

AN OVERVIEW OF MARXIST THOUGHT AND THE INDIAN SOCIETY

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ABSTRACT

The philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways. The point however, is to change it-Karl Marx, Eleven Theses on Feuerbach.

India is a burgeoning economy moving in the fast lane towards a global power in the arena of economic progress. Diplomats go out of their way dispensing olive branches to the high and mighty in their endeavor to sign pacts and treaties to bring in foreign currency and investments into the Indian soil. But under this veneer of sophistication, lies a hard bitter truth that is often brushed under the carpet- the state of the real India which lies buried in the mire of caste, poverty, exploitation, and corruption. The underbelly of the society is in a state of putrid decay. Even after nearly seventy years of independence, the society has not been able to shake off the mantle of colonialism and India that the world sees is just a dolled up mannequin-the superstructure may be bright and elegant, but the foundation stands on flawed principles and conditions. The constitution declares India to be a socialist society, but the sad reality is that the ideological concept of servitude and inferiority is deeply ingrained in the psyche of the masses and the political fraternity go out of their way to consolidate and cement the bias in order to perpetuate their own selfish and vested interests. The problem lies not in solutions but the imbibing of the results of the Marxist way of thought and life. The proletariat needs to be given the status of human entities and not just be treated as vote banks. The paper is an attempt to analyze the presence and impact of a Marxist conduit of thought in the society.

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