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On Mon, Mar 05, 2007 at 11:02:26AM +0100, Mitja Podreka wrote:

The terms socialism and communism were vandalised by the authoritarian governments and individuals, in order to legitimate their authorities.

The terms socialism and communism where not vandalized, they are and always have been synonymmous with authoritarianism.

In fact this governments had no more in common with socialism and communism than GNU/Linux has with Microsoft.

Huh?

Following the widely accepted "democratic" rationale of socialism and communism we could, for example, say that Debian GNU/Linux is a bad thing. The most common OS (socialism/communism) is Windows (authoritarian state/government). Knowing that Windows is not of very good moral and technical standards we can then "democratically" conclude that OS is a bad thing. Because Debian GNU/Linux is an OS it must then also be a bad thing.

And to finish the discourse properly. We should also recognise democracy put into practice as different than democracy by theory.

Right, because very few places actually have pure and true democracy. It is likely just as doomed to failure as pure communism or pure socialism. A friend once explained it like this:

Him: "Do you know what the definition of Democracy is?"

Me: "What?"

Him: "Two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch."

There is a lot of truth to that. Take a look at Hillary Clinton's rhetoric about wanting to "take" oil company profits and tax revenues lost by tax cuts and wanting to redistribute them more fairly. That is

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Democracy in action. The mob being whipped up to support taking other people's private property for themselves.

Regards,

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