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Declaring independence in October 1918 from Austro-Hungarian Empire, our leaders were tasked to adapt to change. The majority of people with 6.5 million Czechs and 2.2 million Slovaks lived in the same state, Czechoslovakia. In 1938, German invasion incorporated Czechoslovakia into the Third Reich until 1945. Upon regaining Czechoslovakia back, it fell under the communist mindset. Due to the Warsaw Pact, Czechoslovakia became a satellite state which was Russia's counter to NATO. Rifts were heightened during the communist regime as the Slovak Nationalists strove for the independence of Slovakia. On January 1, 1993, the Czech and Slovak leaders peacefully solved their differences by splitting Czechoslovakia into the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Czech Republic was built on the former Austrian empire while Slovakia was built on Kingdom of Hungary. The Prime Minister of Slovakia Carnogursky said, "I am not a separatist because I know that if Slovakia liberates herself already today it would be harmful for her."

When the Soviet Union took over and instilled communism, it removed unemployment. Within communism, everything is equal. It crushed classism. There isn't an upper class that can control the government and impact everyday life. People can go to sleep with a mind at peace. Money is invested into society not for personal use. The public will have jobs and therefore will have income. Bread is on the table, healthcare and an education are provided even amongst the poorest households. Food is a necessity for life. Without it we cannot survive. As for health care, what happens to a family that cannot afford medical assistance? What happens when a state has a large influx of illiterate citizens? In addition, the government is in control and maintains a stable environment. Crime rates are at an alltime low and yes people will disagree that communism is terrible since it employs a dictator. Communism thrives off a dictator as the dictator prioritizes the people's interest. The premise is that communities become self-sufficient.

Before the aftermath of the Velvet Revolution, which restored democracy and the fall of communism, Czechoslovakia was a Socialist state. In a Capitalist state, the leading issues were healthcare and education. In a Socialist state, healthcare and education are supplied by the government. Capitalism also promotes the concept of privately own companies. Which is an endless cycle of an uneven distribution of wealth. Essentially, the business set the price tag on their goods. This generates revenue and causes the masses to be led as mother nature's finest herd. By following socialism, monopolies are ironed out as the companies are owned by the government. The government makes the products affordable in it's interest of helping the population. With control of companies that push out merchandise, society becomes classless. There is no hierarchy as everyone is equal to one another. In order words, socialism has all the answers for the issues of capitalism.

Let's be realistic here. We all have the same mutual interest in that our country survives. A country's sole purpose is to survive. In order to survive we need to have power. If we don't have enough power, we'll be invaded and we can't exactly dial 9-1-1 when Czechoslovakia is being invaded. There is no universal government that will comes to our aid in our time of need. Too much power and the world will align against us. Czechoslovakia seeks political reform. By accepting the communist mold, we'll become allies with the Soviet Union as well as her Warsaw Pact. However, Russia is a threat to our survival as Russia has too much influence. We don't

match Russia in military power. If we did ally with Russia, Russia may seem to have too much power. By joining her, we would be targeted. Our only other option is to become allies with other weaker states. The issue being there that are none as Russia have incorporated them within their borders. Czechoslovakia seeks options besides Russia's communist mold. Preferably, a state that shares the same ideology.