

Neoliberalism, Marxism and the USA share the same fatal...

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The world is being shaped by three power blocs: the USA, Russia and China. Their politics look very different, but I argue in this video that they have something profound in common. They are all built on division.

America's founding constitutional promise of equality was never universal. Marxism defines justice through conflict between classes. Neoliberalism claims wealth is merit and poverty is failure. All these systems end up privileging some people, excluding others, and turning difference into justification for domination.

That is not sustainable. If we want a stable world, we need a politics of inclusion, not exclusion. We need a politics of care. And we need the world's "middle states" to embrace it, because good ideas are the only real counterweight to imperial power.

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This is the transcript:

I want to put an idea to you. Neoliberalism, Marxism and America are all built on the basis of division, and that is the problem that we are facing in the world right now.

Now, what follows is going to be a bit of a simplification of a quite big idea, but bear with me because I think it's worth talking about a big idea in this way precisely to draw out the fact that we are facing a major challenge in the world at present and there is an underlying theme to the challenge between the three power blocks that exist in our world at present, which are focused on the USA, Russia and China, all of which are built on the basis of social exclusion. When we need a politics of care and inclusion, that is the problem that we face, and that's what this video is all about.

Those three major powers now dominate our world. We can't pretend otherwise. The USA is clearly trying to dominate the whole of the Americas. Russia clearly wants to defend its own space and potentially expand back into parts of Europe, and China, whilst sitting on its own at present, and not appearing to directly threaten anyone, is a major world power, and we don't know for how long it'll sit quietly.

Each was created by its founders, and they were created states because two are Marxist and one was created as a result of the division of the USA from the United Kingdom - each was created to serve its people. That was the foundational claim of those who put in place the current forms of government that each of them has. But something has gone badly wrong. What is the common thread that has gone badly wrong? It is division.

Let's look at the States, first of all. If we look at the Constitution, the claim is that all men are created equal, but they forgot to mention women, and they forgot to mention slaves, or black people, or Hispanic people, or quite a lot of other people, come to that. The Constitution promised justice, accountability and balance, but equality was never universal. The Constitution was, let's be blunt about this, about white male power right from the beginning, and that issue is still tearing America apart today. That's the whole foundation of everything that Trump is doing.

Now, let's look at the Marxists. Marxism, supposedly, dominates thinking in both Russia and China. Both of their revolutions, in the last century, were rooted in Marxist communism, and there is no doubt that Marx cared about working people. Let's not bother to argue about that. The whole issue of improving their well-being was what motivated him. And he had very good reasons in nineteenth-century England to be angry about the state of the working class, and he wasn't even alone. Read Charles Dickens, read Anthony Trollope, and they saw this too. The idea that there had to be major reform was one that gripped social reformers.

Those who created these revolutions had legitimate grievances, therefore, about the way that working-class people were being treated in the societies that they sought to transform. The trouble was that Marxism, just as is the case with the American Constitution, has a fatal flaw built into it. It involves rights for some, but not for

everyone. The argument in Marxism is that the proletariat should be favoured, and the bourgeoisie should be hated. And you can't build a unified society around a philosophy that is based on hatred.

Division is fundamental to Marxist ideology, and just like America's founding divisions, this has become the thing that has undermined the whole delivery of justice in any of the countries that have followed this logic.

A pattern is clear. It's emerged in all three states. They've all been built on division, and as a consequence, some people are acceptable, and others are not. And this is not accidental; it's built into their design.

Division is fundamental to all extreme political thinking, in fact. Lines might shift over time, but the foundational flaw is always there. Government by exclusion in this way cannot work.

Now, let's be clear. I accept policy differences, of course, it's right that people should have differences of opinion, and they should be respected, but what I reject is a politics of division; that's anathema to me.

We need a politics of care, which respects everyone in a community, whoever they are, and whatever differences they have. This is fundamentally different from what the Founding Fathers sought in the USA, and on the basis of which they wrote the US Constitution. And it is fundamentally different from the basis on which Marxist societies have been built, which do quite clearly seek to prejudice some, the old bourgeoisie.

And this problem of division is still present in UK society at present because inclusion does not really exist in this world, in this country, at this time, and the UK penal system shows that. Prisoners in UK prisons tend to come from poor backgrounds. More than that, they tend to have very high rates of neurodivergence. They are punished for being different. We need to include and not exclude; therefore, and this requirement is one that we need to embrace.

Neoliberal order is based on division as well. Wealth equals merit. Being poor equals failure. The divide has festered; it has destroyed everything of value. Neoliberalism doesn't work anymore. We've been talking about this on this channel, and we're going to be talking about it again, because it's quite clear we have to replace this. We need a new philosophy, and the new philosophy has to be inclusion, and not division.

This is how we build something better. This is the only foundation for a sustainable society that I now believe we can have. Everything else we've tried has not worked; that is why the three world superpowers we have are in deep trouble.

Outside those superpowers, and the vast majority of people in the world are outside those superpowers, people want and aspire to something better. In those middle

states, which is the term that Mark Carney, the Prime Minister of Canada, has used to describe the countries that are not the USA, Russia, or China, there is a desire to stand up to power because the governments of the countries in question want their people to have opportunity. They don't want to be beaten down. They know they could be beaten down by these powers.

Therefore, they want and need new ideas because new ideas are the only way in which we can defeat the hegemony of the three empires, the Russian Empire, the Chinese Empire, and the US Empire, all of which are seeking to exploit the rest of the world for their own advantage. And the advantage of good ideas is that, ultimately, they beat bad ones. The politics of inclusion will beat the politics of exclusion. The politics of care will beat the politics of division.

This is the direction in which we must travel now. This is the idea that the world now needs. This is the basis of what we must build. The politics of care provides us with the opportunity to have a new world.

We haven't really tried it. Our three world powers are built quite deliberately on the fact that they deliberately divide their societies, just as they deliberately want to divide the world.

This is no longer sustainable in a world where we know we are all connected, where we know we share common resources, and where we know we have interdependencies on which we literally must rely.

The politics of care is the only way in which we can go forward, but the challenge is for the middle states of the world to embrace it, to use it as the basis of their common challenge to the threat that they face from the societies that still embrace division, and they are called Russia, China and the USA.

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