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1 | Marks?

no it's Marx.

- 1848, communist manifesto time
- led to the soviet union

1.1 | Carl Marks

- Father advocated for constitutionalism
- moved around a bunch
- see pg 22 for summary

1.2 | The manifesto.

- Joins a secret society for communism
- in the manifesto:
 - Marx and Engels argued that history should not be understood as a story of great individuals or of conflict among states but of social classes and their struggles with each other.
 - ends with
 - “Let the ruling classes tremble at a communist revolution. The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win. Proletarians of all countries, unite!”
- Marx was super poor
- Engels:
 - 1.2.1 | **“Philosophers have so far explained the world in various ways: the point, however, is to change it.”**

1.3 | the theory

- attempted to create a scientific theory of hist and econ
- about means of production
- those who control the means of production control the society
- religion is
 - is simply a tool of the dominant class to keep the lower classes in their place in this world, with the expectation of a better existence in the hereafter. Religion, in the words of Engels, is the “opiate of the masses.”

- Marx was very deterministic?
- all history is about and driven by class struggles
- All societies begin in the primitive-communal stage, move through a system of slavery (the dominant class being the slave owners), then feudalism, then capitalism, and eventually communism, at which point classes would no longer exist.
- Believed that this was inevitable in every society
- says that capitalism sows the seeds of its own destruction
 - workers only get paid a fraction of the value they produce
 - thus, they can't afford what they produce
 - leads to accumulation of goods that people cannot buy
 - which leads to periodic crisis
 - and forces entrepreneurs to scale back and lay off workers