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The stability of any future society, Marx clearly recognized, would be dependent on the creation of a wholly new and more balanced relation to the natural world Green criticisms of Marx: Assumptions were that nature was an object to be exploited and nothing more, anthropocentric, Marxian value theory, we are frequently told, designated labor power as the source of all value, thereby denying any intrinsic value to nature, cite case of Eastern European nations and communism.

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We pass off to government and the market the task of preserving nature.

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It is a contradiction of capitalism that it pursues exchange value profit while largely ignoring the qualitative conditions associated with use value and wealth in its larger context, which includes the natural environment and the productivity of nature. In contrast, the neo-Malthusian tainted NEP holds that the demand for resources, stemming from population growth and the increasing standard of living, grows exponentially while the ability to provide them grows arithmetically.

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