

Roots of the Cold War: "Ideas" (ideological differences)

Introduction

- The "Cold War" between communist USSR and the capitalist West has its roots in deep differences of opinion about how societies should be run.
- Read through the following table, then answer the questions which follow.

		COMMUNISM	CAPITALISM
Economics	Money	Equality of Outcome Rich people should be forced to share their wealth with those less fortunate, because...	Equality of Opportunity People should be free to earn as much (or as little) money as they are able, because...
	Property	Nationalisation Factories and other property should be owned by the state on behalf of all the people, because...	Privatisation Factories and other property should be owned by individuals and companies, because...
Politics	Elections	Dictatorship Voters should only be allowed to choose between communist candidates, because...	Democracy Voters should be able to choose anyone of any party, because...
	Press	Censorship The press should never criticise a communist government, because...	Free Press The press should be free to criticise the government, because...

Questions and Tasks

1. Complete each sentence in the table by trying to explain how this idea could be defended (you don't necessarily have to believe in it!)
2. Produce an diagram / poster designed to illustrate the main differences between capitalism and communism.