never really thought about how poor we were because all my friends lived in the same type housing and shopped in the same store. There was always enough to eat, crime was non-existent, and nobody locked their doors or worried about the children playing late into the night.

I had a wonderful care free childhood living under these conditions. I was not in some eastern European state but in the United States of America. My father was an Air Force Officer who had worked his way up the ranks from private.

There was a price to pay for this care free existence. If your father, or you, or anybody else in your family violated the rules you were removed to the outside world. Then all your privileges were gone and the artificial balance between pay and cost of living were turned upside down.

Socialism requires a system to keep control of resources for the "few". The Nazi government used labor and death camps. The Soviet government used them as well. China today has a large number of labor camps full of political prisoners who object to socialism. Cuba on a smaller scale is a pure example of socialism in extreme. Today socialist in our own government are using taxation to control resources. They are promoting false causes such as "Health Care Reform", "Cap and Trade", "Climate Change", as a means to raise taxes to pay for the "few" in a growing socialist state that is upside down for the very reason that our country was founded. This is the land of opportunity. The opportunity is here to benefit from your own hard work and not to be a financial slave. We do not want to be a "serf" in the new "Global Economy".

Socialism works great for the few in an isolated environment with unlimited funding. The rest of the population of course pays for this and reaps no benefits. The balance between the "few" and the "many" are critical. When the "few" become the "many" the whole society will collapse under the unobtainable demands for resources. This will not happen over-night. There will be a gradual erosion of living standards for the "many" until they have nothing to give to the "few".